

Money, Faith & Worship:

Giving was down significantly throughout the summer to the tune of running a \$2,000 - \$3,000 deficit per month. This fall we filled you as a church family in on the situation and the result is that you have stepped up faithfully with your giving. As a result we are beginning to meet budgetary demands on a semi-regular basis. Considering the fact we are approaching the close of 2015, we want to remind you to please have your year-end giving in before January 1st and/or make sure your cheque is dated before January 1st 2016.

Please be aware:

- Insure if you're giving through "Canada Helps" that it's still happening
- Consider changing from using "Canada Helps" to using PAD (automatic debit from your account)
- Consider a regular giving schedule to smooth out the bumps in the road that the church endures. PAD forms are found in Joy Box at the Book Table.

City Wide Gatherings:

December 20th

December 24th (6:30 pm)

January 3rd

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering December 13th, 2015

River Kids Program
Little Dippers Pre-School Program
Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 – 9:45 am



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: Live by faith, known by love, voice of hope...

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News & Events

Year end giving: If you are thinking about giving a donation before year-end, please make sure your donation is dated before January 1st, 2016 in order to receive a tax receipt.

Cuba Missions Trip 2016: March 28 to April 2 or the first full week in April for a Women's Retreat. Also October 22-31 or the first full week in November for the Western Cuba retreat. If couples want to come they'd be together before and after the retreat as the wives would go to the retreat and the men would go to a building project.

Open House at the Winklerink's: John is celebrating his birthday on Monday, December 21. We would like his birthday to be a celebration of thanks to the Lord for his ongoing gift of life. So Dorothy would like to have an Open House on the Sunday (the day before his birthday) at their home to celebrate and give thanks to The River Church Family for your loving and faithful support to J&D over this past year. The Open House will be a come & go beginning after the morning CWG and going until evening.

Christmas Dinner for Veterans: December 13th at Squamish Legion. Tonight we are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help prepare & serve Christmas dinner on December 13th for our veterans as well we would like 5-6 pies (apple, pumpkin, pecan) If you can help, please contact Brian or Lisa Oakes at 604-848-1848.

Deep Stream Teaching Events Coming in New Year

JOURNEY: 13 week discipleship track will run on Thursday nights at 6:45 pm beginning on January 28th and go to April 21st. This 13 week Journey will be held at North Shore Alliance Church in North Vancouver. Talk to Claudia Weiland for more information or to arrange car-pooling. Contact Claudia at claudiauweiland@gmail.com

"Seeing God in Your Everyday" This Saturday Deep Stream event is coming this January 16th! Stay tuned for more info on location.

Sacred Rhythms: This 8 week course led by Pastor Kenda and Darcy will happen in Spring. More info coming.



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 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 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!

Small Groups

We will always embrace the idea of meeting in small and large groups. We need both.

Prayerfully consider being a part of a small group, whether it be 3 or more people.

Optional Groups Available:

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

Fueling Thought

"Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God."

George F. McDougall