

### Money, Faith & Worship:

	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 103,102	\$ 71,051	\$ 32,051
Expenses	\$ 70,331	\$ 76,761	\$ (2,868)
	\$ 17,430	\$ (5,714)	\$ 26,496

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

@ Don Ross Middle School

42091 Ross Road, Brackendale

February 18<sup>th</sup>

February 25<sup>th</sup>

March 4<sup>th</sup>

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program

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

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Inter-Church Men's Breakfast:** @ Squamish Baptist Church. 7:30 am start for guys who want to help make breakfast; 8:30 am start for guys who want to get to know some men from the other churches. This event happens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month.

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm @ the Reimer's. Chapter 6  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Elder Gatherings - Board & Prayer:** The River models an open culture, no secrets. Anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. 2<sup>nd</sup> is a standard meeting; 4<sup>th</sup> is devoted to prayer. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info.

**Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer 2018:** "All God's Creation Is Very Good" This year's focus is the country of Suriname. 2pm @ St John's Anglican Church. For more information contact Pam Tattersfield 604-966-1161

**Mar 7<sup>th</sup> The Daring Way:** Byrdie Funk is offering an 8-week workshop exploring vulnerability, courage, shame, and worthiness. Focus on developing shame resilience skills and daily practices that transform the way we live, love, parent, and lead. The goal to become more resilient, grow emotionally & spiritually, and experience renewal. 6:30-8:30pm @ the Funk's (16-40653 Tantalus Rd) Cost \$150 (includes all materials) Open to 6 participants. For more information please check out  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/the-daring-way/2018-02-07>

**Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm @ the Reimer's. Chapter 7  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch:** Extended time around the table - sharing breakfast together. We will have a teaching time, singing and prayer. Please bring something breakfast(y) to share. Coffee, juice and tea will be provided. Please bring your own coffee mug.

## Tax Receipts

All tax receipts have been sent by email so if anyone has not received their tax receipt, please let us know.

### Fueling Thought

What can we say about God's love? We can say that God's love is unconditional. God does not say, "I love you, if ..." There are no ifs in God's heart. God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. God's love for us existed before we were born and will exist after we have died. God's love is from eternity to eternity and is not bound to any time-related events or circumstances. Does that mean that God does not care what we do or say? No, because God's love wouldn't be real if God didn't care. To love without condition does not mean to love without concern. God desires to enter into relationship with us and wants us to love God in return.

Let's dare to enter into an intimate relationship with God without fear, trusting that we will receive love and always more love.



# 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.

## 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 [mail4jim@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jim@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](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**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>

**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.

**Faith on Tap:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm. The next ones is Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Location TBA  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** Next date TBD 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>

**Families Dealing with Mental Illness:** Intensive 12-session course Feb 6 - Apr 24, 7-9:30pm @ Sea to Sky Community Services. Hosted by the North Shore Schizophrenia Society. For information and to register call Kathryn (604) 926-0856  
[www.northshoreschizophrenia.org](http://www.northshoreschizophrenia.org)