

Money, Faith & Worship:

	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 70,691	\$ 47,926	\$ 22,765
Expenses	\$ 49,717	\$ 51,970	\$ (2,253)
	\$ 20,973	\$ (4,044)	\$ (26,018)

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

December 10th

December 17th

December 24th – No Morning CWG – Evening Candlelight Services

December 31st – not located at Don Ross – location TBA



Caring for the less fortunate in our community. Please consider volunteering. Whatever you can do would be welcome! For more information please check out our website. www.communitychristmascare.com

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

December 3rd, 2017

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

TODAY Baby Shower: Women are invited to celebrate 2 special ladies and their babies: Catherine&Caleb, and Katie&Elizabeth. 2-4pm @ Grace's (2655 Rhum&Eigg Dr) RSVP to Grace 604-849-1539 or Heather 778-997-5017

Dec 7th Faith on Tap: 8pm – location TBA. Chapter 2 “Unfair Advantage” <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Dec 14th Family Support Group: Hosted by the North Shore Schizophrenia Society. For family members of those struggling with their mental health. Second Thursday of every month 7-8:30pm @ Howe Sound Brew Pub, in the map room.

Dec 16th Tin See See Yi “My Friends” Christmas Dinner: Totem Hall @ 5pm. The River will be joining the Squamish Nation putting on a Christmas Dinner for the less fortunate. The areas that need help: delivering flyers, helping do a kid’s craft, serving food, cleaning afterwards, lead in Christmas Carols. To be involved, contact Pastor Darcy

Dec 17th Women’s Group Spiritual Direction: 7-9pm at the Wikkerink’s. Contact Kenda for more info.

Dec 24th Sunday Christmas Eve: Morning CWG is cancelled in light of the Candlelight Services in the evening.

Dec 24th Candles at the Gallery: 5-6 pm at the Brackendale Art Gallery Chapel. Caroling, candle-lighting, and readings.

Dec 24th Candles in the Hall: 6:30-7:30pm at Don Ross. Caroling, children’s story, scripture readings, and personal Christmas reflections.

Dec 31st Sunday New Year’s Eve: The River is hoping to host the CWG at alternate locations (depending on involvement). If you’re interested helping make these events possible, please contact Pastor Darcy.

➤ **Acoustic Led Worship:** Gather around the warmth of a fire, worship through scripture, communion, singing, and prayer. If you want to help make this happen, please let Darcy know.

➤ **Sledding at Alice Lake:** (depending on snow) from 1:30-3:30pm. If you want to spear-head this, please let Darcy know.

➤ **New Year’s Eve gathering at someone’s home:** It would be awesome if we opened up a home for people to gather together to bring in the New Year. Have fun together, and take some time to pray into the New Year. If you want to be involved in making this happen, please let Darcy know.

New River Deep Stream: Byrdie Funk would like to offer The Daring Way course in Feb 2018. The course will explore topics such as vulnerability, courage, shame, and worthiness. We examine the thoughts, emotions, and behaviours that are holding us back and we identify the new choices and practices that will move us toward more authentic and wholehearted living. The primary focus is on developing shame resilience skills and developing daily practices that transform the way we live, love, parent, and lead. All with the goal of becoming more resilient, grow emotionally and spiritually, and experience renewal. For more information please check out <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/the-daring-way/2018-02-07>



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 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

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 Nov 23rd - location TBA <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Women’s Group Spiritual Direction: Dec 17th 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

Fueling Thought

"In so many ways we use and abuse our bodies. Jesus' coming to us in the body and his being lifted with his body in the glory of God call us to treat our bodies and the bodies of others with great reverence and respect. God, through Jesus, has made our bodies sacred places where God has chosen to dwell. Our faith in the resurrection of the body, therefore, calls us to care for our own and one another's bodies with love. When we bind one another's wounds and work for the healing of one another's bodies, we witness to the sacredness of the human body, a body destined for eternal life." – Henri Nouwen