

## 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.

## Upcoming Church Gatherings

Sep 30<sup>th</sup> – Church Has Left the Building, meet @ Don Ross 10am

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Simple Church

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – City Wide @ Don Ross

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – Simple Church

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – City Wide @ Don Ross



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## City Wide Gathering September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

## Sep 16<sup>th</sup>–Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (or consider joining the Elderly Hymn Service at Hilltop).

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

## Sep 30<sup>th</sup> Elderly Hymn Service:

2pm @ Hilltop House. Contact Dorothy Wikkerink [dorothyrenema@hotmail.com](mailto:dorothyrenema@hotmail.com) or 604-849-6205

<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/hilltop-house>

## Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month.

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Capture Your Heart AGM:** The River's annual AGM will be held Sunday October 14th from 7:30-9:15pm. Location TBA

## Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap: 8pm @ the Reimer's

## Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Elder & Simple Church Leader Training:

Mark your calendars everyone! November 2-3 Friday Night and Saturday Day-Retreat here in Squamish, where we will take a day and a bit to be together, "work-on" the church, rather than "work-in". We want to do a better job training and equipping our Simple Church Leaders (and future leaders), along with our elders. I guess you could say this is kind of like a pre-season training camp. It would be Friday night 7:30 - 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Location yet to be determined!

Next Week:

CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Need ideas?

Visit the website at:

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

## Fueling Thought

Christianity teaches that, contra fatalism, suffering is overwhelming; contra Buddhism, suffering is real; contra karma, suffering is often unfair; but contra secularism, suffering is meaningful.

There is a purpose to it, and if faced rightly, it can drive us like a nail deep into the love of God and into more stability and spiritual power than you can imagine.

– Timothy Keller



# 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](mailto: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](https://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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf [mail4jimn@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jimn@gmail.com) or 604-898-4277

**Paradise Valley Simple Church:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 10:00 am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley. [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Don Ross Simple Church:** Pastor Darcy & Kenda will be leading a creative, fun, simple church every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. This way if visitors come to Don Ross on a Sunday, there will always be a church gathering there. Our hope is that this Simple Church becomes a launch pad for many other Simple Churches throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor.

## Growth Streams

**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 [www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group](https://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](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com). Also, if this type of ministry interests you, please talk to Claudia about becoming involved.

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**Faith on Tap:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm. The next one is Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at The Reimer's . [www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap](https://www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap)