

The River Church

City Wide Gathering October 28th, 2018

River Kids Program
Little Dippers Pre-School Program
Service Starts 10:00 am



About Us: The River Churches' guiding ideas are these: 'GET REAL' Grace-Filled, Engaged, Truthful, Relational, Experiential, Authentic, Loving. One way we live this out, is by embracing a Simple Church Hybrid Model. The 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month we gather together in smaller gatherings, called Simple Churches. One of which, meets at Don Ross Secondary School (DRSS). On the 2nd & 4th Sunday we host what is called a CWG (City Wide Gathering), where all the Simple Churches gather together at DRSS. This allows us to GET REAL and be the kind of people God has called us to be in this community. When we have a 5th Sunday in a month, we do something we call "The Church Has Left the Building", where Simple Church Leaders go after what God has put on their heart to do in the community. These Sundays are about connecting with your neighbor, things like: a prayer walk, a hike or a ride, hosting a community BBQ on your street, or picking up garbage in a certain area of town. To learn more about what makes The River unique, please check out our website at www.intheriver.ca

Mission Statement: We are a network of Simple Churches, immersed in the grace of God, created to be rivers of life (rivers of healing / rivers of mercy / rivers of kindness etc.) to our city and beyond.

Our Vision: Our Vision is simply...Jesus. Apprentices of Jesus, creating apprentices of Jesus who live by faith, are known by love, and a voice of hope.

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Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Sept 30)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 29,943	\$ 58,969	\$ (29,026)
Expenses	\$ 33,964	\$ 37,083	\$ (3,120)
	\$ (4,021)	\$ 21,885	\$ (25,906)

For September, we have an overall loss for the period of \$4,021. The current net fund balance of the general fund is \$12,667, which accounts for all assets and liabilities, and is the net funds the River currently has available.

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

Upcoming Church Gatherings

Nov 4th – Simple Church

Nov 11th – City Wide @ Don Ross

Nov 18th – Simple Church

Nov 25th – City Wide @ Don Ross

Dec 2nd – Simple Church



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News & Events

Oct 28th Property Viewing & AGM: The River family have been invited to a viewing of the potential home of the Church from 6-7:15pm @ 40813 Govt Rd. Walk the property, pray, listen and dream for the future. AGM to follow at 7:30pm @ The Bean. Hope you can be there!

Nov 1st Faith on Tap: 7:30pm @ the Reimer's

Nov 2nd-3rd Elder & Simple Church Leader Training: Mark your calendars everyone! Retreat at Les & Elina's. Take time to "work-on" the church, rather than "work-in". We want to do a better equip our Simple Church Leaders (and future leaders), along with our elders. Like a pre-season training camp. Friday night 7:30-9:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm.

Nov 4th Daylight Savings Time Ends: 2am
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

Nov 10th Inter-Church Men's Breakfast: @ Squamish Baptist Church. 7:30am start for guys who want to help make breakfast; 8:30am for guys who want to get to know some men from the other churches. Happens on the 2nd Sat of each month.

Nov 11th Elderly Hymn Service: 2pm @ Hilltop House. Contact Dorothy Wikkerink dorothyrenema@hotmail.com or 604-849-6205
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/hilltop-house>

Nov 14th Elder Gatherings - Board & Prayer: The River models an open culture, no secrets. Anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. 2nd is a standard meeting; 4th is where CORE leaders pray for the River Family by name. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info.
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/elder-gatherings-board-prayer/2018-09-12>

Nov 15th Faith on Tap: 7:30pm Location TBA

Dec 2nd Soup Lunch & Baby Dedication: Celebrate with David and Catherine Wilson as they dedicate their son Caleb to the Lord Jesus. As part of the celebration, we will have a Soup Lunch so please bring soup or chili, along with bread, buns and cheese. Please bring your own utensils/bowls which helps save money and better steward our planet.

Dec 8th Tin See See Yi "My Friends" Christmas Dinner: 5pm @ Totem Hall. Volunteers needed to lead carols, clean-up meal, kitchen prep and clean-up, kid's crafts, food service. Contact Darcy

Dec 30th The Church Has Left the Building: Keeping in step with who we feel God has created us to be at the River, we have decided to have something called "The Church Has Left the Building", which we'll do this a few times a year when there is a 5th Sunday in that month.
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/church-has-left-the-building>

Fueling Thought

Often, we hear the remark that we have to live in the world without being of the world.

But it may be more difficult to be in the Church without being of the Church.

Being of the Church means being so preoccupied by and involved in the many ecclesial affairs and clerical "ins and outs" that we are no longer focused on Jesus.

The Church then blinds us from what we came to see and deafens us to what we came to hear.

Still, it is in the Church that Christ dwells, invites us to his table, and speaks to us words of eternal love.

Being in the Church without being of it is a great spiritual challenge

—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): We have teachers on a rotation however, parents are welcome to stay with their children if need be. The format we use is story, pray, play. Whenever possible we use the carpeted room beside the main meeting space. If unavailable, we set up inside the hallway across from the gym. If you would like to be on this rotation, contact Kenda.

River Kids (kindergarten to Gr.6): The kids are dismissed after the singing. AnnaMarie teaches this age the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We would love to have something every week so if leading this age interests you, please let Kenda know.

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.

Simple Churches (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Tantalus Simple Church: 5:30–8:30pm
Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf
mail4jimn@gmail.com or 604-898-4277

Paradise Valley Simple Church: 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley.
rcruti@gmail.com

Don Ross Simple Church: 10am. Darcy & Kenda will be leading a simple church at Don Ross, this way if visitors come, there is always a gathering there. Our hope for this Simple Church is to become a launch pad for other Simple Churches.

Growth Streams

Women's Group: 1st Tuesdays of each month (except Jan8) 7:30-9:30 @ Dorothy's. This will be a time of connecting with each other and exploring some spiritual exercises together. We'll practice learning to listen to God's voice and try some ways of meeting with Jesus that people have been using throughout the ages. Group is open to everyone. Contact Kenda kendar@intheriver.ca

Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 7:30–9:30pm. For more info go to www.intheriver.ca/community/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. Contact Claudia claudiauweiland@gmail.com

Faith on Tap: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm. The next one is Nov 1st at The Reimer's
www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap

Women's Triads: Groups of 3 meet to encourage each other, and focus on relationships with God. A simple format is provided. Groups meet monthly (self-arranged) until the end of June. Contact: kendar@intheriver.ca