

Money, Faith & Worship:

	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	Variance
Revenue	\$52,107	\$50,395	\$1,712
Expenses	<u>57,738</u>	<u>58,700</u>	<u>(963)</u>
	\$ (5,631)	\$(8,305)	\$2,675

We know how convenient it is to give through tithe.ly but giving through a Pre-Authorized Debit is way more beneficial, as it eliminates the tithe.ly fee.

For those who write cheques, we are supposed to let you know to please make cheques payable to "The River Church" or "The River Squamish BC".

For year-end giving make sure the envelope is dated before January 2020!

River Church Wish List

For Those of Who Look For Creative Ways to Give Over and Above Your Regular Giving

- Our 2nd Mini-Portable Speaker \$750
- Office Rent in High Traffic Area \$7,200



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The River Church

City Wide Gathering January 12th, 2019

River Kids Program
Little Dippers Pre-School Program
Service Starts 10:00 am



About Us: The River Churches' guiding ideas are these: 'GET REAL' **G**race-Filled, **E**ngaged, **T**ruthful, **R**elational, **E**xperiential, **A**uthentic, **L**oving. One way we live this out, is by embracing a Simple Church Hybrid Model. The 1st and 3rd 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 2nd & 4th 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 5th Sunday in a month, we do something we call "Brunch Sundays". The early church was said to have regular times where they gathered to break bread, and enjoy a meal together. These Brunch Sundays are our attempt at making that happen. To learn more about what makes The River unique, please check out our website at 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

Month of Prayer: January 1st to January 31st. More information coming!

Hymn Service at Hilltop: Today at 2-3pm @ Hilltop House. For more info contact Dorothy Wikkerink at dorothyrenema@hotmail.com

Hearing God's Voice in Times of Choice Deep Stream January 17th & 18th **Location TBA** (Friday 7:30 – 9:30 pm / Sat 9:00 am to 12 noon). Everyone welcome.

Journey Discipleship Course: The 18-week Journey Discipleship Course provides a safe and supportive environment for people to worship, learn, share honestly, and listen for God's voice. Email Mardi to get more info mardids@nsac.bc.ca

Blazing Falcons Men's Night Comin in February: Stay tuned!!

March 29th Brunch Sunday: Bring something Brunchy to share; and perhaps a dessert. Hope you can make it!!

Encounter Freedom Deep Stream in May 1st & 2nd (Friday 7:30 – 9:30 pm & Sat 9:00 am to 12 noon). All Church and leadership encouraged to attend.

Meal Train: To join the Meal Train please touch base with Claudia Weiland at claudiauweiland@gmail.com

Conquer Series: “During Times of stress, anger, or fear, the limbic system overpowers the prefrontal cortex. This is the brain’s main impulse control center. Not fully developed until the age of 25, this is where moral decisions are made. The overpowering nature of the prefrontal cortex is especially challenging for those struggling with porn or sexual addiction. We tell ourselves we will be brave, and that today we will have victory...but it never seems to work.” Conquer Series combines both Science and Faith in this battle. Contact Pastor Darcy to learn more about this upcoming 10 – week course.

Fueling Thought

“Personally, as my struggle reveals, I don’t often “feel” like a beloved child of God. But I know that that is my most primal identity and I know that I must choose it above and beyond my hesitations. Strong emotions, self-rejection, and even self-hatred justifiably toss you about, but you are free to respond as you will. You are not what others, or even you, think about yourself. You are not what you do. You are not what you have. In times when you feel bad about yourself, try to choose to remain true to the truth of who you really are. Look in the mirror each day and claim your true identity.. As a spiritual practice claim and reclaim your primal identity as beloved daughter or son of a personal Creator.” Nouwen Jan 4, 2020



Living Out Jesus' Love

Children and Youth Programs

Vision: 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. For questions, comments or to volunteer, contact Kenda Reimer at kendar@intheriver.ca

Little Dippers (infant to school age): We have teachers on a rotation however, parents are welcome to stay with their children if need be. The format we use is story, pray, play. Whenever possible we use the carpeted room beside the main meeting space. If unavailable, we set up inside the hallway across from the gym. If you would like to be on this rotation, contact Kenda.

River Kids (kindergarten to Gr.6): The kids are dismissed after the singing. River Kids runs only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. On the 1st and 3rd weeks we strive to make the service inclusive for all ages. We encourage children to participate with the adults wherever they are meeting.

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 Huguét, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife.

Global Missions: Part of your general giving helps to fund Canadian CMA missionaries worldwide. We had a link agreement with Gaileen but she is now retiring. We are in discussion with other missionaries we know to start a relationship with them. We are excited about what this new partnership could look like.

Simple Churches

Tantalus: 5:30–8:30pm Contact: Richard Hoshino at richard.hoshino@gmail.com

Paradise Valley: 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley. rcruti@gmail.com

Growth Streams

Women's Group: We will again be meeting in triads bi-weekly and all together monthly. If you want to be part of a triad, please let me know this week as I want to put the groups together right away. I'm also looking for someone to help plan our fun group meetings. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Kenda kendar@intheriver.ca

Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard 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 all burdens to Jesus – they were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Pastor Kenda or Darcy, or Claudia claudiauweiland@gmail.com

Tuesday Bible Study through 1st & 2nd Peter & Jude / started Sept. 17th so not too late to join Contact Steve Klassen at sklassen@telus.net

Tuesday morning prayer

10:30 am the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Maria Shemko's 40119 Garibaldi Way. Contact Kenda for more details.

Spiritual Direction: Need a place where you can pay attention to God's communication to you, and grow in your intimacy with God? Perhaps Spiritual Direction is for you. For more information email Pastor Kenda or Pastor Darcy.