

## Money, Faith & Worship:

In April, as a church, we discussed the trend of a declining cash buffer. I challenged us to work towards getting our buffer back to the \$20,000 level before the start of the summer holidays. At the end of March the buffer was at \$15,240. By the end of April it increased approximately \$2000 and reached \$17,147. Your gifting moved the church to achieve 40% of the goal in one month. That is significant and something to be celebrated. But then we headed into the summer months.

August there is a deficit of \$3634.53 in covering our expenses for the month; and year to date a deficit of \$5744.47. Last years total deficit was \$17199.18. August the River paid two month of Don Ross Rental, and the yearly fee from Church OS so expenses were unusually high. Regardless of this giving was less then August 2013.

Thank you for your faithful giving and let us continue in our steps of trust.

The River Board of Elders

## Our upcoming City Wide Gatherings:

November 9<sup>th</sup>

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

December 14<sup>th</sup>

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program



**About Us:** We at The River Church are focused on exploring and living out the teachings of God's Word. We are a community of Jesus followers, all on a journey to know God. 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 teaching. In the weeks in between, Simple Churches meet, often in homes. See inside this brochure for a list of our Simple Churches.

**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.

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Eagle Run Village  
301-41340 Government Rd.  
Above Bean Brackendale

### Mailing Address:

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Brackendale, BC  
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### Pastoral Staff:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Darcy Reimer  
Kids & Counseling: Kenda Reimer

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# News & Events

**Simple Church Involvement:** The River is a Network of Simple Churches. A significant part of our DNA. Our prayer for you is that you discover one of our Simple Churches to be that very place, a place to belong and be known. We also encourage you to talk to Darcy about forming a church of 2-3 if that is a better fit for you right now.

**Volunteer Sign Up:** We need Tear-Down Team People and Power-Point. The teen girls are now helping teach River Kids, so can't do both. So please take the time to talk to Kenda at [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**River Phone Directory:** Many of you have requested a better more efficient way to contact one another who call the River their Church Family. So we want to put together an updated River phone directory (hard copy and optional pdf version). In order to do so we need to update our contact list so need your consent to do so. Please fill out the update form at the Book Table or talk to Lisa Oakes. Lisa Oakes' e-mail is [lisajoakes@shaw.ca](mailto:lisajoakes@shaw.ca)

**UNITE Worship Event:** Tues October 28<sup>th</sup> at the BAG from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Please bring your friends from other churches as our passion around this is UNITY. We firmly believe that Renewal and Revival happen on the heels of Reconciliation. We believe UNITE has a part to play in that happening.

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas

**Shoebox:** The River is once again invited to participate in packing a shoebox for needy children around the world. With your involvement we can join efforts with North Shore Alliance and send even more than the 2,600 shoeboxes we sent last year. Doubt the impact of a shoebox, or for more information about Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child please visit [www.samaritanpurse.ca/occ](http://www.samaritanpurse.ca/occ)

## Important dates:

October 26<sup>th</sup> – Kick Off Sunday  
November 16 to 23 – National Collection Week – drop off your shoeboxes at Grey Hound Bus Station or North Shore Alliance Church.

**Alliance Justice and Compassion:** If you have a passion for caring for the needy and destitute globally, please check out the Alliance relief Arm, Alliance Justice and Compassion. Brochures at the Book Table. Grab a brochure and brainstorm with your house church on how to get involved. Here is the URL to find our more.

<http://justiceandcompassion.com>



# 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  
[darcyr@intheriver.ca](mailto:darcyr@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  
[darcyr@intheriver.ca](mailto:darcyr@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

"If, like the elder brother, you believe that God ought to bless you and help you because you have worked so hard to obey Him and be a good person, then Jesus may be your Helper, your Example, even your Inspiration, but He is not your Saviour. You are serving your own saviour. If, like the elder brother, you seek to control God through your obedience, then all your morality is just a way to use God to make Him give you things in life you really want." Tim Keller [Prodigal God](#)