

Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at April 30 th)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 151,340	\$ 133,358	\$ 17,982
Expenses	<u>\$ 128,812</u>	<u>\$ 131,825</u>	<u>\$ (3,013)</u>
	\$ 22,528	\$ 1,533	\$ 20,995

Please keep in mind that it costs money to do ministry and function as a local church body (i.e. salary, office rent, site rent, office supplies, ministry expenses, etc.).

Thank-you faithful contributors in The River Church. Giving of your finances is an act of Worship to God and we again thank-you for your faithful stewardship in this area.

River Church Treasurer

City Wide Gatherings

Every Sunday

@ Don Ross Middle School

42091 Ross Road, Brackendale

THINGS WE'RE PRAYING INTO RIGHT NOW:

- Proposal to Easter Seal – Property, etc.
- Current ALPHA group

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

May 13th, 2018

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program

Service Starts 10:00 am



About Us: The River Church values relationships over programs; after all ministry is relationships. What that means is that we encourage people to meet in small groups of 2-3 or more on a regular basis. In the larger context we as a church gather every Sunday in what we call City Wide Gatherings; where we come together in order to purposefully re-connect with one another, and together engage and join the Trinity in worship and biblical teaching.

Identity Statement: We are a network of Simple Churches: immersed in the grace of God, listening to the Spirit, freed to live out Jesus' love.

Our Vision is Jesus: We value being a people who are: Refreshingly Grace Filled, Joyfully Engaging, Undividedly Truthful, Wholly Relational, Unashamedly Experiential, Wildly Authentic, and Practically Loving.

Mission Statement: Live by faith, known by love, voice of hope...

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News & Events

May 12th Inter-Church Men's Breakfast: @ Squamish Baptist Church. 7:30am start for guys who want to help make breakfast; 8:30am for guys who want to get to know some men from the other churches. Happens on the 2nd Sat of each month.

May 17th Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's. Chapter 12
www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap

May 20th Women's Group Spiritual Direction: 7-9pm @ The Wikkerink's. Contact Kenda for more info.

May 23rd Elder Gatherings - Board & Prayer: The River models an open culture, no secrets. Anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. 2nd is a standard meeting; 4th is where CORE leaders pray for the River Family by name. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info.

May 25th Moving Help: Katie, Thomas and Elizabeth are moving to Kamloops and could use some help leading a small trailer. Contact Katie 604-848-4643
Castlerock 38100 6th Ave. Unit #32

May 25-27th Men's Retreat: @ Camp Kawkawa in Hope. Team up with two other Alliance churches for various service projects: yardwork, landscaping, construction. Evenings are free for fellowship, or time to ourselves. The cost of this retreat is FREE, in exchange for our service. Contact Richard Hoshino
richard.hoshino@gmail.com

May 26th Movie Night: Disney's Ratatouille (rated G) showing at The Squamish Adventure Centre at 7:00 pm. Bring your friends ☺ \$2 per person / \$5 per family to cover costs. Bring change for chips, water or pop, which will be sold for 50 cents each.

May 27th Sunday Brunch: Extended time around the table - sharing breakfast together. We will have a teaching time, singing and prayer. Please bring something breakfast(y) to share. Coffee, juice and tea will be provided. Please bring your own coffee mug.

May 31st Faith on Tap: 8pm @ Backcountry Brewing
www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap

Work Day: Maria Shemko needs help demolishing her basement. Date TBA (late May or early June). Maria will feed the crew with authentic Italian! Stay tuned.

Fueling Thought

How do we know about God's love, God's generosity, God's kindness, God's forgiveness? Through our parents, our friends, our teachers, our pastors, our spouses, our children ... they all reveal God to us. But as we come to know them, we realize that each of them can reveal only a little bit of God. God's love is greater than theirs; God's goodness is greater than theirs; God's beauty is greater than theirs.

At first, we may be disappointed in these people in our lives. For a while we thought that they would be able to give us all the love, goodness, and beauty we needed. But gradually we discover that they were all signposts on the way to God.

— Henri Nouwen



Living Out Jesus' Love

Children's Programs

River Kids: The Vision of River Kids is for kids to have a safe place where they know God's love, learn what it means to be like Jesus and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Leaders: All teachers in our children's programs are members of the River Church and have completed criminal record checks. For safety, we follow the policies and procedures outlined in Plan To Protect. If you have any questions regarding our children's ministries please contact Kenda Reimer at kendar@intheriver.ca

Little Dippers (infant to school age): No designated teachers. This is a parent participation area where parents are responsible for their children. This area is a carpeted location just inside the first hallway across from the gym. We have toys, books, etc. and a speaker for adults to hear the service. Because of noise, we ask that there be no running in the hallway during the service; it makes it difficult for those near the back to hear.

River Kids (kindergarten to Gr.6): We are looking for more teachers available even once a month. Curriculum and training provided. Right now, the kids will be dismissed from the service the 4th Sunday of the month for their own program (teacher-Claudia Weiland). One other Sunday a month will be a kid friendly service geared for all ages. The remaining 2 Sundays kids will stay in the service.

Young Life (Gr.7 to 12):

If you're a teen ages 13-18 and looking to connect with other youth city wide who follow Jesus or are interested in Jesus please contact Allyson Huguet, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife.

Global Missions

CMA Families: Part of your general giving helps to fund one Canadian CMA missionary family worldwide. We have adopted Gaileen who is working in the Caribbean Sun Region. To receive her prayer updates please check out our website.

Growth Streams Available

Tantalus Simple Church: 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf
mail4jimn@gmail.com or 604-898-4277

Paradise Valley Simple Church: The last Sunday of every month at 10:00 am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley.
rcruti@gmail.com

Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month 7:30 – 9:30 pm. For more info go to www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group

Listening Prayer Ministry: Are you feeling stuck? What if Jesus wants to come alongside and speak into that? Listening Prayer is wonderful for encouragement, inner healing and giving any burdens to Jesus that were never meant to be carried alone. Free of charge, no side-effects, plenty of benefits. Contact Claudia to set up an appointment:
claudiauweiland@gmail.com. Also, if this type of ministry interests you, please talk to Claudia about becoming involved.

Faith on Tap: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm. The next one is May 17th @ the Reimer's
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Women's Group Spiritual Direction: May 20 from 7-9pm at the Wikkerink's. Contact Kenda for more info.

Deep Stream: The Story – the Bible as one continuing story of God and His people. Everyone welcome. One chapter per week for 31 weeks. Tuesday at 7pm
www.intheriver.ca/community/deep-stream-growth-events

Daring Way: 8-week workshop exploring vulnerability, courage, shame, and worthiness. Every other Wed, 6:30-8:30pm @ the Funk's (16-40653 Tantalus Rd) Cost \$150 Open to 6 participants. Info:
www.intheriver.ca/events/the-daring-way