

Money, Faith & Worship:

	Monthly	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD
Revenue	\$ 9,893	\$ 45,639	\$ 19,814
Expenses	\$ 12,565	\$ 23,257	\$ 26,651
	\$ (2,672)	\$ 22,382	\$ (6,838)

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.

River Church Treasurer

Books We're Reading Right Now

Darcy

Science and the Trinity by John Polkinghorne

Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Not the Religious Type by Schmelzer

Speaking of Jesus: the art of not-evangelism by Carl Medearis

Just because we read something doesn't mean we buy into the book 'hook, line, and sinker'.

In everything we read, view, or listen discernment needs to be engaged.

Eat the chicken, spit out the bones.

Kenda

Surrender to Love by David Benner

The Voice of Jesus by Gordon Smith

The River Church

City Wide Gathering

October 15th, 2017

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program

Pre-Service Prayer 9:15 – 10:00 am

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

Oct 15th Boys2Men: 1:30 – 7:00pm
Our 1st ever event is TODAY. Meet at the Reimer's (41371 Kingswood Rd). \$2.00 to help cover costs. A certified adult with Possession and Acquisition Licence is going to provide a healthy exposure to gun control. After some one-at-a-time, safe, adult supervised target practice, we will have a bonfire, roast hot-dogs and marshmallows (chips and condiments also provided). Bring your own beverage and chair. **Please dress for the weather.** Pick-up at the Reimer's. Any concerns, please contact Pastor Darcy. Must be 12+ years old to attend.

Oct 19th Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's. Chapter 23
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Oct 22nd River AGM: A short meeting following the CWG to discuss sharing vision, and electing new elders. This meeting is for members and adherents – that means all of us!

Nov 4th Movie Night & Sermon: 7:15pm
The Shack @ Don Ross. \$2 fee to cover costs. Chips and popcorn will be sold at cost.

Nov 9th Family Support Group: Hosted by the North Shore Schizophrenia Society. For family members of those struggling with their mental health. Second Thursday of every month 7-8:30pm @ Howe Sound Brew Pub, in the map room.

Nov 19th Brunch Sunday: Designed to be visitor friendly, with extended time around the table; allowing for conversation and connection. How we listen, interact, and share a meal with one another is all part of our worship. Please come and engage. Everyone is encouraged to bring some breakfast-type food to share.

Christmas Shoebox:

In this Thanksgiving Season we are getting ready to start another season of collecting gift-filled shoeboxes to share God's enduring love with children in need. Our launch Sunday is October 22nd so be sure to pick up your boxes then!! If you need help putting your shoeboxes together – information, launch ideas, resources and more; take 10 minutes to check it out at this website
<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/project-leader-resources/>

Fueling Thought

"In a world so full of social and political turmoil and immense human suffering, people of faith will often be ridiculed because of their so-called ineffectiveness. Many will say: "If you believe that there is a loving God, let your God do something about this mess!" Some will simply declare religion irrelevant, while others will consider it an obstacle to the creation of a new and better world. Jesus often tells his followers that, as he was, they will be persecuted, arrested, tortured, and killed. But he also tells us not to worry but to trust in him at all times. "Make up your minds not to prepare your defence because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict" (Luke 21:14-15). Let's not be afraid of skepticism and cynicism coming our way, but trust that God will give us the strength to hold our ground."

– 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

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.

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: 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf mail4jimm@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

Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month 7:30 – 9:30 pm. For more info go to <http://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/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. 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 on Oct 19th at the Reimer's <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Women's Group Spiritual Direction: Coming again soon. Time/location TBD If you have any questions or know already you want to be part of this, please email Pastor Kenda at kendar@intheriver.ca as it helps us get an idea of interest.

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 @ Steve Klassen's #29-1821 Willow Cres. Limited parking in complex; park on Willow Crescent. To order a book email Steve sklassen@telus.net