

Money, Faith & Worship:

	Monthly	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD
Revenue	\$ 9,893	\$ 45,639	\$ 19,814
Expenses	\$ 12,565	\$ 23,257	\$ 26,651
	\$ (2,672)	\$ 22,382	\$ (6,838)

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

Books We're Reading Right Now

Darcy

Science and the Trinity by John Polkinghorne

Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Not the Religious Type by Schmelzer

Speaking of Jesus: the art of not-evangelism by Carl Medearis

Kenda

Surrender to Love by David Benner

The Voice of Jesus by Gordon Smith

Just because we read something doesn't mean we buy into the book 'hook, line, and sinker'.

In everything we read, view, or listen discernment needs to be engaged.

Eat the chicken, spit out the bones.

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

September 24th, 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

Sep 10-30th Month of Prayer: An invitation to prayer for everyone. Take time through the month to ask Jesus specific questions (listed on the River Church website). At the end of our 21 days of prayer we will all come together to share what we heard and received from the Holy Spirit. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/month-of-prayer/2017-09-10>

Sep 24th Prayer is an Adventure: Quest University Gym 1:30pm. Outside prayer event bike-riding up the new Legacy Trail, spending time praying over Squamish on the way up and at the top. Bring enough food and water to sustain the climb, and a well-tuned bike. This will be a big climb, so if you're not in riding shape this might not be for you.

Sep 28th Faith on Tap: 8pm location TBA. Chapter 21 from Wild Man to Wise Man. <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Oct 10th Deep Stream Info Meeting: The Bible as one continuing story of God and His people. Steve Klassen's at 7pm @ #29-1821 Willow Cres (Willow Village). Complex parking limited, please park on Willow Cres. Contact Steve or Kenda for info.

Oct 14th Boys2Men: 10:30am – 3pm First inaugural event (quarterly) where men of the church spend time with the boys (12 years old and up). Meet at Bean Coffee and head up to the Squamish Valley. Hot dogs, smokies, and BBQ provided. Please bring drinks and a folding chair. Details to follow.

Nov 4th Movie Night & Sermon: 7:15pm The Shack @ Don Ross. \$2 fee to cover costs. Chips and popcorn will be sold at cost.

Nov 19th Brunch Sunday: Designed to be visitor friendly, with extended time around the table; allowing for conversation and connection. How we listen, interact, and share a meal with one another is all part of our worship. Please come and engage. Everyone is encouraged to bring some breakfast-type food to share.

Fueling Thought

Everything that comes from God asks for an open and faithful heart. We cannot live with hope and joy in the end-time unless we are living in a state of preparedness. We have to be careful because, as the Apostle Peter says: "Your enemy the devil is on the prowl like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5.8). Therefore Jesus says: "Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened by debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life. ... Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to hold your ground before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:34-36).

That's what living in the Spirit of Jesus calls us to.

- 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.

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 <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 Sep28th Location TBA <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Women's Group Spiritual Direction: Coming again soon. Time/location TBD

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 @ Steve Klassen's #29-1821 Willow Cres. Limited parking in complex; park on Willow Crescent. To order a book email Steve sklassen@telus.net