

Money, Faith & Worship:

Here is a summary as you prepare for year-end giving. Since February, on average, we have had a shortfall of \$2200 every month which has almost used up our 'cash buffer'. That has put us into a financial crisis situation which greatly affects Darcy and Kenda and each one of us in The River Church and our community.

Thank you, again, to everyone who donates on a regular basis to The River Church. The 1st CWG in November we saw just shy of \$10,000 come in, which is what the River needs monthly to pay our bills; let alone pursue any Kingdom Vision God might have for us for the coming year.

We encourage those 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. You can set up monthly giving through Canada Helps on our website, as well as setting up Pre Authorized Debit. All forms can be easily down-loaded from the website under Donate.

Our upcoming City Wide Gatherings:

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

January 11th

January 25th

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City Wide Gathering

December 14th 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 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 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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News & Events

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

BAG; Candles in the Gallery Dec 24th 5 pm

Don Ross Secondary: Candles in the Hall Dec 24th 6:30 pm.

Children's Story and Gifts. Caroling. Candle lighting. Advent Readings. Short Christmas Message. One hour short. Invite your friends!

Legacy Youth Conference: Legacy Youth Conference 2015 will be taking place **March 13-15, 2015**. LYC is an annual conference designed for youth from grades 10 to 12 held at Ambrose University in Calgary. 700 youth from across the country come together in pursuit of a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Early registration will open on **November 5th, 2014** at 12:00am so now is a good time to begin talking about this. Early bird price of registration is \$99 and then travel etc. will be added onto that. There is also a chance for our youth to join the ranks of NSAC Youth as well so we'll keep you posted.

Ministry Ideas: If you have a ministry idea that God has been stirring up in you, we want

to hear about it. If this ministry idea is something we want to launch now, we will also need to know how much "Kingdom" dollars it will take to see that ministry happen. This total amount will determine what our annual budget is for the year, as well as help us determine what our faith goal will be for the year.

River Phone Directory: Final touches are being made to the River Phone Directory so it will be in your inbox and/or hands shortly with (hard copy and optional pdf version). If you still need to get your name and contact information in so you can be included in the directory, please talk to Lisa Oakes. Lisa Oakes' e-mail is lisa.oakes@shaw.ca

Operation Christmas Child: The Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign has ended for another year. Through the efforts of so many people in churches, schools, businesses, community groups as well as individuals of all ages, the North Shore's Local Collection Centre was able to send off more than **2,550** gift-filled shoeboxes! Thank-you River Church!

January 4-10th Week of Prayer at The River Office. Multiple Time Slots will be available, both daytime and evening hours.



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

A boat doesn't sink due to the water on the outside of the boat. It sinks due to the water on the inside of the boat; the boat is taking in water. Usually the boat has sprung a leak. In the same way our lives do not sink because of the sin on the outside; our surroundings - the world around us. Our lives sink due to the fact we are taking on sin; we have sprung a leak somewhere. We are invited to ask Jesus, "Where might I (we) have sprung a leak? What "little" compromise? What "minor" resentment has grown into bitterness? Please show me (us) where we might be taking on sin.