

### 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 as a church family in on the situation and the result is that you have stepped up faithfully with your giving. As a result we are beginning to meet budgetary demands on a semi-regular basis. Considering the fact we are approaching the close of 2015, we want to remind you to please have your year-end giving in before January 1<sup>st</sup> and/or make sure your cheque is dated before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

#### 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 24<sup>th</sup> (6:30 pm)

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

January 10<sup>th</sup>

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering December 20<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...

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# News & Events

**Year end giving:** If you are thinking about giving a donation before year-end, please make sure your donation is dated before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in order to receive a tax receipt.

**Christmas Caroling Brackendale Eagle Run Village / Bean Brackendale Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm at BAG Chapel. Then at Don Ross Secondary at 6:30 pm. Please invite your friends for a great evening of Caroling, Children's Story and Christmas Message.**

**Hilltop House:** "Hilltop House Residential Care Facility - Hymn Service: Every 5 weeks a group gets together on Sundays at 2 pm to offer a one hour hymn service to the residents and families at Hilltop House. If you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact Grace Neudorf @ [mail4gracen@gmail.com](mailto:mail4gracen@gmail.com).

**Open House at the Winkkerink's:** John & Dorothy would like to have an Open House today at their home. The

Open House will be a come & go beginning after the morning CWG and going until evening.

**Cuba Missions Trip 2016:** March 28 to April 2 or the first full week in April for a Women's Retreat. Also October 22-31 or the first full week in November for the Western Cuba retreat. If couples want to come they'd be together before and after the retreat as the wives would go to the retreat and the men would go to a building project.

**JOURNEY:** 13 week discipleship track will run on Thursday nights at 6:45 pm beginning on January 28<sup>th</sup> and go to April 21<sup>st</sup>. This 13 week Journey will be held at North Shore Alliance Church in North Vancouver. Talk to Claudia Weiland for more information or to arrange car-pooling. Contact Claudia at [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com)

**"Seeing God in Your Everyday"** This Saturday Deep Stream event is coming this January 16<sup>th</sup>! Stay tuned for more info on location.

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



# 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!

## 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](mailto:mail4jimn@gmail.com) or 604.898.4277

### Fueling Thought

"Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God."

George F. McDougall