

Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Feb28 th)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 127,921	\$ 111,076	\$ 16,845
Expenses	\$ 98,992	\$ 106,003	\$ (7,010)
	\$ 28,929	\$ 5,074	\$ 23,855

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

Every Sunday

@ Don Ross Middle School

42091 Ross Road, Brackendale

THINGS WE'RE PRAYING INTO RIGHT NOW:

- Proposal to Easter Seal – Property, etc.
- Current ALPHA group

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

March 18th, 2018

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

Mar 25th Women's Group Spiritual
Direction: 7-9pm Location TBA. Contact Kenda for more info.

Mar 27th "Moga": 60-minute men's yoga with a focus on stretching. Every other Tuesday. 7:20pm @ 13-1188 Wilson Cres. Cost \$15. Contact Heather Kennedy

Mar 28th 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.

Apr 5th Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's. Chapter 9
www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap

Apr 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.

Apr 19th Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's. Chapter 10
www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap

May 25-27th Men's Retreat: @ Camp Kawkawa in Hope. Team up with two other Alliance churches for various service projects: yardwork, landscaping, construction. Evenings are free for fellowship, or time to ourselves. The cost of this retreat is FREE, in exchange for our service. Contact Richard Hoshino
richard.hoshino@gmail.com

May 26th Movie Night: Disney's Ratatouille (rated G) showing at The Squamish Adventure Centre at 7:00 pm. Bring your friends ☺ \$2 per person / \$5 per family to cover costs. Bring change for chips, water or pop, which will be sold for 50 cents each.

May 27th 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.



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.

Growth Streams Available

Tantalus Simple Church: 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf
mail4jimm@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

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 Apr 5th @ the Reimer's
www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap

Women's Group Spiritual Direction: Next dates Apr22 & May20 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
www.intheriver.ca/community/deep-stream-growth-events

Daring Way: 8-week workshop exploring vulnerability, courage, shame, and worthiness. Every other Wed, 6:30-8:30pm @ the Funk's (16-40653 Tantalus Rd) Cost \$150 Open to 6 participants. Info:
www.intheriver.ca/events/the-daring-way

Fueling Thought

It is good to visit people who are sick, dying, shut in, handicapped, or lonely. But it is also important not to feel guilty when our visits have to be short or can only happen occasionally. Often, we are so apologetic about our limitations that our apologies prevent us from really being with the other when we are there. A short time fully present to a sick person is much better than a long time with many explanations of why we are too busy to come more often. If we are able to be fully present to our friends when we are with them, our absence too will bear many fruits.

Our friends will say: "He visited me" or "She visited me,"
and discover in our absence the lasting grace of our presence.

– Henri Nouwen