

### Money, Faith & Worship:

Bank balance as of Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 5,516
Fund balance is in a deficit of	\$ 3,000

November Revenue	\$ 9,523
November Expenses	\$ 10,242

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

January 15<sup>th</sup>

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

January 29<sup>th</sup>

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program

Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 – 9:45 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

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** Next evening is Jan 8<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).

**Sitting at Jesus' Feet:** Once again, we will be spending the month of January making extra time for prayer. We are encouraging everyone to spend an extra 10min per day being quiet with Jesus - sitting at his feet. Then, on Feb 1, we will have a potluck (details to come) to share about how that was for us. For some of us, this may open a whole new depth in our relationship with Jesus. There is no "prize" for doing all 30 days so whatever portion you do is between you and God. For those who benefit from doing things together, you can give your name to Claudia and she will connect you with others wanting the same - for encouragement not competition. The point is to spend time with Jesus experiencing that relationship not to complete a task. As we know, relationships grow through time spent together. If you have questions/concerns at any point in the month, please don't hesitate to contact Claudia, Darcy or Kenda.

<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/sitting-at-jesus-feet-january-prayer/2017-01-04>

**Corporate Prayer:** January 15<sup>th</sup> in the evening at Darcy's office. The time is still to be confirmed.

**UNITE Worship Night at Brackendale Art Gallery:** January 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. A wonderful "Space for God" time-out!

**Know Yourself Deep Stream:** January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Reimer's. Open to everyone – teen to adult. This time we will be looking at 5 fold ministries. This is in line with spiritual gifts but a little clearer, I think, in living this out every day. Please keep looking for updates on how to prepare for this one as I'm still working that out.

**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. If you have a song, poem, a video clip or mini movie you've put together, a play, mime or painting, we'd love to celebrate it! If interested, please let Darcy know.

**Levite Summit:** Mar 3rd – 4th 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.



# 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 or 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

**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>

**Deep Stream / Know Yourself:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night of the month. Jan 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm at the Reimer's. <http://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/deep-stream-growth-events>

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** Learn to listen for God's voice for one another. Jan 8<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>

**JOURNEY Discipleship Track:** North Shore Alliance Church in North Vancouver Monday's 7-9:45 pm Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – March <http://www.intheriver.ca/events/journey-discipleship-track/2016-10-17>

**Faith on Tap:** 1st & 3rd Thursday nights monthly. Next events are Jan 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at The NEST in Brackendale at 8:00pm. <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

## Fueling Thought

"Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive. Forgiveness does not mean excusing.

Forgiving and being forgiven are two names for the same thing.

The important thing is that a discord has been resolved.

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

CS Lewis