

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 3rd

December 10th

December 17th

December 24th – No Morning CWG – Evening Candlelight Services

December 31st – not located at Don Ross – location TBA

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

November 26th, 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

Dec 3rd Baby Shower: Women are invited to celebrate two special ladies and their beautiful babies: Catherine & baby Caleb, and Katie & baby Elizabeth. 2-4pm @ Grace Neudorf's (2655 Rhum&Eigg Dr) RSVP to mail4gracen@gmail.com 604-849-1539 or heather.lj.kennedy@gmail.com 778-997-5017

Dec 7th Faith on Tap: 8pm – location TBA. Chapter 2 of Speaking of Jesus by Carl Medearis <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Dec 14th Family Support Group: Hosted by the North Shore Schizophrenia Society. For family members of those struggling with their mental health. Second Thursday of every month 7-8:30pm @ Howe Sound Brew Pub, in the map room.

Dec 16th Tin See See Yi “My Friends” Christmas Dinner: Totem Hall @ 5pm. The River will be joining some of the Squamish Nation in putting on a Christmas Dinner for the less fortunate in our community. To pull it off these are the areas that we need help: delivering flyers to Castlerock & River Stones, helping do a kid's craft, help serve food, help clean afterwards, lead in Christmas Carols. To be involved, please contact Pastor Darcy

Dec 17th Women's Group Spiritual Direction: 7-9pm at the Wikkerink's. Contact Kenda for more info.

Dec 24th Sunday Christmas Eve: Sunday morning CWG is cancelled in light of the Candlelight Services in the evening.

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

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

Dec 31st 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.

➤ **Acoustic Led Worship:** Gather around the warmth of a fire, worshipping through scripture, communion, singing, and prayer. Possibly some wieners and marshmallows. If you want to help make this happen, please let Darcy know.

➤ **Sledding at Alice Lake:** (depending on snow) from 1:30-3:30pm. If you want to spear-head this, please let Darcy know.

➤ **New Year's Eve gathering at someone's home:** It would be awesome if we opened up a home where people could gather together to bring in the new year with good food and fellowship. 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.

Fueling Thought

"God hides. God makes Himself known. God hides. This pattern runs throughout the Scriptures. A holy hide-and-seek, the pattern is not accidental nor unintentional. It is rooted in the very nature of things in the Christian life. Christianity whose God is not hidden is not Christianity at all. But why is this so? That which is obvious is an object. Objects are inert, static and passive. The tree in my front yard is objectively there (or so it seems). Generally, I can ignore the tree – or not. That's what objects are good for. They ask nothing of us. The freedom belongs entirely to us, not to them. This is the function of an idol – to make a god into an object. He/she/it must be there. The idol captures the divine, objectifies it and renders it inert and passive. The God of the Christians smashes idols. He will not stay put or become a passive participant in our narcissism. He is not the God-whom-I-want." – Stephen Freedman Glory of God for All Things Blog



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 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

Men's Group: 2nd & 4th 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. 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 Nov 23rd - location TBA <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Women's Group Spiritual Direction: Dec 17th 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>