

## Money, Faith & Worship:

Thank you, again, to everyone who donates on a regular basis to The River Church.

As you know this fall and early winter has been tough. For several months we as a church experienced a shortfall of \$2200 every month which has almost used up our 'cash buffer. Thankfully once we put the word out you as a church stepped up and responded. In fact since November 1<sup>st</sup> we saw just shy of \$10,000 come in monthly, which is what the River needs to pay our bills! So we are so very grateful.

But we want to do more than simply pay our bills; we want to pursue the Kingdom Vision God has for us this coming year. To help us pursue that, we encourage those of you who have not considered giving regularly to The River to prayerfully do so. To help you in the spiritual discipline/act of worship of giving we have made a number of options available for you. Please check out [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca) under Donate to learn how.

## Our upcoming City Wide Gatherings:

February 8<sup>th</sup>

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup>

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2015

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program



**About Us:** The River Church is built on a Simple Church model. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of every month are City Wide Gatherings; at our City Wide Gatherings the entire River community comes together for worship and scriptural teaching. In the weeks in between, Simple Churches meet, often in homes.

**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:** To be a people who live by faith, who are known by love and who are a voice of hope to the world.

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### Pastoral Staff:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Darcy Reimer  
Kids & Counseling: Kenda Reimer

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# News & Events

**RUSH Youth Conference: The RUSH** annual youth & young adults conference is happening February 20-22, 2015 at Kelowna Secondary School in Kelowna, BC. They are passionate about seeing youth & young adults grow deeper in their faith or finding Jesus for the first time. **RUSH** is a weekend packed with amazing music, friends, and fun with a wide variety of activity options and service opportunities. Download an info package from [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca) events page for details.

**ALPHA COURSE: The course begins Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the BAG. We encourage you to invite your spiritually curious friends.** The talk for that first evening, our "Intro Night" is: Is there more to life than this? Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant? The location is still to be announced so please pray with us that this need and other needs will be met. For more information please contact Claudia Weiland.

**ALPHA SUNDAY February 8<sup>th</sup>:** If you have never been a part of an ALPHA Course, or you have spiritually curious friends who want to know what makes the Christian Faith unique, or have those same questions yourself, we encourage you to be at the River for the February 8<sup>th</sup> CWG. The topic for the morning will be "Christianity, Boring Untrue and

Irrelevant?" Then open it up for Q & A afterwards.

**Watoto Children's Choir:** Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Squamish Community Church. We need people willing to billet groups of 3-4 people (1 Leader / 3 children ratio). If you are interested please grab a form at the Book Table or contact Pastor Darcy.

**Relationship Remedy Workshop:** Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm at Elaho Medical Clinic. Please note that this is an educational class not a therapy class so you're not required to share your personal details. Do you sometimes hold back from sharing out of fear of your partner's reaction? Sometimes do you hurt each other's feelings and don't know how to fix it? Do you often feel misunderstood and find it easier to avoid difficult conversations? Do you fear that you're becoming emotionally disconnected? Or do you feel good about your communication with your partner and want to learn ways to further deepen your connection?

**Rick Watts Lecture:** Tonight January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Neudorf's (2655 Rum & Egg, Highlands) at 7 pm.



# 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 gym.

**Age 3 - Kindergarten:** meet in one half of the gym and are led by a rotation of teens/young adults. Parents will be found to help their child who needs bathroom help.

**Gr 1-7:** meet in the other half of the gym and are led by a rotation of adults.

**Little Dippers:** Nursery/Toddlers. This room is located in the classroom across the hall from the gym. You are welcome to either drop off your child or stay in the room with them. Parents are responsible for trips to the bathroom and diaper changes. This room is run by a rotation of parents and possibly some

pre-teen helpers. Parents need to sign in/out their own child.

## 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 Mat Chamberlain, our Young Life Leader at [matchamberlain@mac.com](mailto:matchamberlain@mac.com) or at [www.facebook.com/pages/Squamish-YoungLife](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Squamish-YoungLife).

**"In the Flow" Kid's Mt Bike Riding Camp:** Riding Camp had their first ride May 16<sup>th</sup> so we've begun another season! Please get your registration forms in and your bike's tuned up!

## Simple Churches

**Youth Gr. 8-12 – Every Wed night at North Shore Alliance in North Vancouver. This age group is also supporting Young Life**  
Contact: Darcy & Kenda Reimer  
[darcy@intheriver.ca](mailto:darcy@intheriver.ca) or 604-848-8007

**Pre-Teen Gr. 6-8 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Nights of the Month 6-8:00 pm at the Reimer's**  
Contact Darcy & Kenda Reimer  
[darcy@intheriver.ca](mailto:darcy@intheriver.ca) or 604-848-8007

**Valleycliffe – Sunday mornings at 10 am**  
Host Home: Mario & Anne Iacovone  
[maiacovone@sahw.ca](mailto:maiacovone@sahw.ca) or 604.898.9300

**Brackendale II – Sunday Nights 6-8:00 pm** Roaming/Shared Contact Geoff Isaac @ 778-837-2548 or [ilaughed5@yahoo.ca](mailto:ilaughed5@yahoo.ca)

**Tantalus – Sunday 5:30pm**  
Roaming/Shared Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf  
[mail4jimn@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jimn@gmail.com) or 604.898.4277

**Brackendale – Sunday Mornings at 10 am** Roaming/Shared Contact Rolf and Christine Rutishauser [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Simple Church of 2,3 or 4. To get one started please talk to Pastor Darcy**

## Fueling Thought

*"What we need to dig up, recover, and find again is the life of the Kingdom and Jesus' community – the church. As we do, we'll find that it's not American...it's other world; it's not evangelicalism, it's much more holistic and integrated into real life. It's not anti-church; it's pro-church. It's about the type of church that Jesus would go to, the type he died to give flight to. It's not about success, size of buildings (or any building at all), budget, or 'salvations.' It is about being faithful to live Christ's alternative ways in the world again."*

*Tangible Kingdom by Hugh Halter*