#### Money, Faith & Worship:

Giving was down significantly throughout the summer to the tune of running a \$2,000 - \$3,000 deficit per month. This fall we filled you in, as a church family, of the financial situation, and the result is that you have stepped up faithfully with your giving. As a result we are meeting budgetary demands and have been able to regain a bit of our cash buffer. For this we are grateful. Let us prayerfully ask the Lord how He might be asking us to give to the River Church so we can embrace the kingdom vision He has given us as a church.

#### Please be aware:

- Insure if you're giving through "Canada Helps" that it's still happening
- Consider changing from using "Canada Helps" to using PAD (automatic debit from your account)
- Consider a regular giving schedule to smooth out the bumps in the road that the church endures. PAD forms are found in Joy Box at the Book Table.

# **City Wide Gatherings:**

December 13<sup>th</sup> December 20<sup>th</sup>

December 24<sup>th</sup>

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# City Wide Gathering December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

River Kids Program Little Dippers Pre-School Program Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 – 9:45 am



**About Us:** The River Church is built on a Simple Church model. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of every month are City Wide Gatherings; at our City Wide Gatherings the entire River community comes together for worship and scriptural teaching. In the weeks in between, Simple Churches meet, often in homes.

**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...

Office/Study Locations: Eagle Run Village 301-41340 Government Rd. Above Bean Brackendale Mailing Address: PO Box 665 Brackendale, BC V0N 1H0

604.848.8007

Pastoral Staff: D&K Reimer Lead Pastor: Darcy Kids & Counseling Pastor: Kenda

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# **News & Events**

**UNITE Worship Event:** Unite is happening on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Brackendale Art Gallery. We would LOVE it if you came. We start at 7:30 and finish at 8:30. This once a month event is by donation so we may cover the cost of the space.

#### **Salvation Army Kettle Drive:**

Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to work at our six locations in Squamish again this year. To find out more information please talk to Dorothy Wikkerink or call Alta Skellenger (fundraising coordinator) at 778.855.6249 or email: <u>seatoskykettles2015@gmail.com</u>.

# **Totem Hall Christmas Event: Sat**

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm at Totem Hall. Talk to Pastor Darcy if you or your Simple Church / Group of 4 want to get involved.

#### Christmas Dinner for Veterans: December 13<sup>th</sup> at Squamish

**Legion.** Looking for 1-2 volunteers to help prepare & serve Christmas dinner on December 13th for our veterans as well we would like 5-6 pies (apple, pumpkin, pecan) If you can help, please contact Brian or Lisa Oakes at 604-848-1848. **Schedule Change:** The River is moving from meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday to every week, beginning this Sunday. Please prayerfully consider getting involved on one of our set-up teams, tear-down team or working the sound board. Sound Board Person please talk to Joel! Thanks for your consideration.

#### Deep Stream Teaching Events Coming in New Year

**JOURNEY:** 13 week discipleship track begins on January 28<sup>th</sup> at North Shore Alliance Church in North Vancouver. Talk to Claudia Weiland for more information or to arrange car-pooling. Contact Claudia at <u>claudiauweiland@gmail.com</u>

**Listening Prayer "Can You Hear Me?"** Topic on Listening Prayer is coming this January 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> weekend. Stay tuned for more info on whether it's Fri & Sat or just Sat. More info coming.

**Sacred Rythms:** 8 week course led by Pastor Kenda and Darcy will happen in Spring. More info coming.

**Christmas Schedule:** There will be no CWG on December 27<sup>th</sup> . First CWG of 2016 will be January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## **Local Missions**

## **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.

#### **Children's Programs**

## **River Kids**

The Vision of River Kids is or 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 leaders/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

**River Kids: Preschool - Gr.7** These kids are dismissed from the service and meet in the gym.

Age 3 - Kindergarten: meet in one half of the gym and are led by a rotation of teens/young adults. Parents will be found to help their child who needs bathroom help. Gr I-7: meet in the other half of the gym and are led by a rotation of adults.

**Little Dippers:** Nursery/Toddlers. This room is located in the classroom across the hall from the gym. You are welcome to either drop off your child or stay in the room with them. Parents are responsible for trips to the bathroom and diaper changes. This room is run by a rotation of parents and possibly some

pre-teen helpers. Parents need to sign in/out their own child.

# Youth Outreach

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 Mat Chamberlain, our Young Life Leader at matchamberlain@mac.com or at www.facebook.com/pages/Squamish-YoungLife.

"In the Flow" Kid's Mt Bike Riding Camp: Riding Camp had their first ride May 16<sup>th</sup> so we've begun another season! Please get your registration forms in and your bike's tuned up!

# **Small Groups**

We will always embrace the idea of meeting in small and large groups. We need both.

Prayerfully consider being a part of a small group, whether it be 3 or more people.

## **Optional Groups Available:**

Tantalus – Sunday 5:30pm Roaming/Shared Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf mail4jimn@gmail.com or 604.898.4277

# Fueling Thought

"Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see."

- C.S. Lewis