

Money, Faith & Worship:

River Financials for May

Donations were down \$4200 for the month, from May 2017. It looks like that mainly resulted because the piano donation last year went through in May 2017, and then from overall less donations being made this year (47 donations in May 2017, compared to 26 donations in May 2018).

Overall for the year, donations are up \$12,500 from last year, but that includes the extra \$23K gift, so without that, we'd be down \$10,500. Expenses for the year are down \$4280, and May's expenses are consistent with the prior year.

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.

Church Gatherings

Every Sunday

10 am @ Various Locations

See 'News & Events' in this brochure, or visit:

www.intheriver.ca

PRAY WITH US:

- Purchase or lease a new space, or stay @ Don Ross?
- Are we living up to our Values and Mission?



City Wide Gathering July 1st, 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. 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. When there is a 5th Sunday in a month, we do something we call "The Church Has Left the Building", where we go after what God has put on our hearts 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

July 3rd–6th Squamish Sports Camp: For Grades 1-6. Sponsored by The Rock Church. 8:30am-Noon @ Squamish Elementary. \$35 per child. Register online.
www.therocksquamish.com/sports

July 8th CWG: 10am @ Don Ross

July 12th Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's

July 14th 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.

July 15th CWG: 10am @ Les & Elina's
41500 Meadow Ave

July 22nd CWG: 10am @ Don Ross

July 29th CWG: 10am @ Alice Lake Far Beach

August 5th CWG: 10am @ Don Ross

August 12th Baptism Sunday: 10am @ Les & Elina's. The River likes to save baptisms for the Summer, so we can use a pool or the lake, rather than a bucket and a kiddie pool. If you want to be baptized, to learn more about what baptism is, or feel like God is giving you the nudge, please come and talk to Pastor Darcy or text him at 604-848-8007
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/baptism-sunday/2018-08-12>

Aug 16th Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's

Aug 19th CWG: 10am @ Don Ross

Aug 19th Elderly Hymn Service: 2pm @ Hilltop House. To volunteer contact Dorothy Wikkerink dorothyrenema@hotmail.com or 604-849-6205
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/hilltop-house>

Aug 26th CWG: 10am @ Alice Lake Far Beach

Aug 30th Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's

Sep 2nd CWG: 10am @ Don Ross

Sep 9th Fall Kickoff BBQ: 10am @ Don Ross. We are planning a big party to kick off the year so mark your calendars!! Pastor Darcy will share the Vision for the future, as part of a shortened version of our CWG, then a bunch of "old-school" relay type games, with a BBQ! Let's look to start the year off with a bang, giving our amazing God all the glory for what He's up to in us and our wonderful community!!

<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/fall-kick-off-cwg-bbq-games/2018-09-09>

Sep 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>

Sep 16th–Oct 14th Month of Prayer: Something we at the River have been doing for several years is devoting either January or September (or both) as a month of prayer. Mark your calendars for Sept 16-Oct 14! We will post our prayer locations, and what this will look like as we get closer to the date.

<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/annual-month-of-prayer/2018-09-16>

Sep 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 a few times a year when there is a 5th Sunday in that month. The first one is smack-dab in the middle of our month of prayer so likely we will incorporate both themes on that Sunday. 10am @ Don Ross.

<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/church-has-left-the-building>

Sep 30th Elderly Hymn Service: 2pm @ Hilltop House. To volunteer contact Dorothy Wikkerink

Fueling Thought

The word is always a word for others. Words need to be heard. When we give words to what we are living, these words need to be received and responded to. A speaker needs a listener. A writer needs a reader. When the flesh - the lived human experience - becomes word, community can develop. When we say, "Let me tell you what we saw. Come and listen to what we did. Sit down and let me explain to you what happened to us. Wait until you hear whom we met," we call people together and make our lives into lives for others. The word brings us together and calls us into community. When the flesh becomes word, our bodies become part of a body of people. — 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): 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.

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

Tantalus Simple Church: 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf
mail4jmn@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

Growth Streams

Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month 7:30 – 9:30 pm. 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. Free of charge, no side-effects, plenty of benefits. Contact Claudia to set up an appointment: 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 July 12th at The Reimer's .
www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap