

## Money, Faith & Worship:

Bank balance	\$ 16,857
Fund balance	\$ 13,633
January Revenue	\$ 28,790
January Expenses	\$ 13,322
Year-to-date surplus	\$ 9,066

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

March 5<sup>th</sup>

March 12<sup>th</sup>

March 19<sup>th</sup>

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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

**UNITE Worship Night at Brackendale Art Gallery:** February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. A wonderful "Space for God" time-out!

**Faith on Tap:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> at The NEST in Brackendale at 8:00 pm.

**Levite Summit:** March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Kelowna BC Full Arts Summit for worship leaders and all those gifted and passionate about the arts. Check out [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca) for more information.

**World Day of Prayer:** March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm @ St. John the Devine Anglican Church

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** Next evening is March 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm @ Dorothy Wikkerink's home. E-mail Dorothy for address [dorothyrenema@hotmail.com](mailto:dorothyrenema@hotmail.com)

**Spring Women's Retreat:** If you are craving fun, rest, and connection with other women, be sure to set aside March 10-12<sup>th</sup> for a spring retreat in beautiful Pender Harbour. Registration deadline is February 26<sup>th</sup>. For more details please speak with Pam Lang 604-892-4845 [pamlang2011@gmail.com](mailto:pamlang2011@gmail.com) or, Heather Kennedy 778-997-5017 [heather.lj.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:heather.lj.kennedy@gmail.com)

**Faith on Tap:** March 16<sup>th</sup> at The NEST in Brackendale at 8:00 pm.

**Christ in the Arts:** Christ often uses the arts to draw people to Himself in the most powerful yet subtle ways. We want to celebrate this reality at the River so if you have a song, poem, a video clip or mini movie you've put together, a play, mime, dance or painting, we'd love to celebrate it in any one of our CWG's. So, if you're interested in adding your name to a ARTS data-base please let Darcy know. Thank you!!



# 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](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**River Kids Preschool - Gr.7:** These kids are dismissed from the service and meet in the far hallway.

**Kindergarten – Gr 7:** Teachers are Adam Wray and Kenda Reimer. After being dismissed from the service, we meet in the far hallway.

**Little Dippers:** No designated teachers. This is a parent participation/supervision area where parents are responsible for their own children. This area is a carpeted location just inside the first hallway across from the gym. We have toys, books, etc for the kids and a speaker so adults can still hear the service. Because of noise, we ask that there is no running in the hallway while the service is on. As fun as it is, it does make it difficult for those near the back to hear.

## 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 Allyson Huguet, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at [www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife](http://www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife).

### 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 [mail4jimn@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jimn@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>

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** Learn to listen for God's voice for one another. Mar 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Dorothy Wikkerink's home. <http://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/deep-stream-growth-events>

**Women's Bible Study:** Bible Study in the Gospel of John. Monday's from Sept – May 7-9 pm at Squamish Community Church. <http://www.intheriver.ca/events/womens-study/2016-09-19>

**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:** 1st & 3rd Thursday nights monthly. Next events are March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at The NEST in Brackendale at 8:00 pm. <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

## Fueling Thought

"The table is one of the most intimate places in our lives. It is there that we give ourselves to one another. When we say, 'Take some more, let me serve you another plate, let me pour you another glass, don't be shy, enjoy it,' we say a lot more than our words express. We invite our friends to become part of our lives. We want them to be nurtured by the same food and drink that nurture us. We desire communion. That is why a refusal to eat and drink what a host offers is so offensive. It feels like a rejection of an invitation to intimacy. Strange as it may sound, the table is the place where we want to become food for one another. Every breakfast, lunch, or dinner can become a time of growing communion with one another."

— Henry Nouwen