

## Money, Faith & Worship:

### River Financials for May

Donations were down \$4200 for the month, from May 2017. It looks like that mainly resulted because the piano donation last year went through in May 2017, and then from overall less donations being made this year (47 donations in May 2017, compared to 26 donations in May 2018).

Overall for the year, donations are up \$12,500 from last year, but that includes the extra \$23K gift, so without that, we'd be down \$10,500. Expenses for the year are down \$4280, and May's expenses are consistent with the prior year.

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.

## City Wide Gatherings

Every Sunday

@ Don Ross Middle School

42091 Ross Road, Brackendale

## PRAY WITH US:

- Purchase or lease a new space, or stay @ Don Ross?
- Are we living up to our Values and Mission?

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

**June 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**June 24<sup>th</sup> Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** 7-9pm @ The Wikkerink's. Contact Kenda for more info.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Elder Gatherings - Board & Prayer:** The River models an open culture, no secrets. Anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. 2<sup>nd</sup> is a standard meeting; 4<sup>th</sup> is where CORE leaders pray for the River Family by name. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info.

**June 28<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm @ the Reimer's.  
[www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap](http://www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap)

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Squamish Sports Camp:** For Grades 1-6. Sponsored by The Rock Church. 8:30am-Noon @ Squamish Elementary. \$35 per child. Register online.  
[www.therocksquamish.com/sports](http://www.therocksquamish.com/sports)

**July 12<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm @ the Reimer's  
[www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap](http://www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap)

**July 14<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month.

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm @ the Reimer's.  
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## Fueling Thought

How does the Spirit of God manifest itself through us? Often we think that to witness means to speak up in defense of God. This idea can make us very self-conscious. We wonder where and how we can make God the topic of our conversations and how to convince our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of God's presence in their lives. But this explicit missionary endeavour often comes from an insecure heart and, therefore, easily creates divisions.

The way God's Spirit manifests itself most convincingly is through its fruits: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22). These fruits speak for themselves. It is therefore always better to raise the question "How can I grow in the Spirit?" than the question "How can I make others believe in the Spirit?"

— 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](mailto: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](https://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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf  
[mail4jimn@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month 7:30 – 9:30 pm. For more info go to [www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group](http://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](mailto: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 July 12<sup>th</sup> at The Reimer's .  
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**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](http://www.intheriver.ca/community/deep-stream-growth-events)