

## Money, Faith & Worship:

Thank you, again, to everyone who donates on a regular basis to The River Church.

As you know this fall and early winter has been tough. For several months we as a church experienced a shortfall of \$2200 every month which has almost used up our 'cash buffer. Thankfully once we put the word out you as a church stepped up and responded. In fact since November 1<sup>st</sup> we saw just shy of \$10,000 come in monthly, which is what the River needs to pay our bills! So we are so very grateful.

But we want to do more than simply pay our bills; we want to pursue the Kingdom Vision God has for us this coming year. To help us do that, we encourage those of you who have not considered giving regularly to The River to prayerfully do so. To help you in the discipline of giving we have made a number of options available for you. Please check out [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca) under Donate to learn how.

## Our upcoming City Wide Gatherings:

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup>

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

**February 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program



**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:** To be a people who live by faith, who are known by love and who are a voice of hope to the world.

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Eagle Run Village  
301-41340 Government Rd.  
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### Pastoral Staff:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Darcy Reimer  
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# News & Events

## Today is ALPHA SUNDAY:

We wanted to devote the whole morning to launching ALPHA. The talk is entitled "Christianity, Boring Untrue and Irrelevant?"

Our prayer is that you get more than you bargained for!

**ALPHA COURSE: The course begins tonight Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the BAG so invite your spiritually curious friends.** The talk for that first evening, our "Intro Night" is: Is there more to life than this? Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant? Hopefully today will give you a better idea of what to expect around Alpha. For more information please contact Claudia Weiland at [604-898-9676](tel:604-898-9676) [peterclaudiaweiland@gmail.com](mailto:peterclaudiaweiland@gmail.com)

**UNITE Worship Event: February 17<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting another evening of Worship in Song at the Brackendale Art Gallery. We would LOVE it if you came. Unite is a very casual, low key , Opportunity to come and just soak in the

presence of the LORD. The purpose is to Unite together in praise to our God as a community of Christ followers in Squamish. 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. Why not bring a friend and come just rest..... worship.... and make space for God in you life.

**RUSH Youth Conference: The RUSH** annual youth & young adults conference is happening February 20-22, 2015 at [Kelowna Secondary School](#) in Kelowna, BC. They are passionate about seeing youth & young adults grow deeper in their faith or finding Jesus for the first time. **RUSH** is a weekend packed with amazing music, friends, and fun with a wide variety of activity options and service opportunities. Special guest artists will be Phil Wickham, Rapture Ruckus and Riley Armstrong with worship led by The Pursuit Band. Our speaker this year will be Sid Koop. [Download an info package from www.intheriver.ca](#) events page for details. We hope that everyone who attends RUSH will experience God in a powerful way!



# Living Out Jesus' Love

## 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](mailto: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 1-7:** 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](mailto:matchamberlain@mac.com) or at [www.facebook.com/pages/Squamish-YoungLife](http://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!

## Simple Churches

**Youth Gr. 8-12 – Every Wed night at North Shore Alliance in North Vancouver. This age group is also supporting Young Life**  
Contact: Darcy & Kenda Reimer  
[darcy@intheriver.ca](mailto:darcy@intheriver.ca) or 604-848-8007

**Pre-Teen Gr. 6-8 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Nights of the Month 6-8:00 pm at the Reimer's**  
Contact Darcy & Kenda Reimer  
[darcy@intheriver.ca](mailto:darcy@intheriver.ca) or 604-848-8007

**Valleycliffe – Sunday mornings at 10 am**  
Host Home: Mario & Anne Iacovone  
[maiacovone@sahw.ca](mailto:maiacovone@sahw.ca) or 604.898.9300

**Brackendale II – Sunday Nights 6-8:00 pm** Roaming/Shared Contact Geoff Isaac @ 778-837-2548 or [ilaughed5@yahoo.ca](mailto:ilaughed5@yahoo.ca)

**Tantalus – Sunday 5:30pm**  
Roaming/Shared Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf  
[mail4jimn@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jimn@gmail.com) or 604.898.4277

**Brackendale – Sunday Mornings at 10 am** Roaming/Shared Contact Rolf and Christine Rutishauser [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Simple Church of 2,3 or 4. To get one started please talk to Pastor Darcy**

## Fueling Thought

"It's clear to me that Karma is at the heart of the Universe. And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that. 'As you reap, so will you sow' stuff. Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed because I've done a lot of stupid stuff. The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world, so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. It should keep us humbled."

BONO (Riverhead Books 2005) Page 204