

### Money, Faith & Worship:

	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 70,691	\$ 47,926	\$ 22,765
Expenses	<u>\$ 49,717</u>	<u>\$ 51,970</u>	<u>\$ (2,253)</u>
	\$ 20,973	\$ (4,044)	\$ (26,018)

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

### City Wide Gatherings

December 24<sup>th</sup> – No Morning CWG – Evening Candlelight Services

December 31<sup>st</sup> – not located at Don Ross – location TBA

January 7<sup>th</sup> – CWG @ Don Ross

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program

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

## Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Christmas Eve:

Morning CWG is cancelled in light of the Candlelight Services in the evening. All those who would like to help decorate with Christmas lights and tree boughs, please come at 4:30pm

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Candles at the Gallery:** 5-6 pm at the Brackendale Art Gallery Chapel. Caroling, candle-lighting, and readings.

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Candles in the Hall:** 6:30-7:30pm at Don Ross. Caroling, children's story, scripture readings, and personal Christmas reflections.

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday New Year's Eve:** The River is hoping to host the CWG at alternate locations (depending on involvement). If you're interested helping make these events possible, please contact Pastor Darcy.

- **NYE Acoustic Led Worship:** Gather around the warmth of a fire, worship through scripture, communion, singing, and prayer. If you want to help make this happen, please let Darcy know.
- **NYE Sledding at Alice Lake:** (depending on snow) from 1:30-3:30pm. If you want to spear-head this, please let Darcy know.
- **NYE Gathering:** It would be awesome if we opened up a home for people to gather together to bring in the New Year. Have fun together, and take some time to pray into the New Year. If you want to be involved in making this happen, please let Darcy know.

## Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Elder Gatherings & Board & Prayer:

The River models an open culture, no secrets. Anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. 2<sup>nd</sup> is a standard meeting; 4<sup>th</sup> is devoted to prayer. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info.

**Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm – location TBA. Chapter 3 "Owning Christianity" <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Brunch:** Extended time around the table - sharing breakfast together. We will have a teaching time, singing and prayer. Please bring something breakfast(y) to share. Coffee, juice and tea will be provided. Please bring your own coffee mug.

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup> The Daring Way:** Byrdie Funk is offering an 8-week workshop exploring vulnerability, courage, shame, and worthiness. Focus on developing shame resilience skills and daily practices that transform the way we live, love, parent, and lead. The goal to become more resilient, grow emotionally & spiritually, and experience renewal. 6:30-8:30pm @ the Funk's (16-40653 Tantalus Rd) Cost \$150 (includes all materials) Open to 6 participants. For more information please check out <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/the-daring-way/2018-02-07>

**Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Movie Night:** At Don Ross, showcasing Chocolat. Mark your calendars and invite your friends. \$2 fee to cover costs. Chips and popcorn will also be sold at cost.



# 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](mailto: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](https://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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf [mail4jim@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jim@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](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - location TBA <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** Next date TBD from 7-9pm at the Wikkerink's. Contact Kenda for more info.

**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 <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/deep-stream-growth-events>

## Families Dealing with Mental Illness:

Intensive 12-session course Feb 6 - Apr 24, 7-9:30pm @ Sea to Sky Community Services. Hosted by the North Shore Schizophrenia Society. For information and to register call Kathryn (604) 926-0856 [www.northshoreschizophrenia.org](http://www.northshoreschizophrenia.org)

## Fueling Thought

Long before Jesus was born the prophet Isaiah had a vision of Christ's great unifying work of salvation. Many years after Jesus died, John, the beloved disciple, had another but similar vision: He saw a new heaven and a new earth. All of creation had been transformed, dressed with immortality to be the perfect bride of Christ. In John's vision the risen Christ speaks from his throne, saying: "Look, I am making the whole of creation new. .... Look, here God lives among human beings. He will make his home among them; they will be his people, and he will be their God, God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness or pain. The world of the past has gone" (Revelation 21:5; 21:3-4). Both Isaiah and John open our eyes to the all-inclusive nature of Christ's saving work. — Henri Nouwen