

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 1st 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 under Donate to learn how.

Our upcoming City Wide Gatherings:

January 25th

February 8th

February 22nd

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

January 11th, 2015

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program



About Us: The River Church is built on a Simple Church model. The 2nd and 4th 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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News & Events

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!

ALPHA COURSE: The course begins Sunday February 8th at 6:30 pm 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? The location is still to be announced so please pray with us that this need and other needs will be met. For more information please contact Claudia Weiland.

River Phone Directory: The River Phone Directory is complete so will be ready for pick-up today! Please get yours at the Book Table! Thank-you Lisa for putting this together!

Watoto Children's Choir: Thursday January 29th at 7 pm at Squamish Community Church. We need people willing to billet groups of 3-4 people (1 Leader / 3 children ratio). If you are interested please grab a form at the Book Table or contact Pastor Darcy.

January 4-10th Annual Week of Prayer: Thank-you to all of you who took the time to seek God and to pray this last week. A number of themes or words emerged this week. Words like Fullness, Creating Space for God, Faithfulness, Sacrifice, Hot vrs. Lukewarm. I wonder if anything "pops" for you as you read these words/phrases? We also prayed for families in our community who are grieving incredible loss and tragedy, as well as the upcoming ALPHA Course. Please continue to pray with us, and let's commit ourselves to obeying anything we feel God asking us to do.



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

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 or at www.facebook.com/pages/Squamish-YoungLife.

"In the Flow" Kid's Mt Bike Riding Camp: Riding Camp had their first ride May 16th 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 or 604-848-8007

Pre-Teen Gr. 6-8 - 1st & 3rd Sunday Nights of the Month 6-8:00 pm at the Reimer's
Contact Darcy & Kenda Reimer
darcy@intheriver.ca or 604-848-8007

Valleycliffe - Sunday mornings at 10 am
Host Home: Mario & Anne Iacovone
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

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

Brackendale - Sunday Mornings at 10 am Roaming/Shared Contact Rolf and Christine Rutishauser rcruti@gmail.com

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

Fueling Thought

"In our network, we specifically ask people not to try to be 'evangelistic'. We suggest to them that if people aren't asking about their lives, then we haven't postured our faith well enough or long enough. To be an advocate means that when people are in need, they know that we'll be on their team, and that we'll be there whenever they need us, for just about anything. Being an advocate is caring in a way that touches another soul, person to person, rather than trying to fix that person from a position of perceived superiority." *Tangible Kingdom* by Hugh Halter