

Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Oct 31)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 39,100	\$ 69,968	\$ (30,868)
Expenses	<u>\$ 46,294</u>	<u>\$ 49,670</u>	<u>\$ (3,376)</u>
	\$ (7,194)	\$ 20,298	\$ (27,492)

The River has been running a deficit for the period of from July to October of \$7,194. Donations are down \$30,865 - so a chunk beyond the \$24K one-time gift received last year. For the month of October, we saw a deficit of \$2,411. Looking at November, it does look like donations are going to be up this month compared to last year. Thank you Jesus!

Thank you to all of you who faithfully give to support the River. It's because of your faithful, sacrificial gift, that the River Church Family has the presence it does in our wonderful community.
We thank God for each and every one of you.

Upcoming Church Gatherings

Dec 16th – Simple Church

Dec 23rd – City Wide @ Don Ross

Dec 24th – Candlelight Service @ BAG Chapel & Don Ross

Dec 30th – Church Has Left the Building

Jan 6th – Simple Church @ Don Ross



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The River Church

City Wide Gathering December 9th, 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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News & Events

Dec 12th 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>

Dec 19th Community Christmas Care - Packing Day: To find out how you can be involved lease go to www.communitychristmascare.com

Dec 20th Community Christmas Care - Delivery Day: To find out how you can be involved lease go to www.communitychristmascare.com

Dec 22nd Christmas Dinner: Squamish Community Church and The River Church will be having a combined Christmas dinner. Sign-up at the Book Table.

Dec 23rd Elderly Hymn Service: 2pm @ Hilltop House. Contact Dorothy Wikkerink dorothyrenema@hotmail.com or 604-849-6205 <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/hilltop-house>

Dec 24th Candles at the Gallery: 5pm cozy and unplugged candlelight service @ Brackendale Art Gallery Chapel. Come early, space is limited.

Dec 24th Candles in the Hall: 6:30pm @ Don Ross Secondary. Family friendly candlelight service with traditional carols, children's story, advent candle and Christmas message. Each child will leave with a special treat.

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>

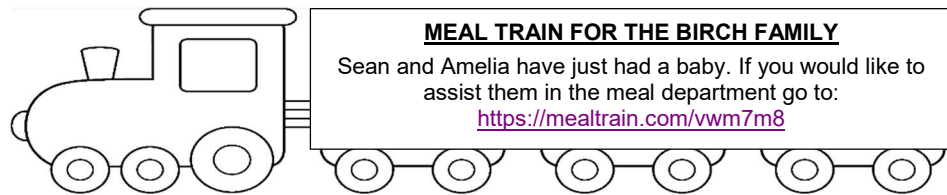
Jan 3rd Faith on Tap: 7:30pm @ The Reimer's

Jan 8th Women's Group: 7:30pm @ Dorothy's (#32-40653 Tantalus Rd)

Jan 12th 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.

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE BIRCH FAMILY

Sean and Amelia have just had a baby. If you would like to assist them in the meal department go to: <https://mealtrain.com/vwm7m8>



Fueling Thought

One thing we know for sure about our God: Our God is a God of the living, not of the dead.
God is life. God is love. God is beauty. God is goodness. God is truth.
God doesn't want us to die. God wants us to live.

Our God, who loves us from eternity to eternity, wants to give us life for eternity.

When that life was interrupted by our unwillingness to give our full yes to God's love, God sent Jesus to be with us and to say that great yes in our name and thus restore us to eternal life.

So, let's not be afraid of death. There is no cruel boss, vengeful enemy, or cruel tyrant waiting to destroy us - only a loving, always forgiving God, eager to welcome us home. —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 mail4jimm@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 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 Jan 3rd @ 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