

The River Church

City Wide Gathering March 10th, 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' Grace-Filled, Engaged, Truthful, Relational, Experiential, Authentic, Loving. 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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Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Jan 31 st)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 84,580	\$ 118,290	\$ (33,710)
Expenses	<u>\$ 83,064</u>	<u>\$ 85,542</u>	<u>\$ (2,478)</u>
	\$ 1,516	\$ 32,748	\$ (31,232)

Thank you to all of you who faithfully give to support the River. It's because of your faithful, sacrificial gift, that the River Church Family has the presence it does in our wonderful community.

We thank God for each and every one of you.

Upcoming Church Gatherings

Mar 17th – Simple Church

Mar 24th – City Wide

Mar 31st – Brunch Sunday

Apr 7th – Simple Church

Apr 14th – City Wide



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News & Events

Mon Mar 11th Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group

Tues Mar 12th The Letters of John: 8pm Tuesdays @ Matt and Byrdie's #16-40653 Tantalus Rd. Come prepared; read the chapter ahead of time. Note this study is not intended to replace Simple Church. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/deepstream-bible-study/2019-01-22>

Wed Mar 13th Elder Gatherings - Board & Prayer: The River models an open culture; anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. 2nd is a standard meeting; 4th is where CORE leaders pray for the River Family by name. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/elder-gatherings-board-prayer/2018-09-12>

Fri Mar 15th Praying Through Lent: Friday evenings 7:30-8:45pm until Apr12th. Gather in the presence of the One. Be with God in stillness, through scripture and prayer. 1485 Judd Road. contact Claudia (604)898-9676 claudiauweiland@gmail.com or Grace (604)849-1539 mail4gracen@gmail.com

Sun Mar 17th Elderly Hymn Service: 2-3pm @ Hilltop House. Contact Dorothy Wikkerink dorothyrenema@hotmail.com or 604-849-6205

Thurs Mar 21st Faith on Tap: 7:30pm @ The Reimer's <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Sun Mar 31st Brunch/Soup Sundays: 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.

Tues Apr 2nd Women's Group: 7:30pm @ Dorothy's (#32-40653 Tantalus Rd) <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/womens-group/2019-02-05>

Sat Apr 6th Boy who Harnessed the Wind: 7-10pm @ the Adventure Centre. Film screening of a Netflix movie, based on a book by William Kamkwamba. It is based in Malawi, about a boy who builds a windmill in his village to help escape famine. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/film-screening-boy-who-harnessed-the-wind/2019-04-06>

Sun Apr 28th Relationship, Marriage and Pre-Marriage Nights: 7:30-9pm @ the Bean Coffee Shop. Pastors open a particular topic, then couples work together. Geared for anyone, followers of Jesus or not. Cost is \$20 per couple. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/marriage-and-pre-marriage-date-nights/2019-03-14>

Fri May 10th Simple Church & Elders Training Weekend: Mandatory for all Simple Church & Elders and Future Leaders <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/simple-church-elders-training-weekend/2019-05-03>

Fueling Thought

Everything we know about Jesus indicates that he was concerned with only one thing: to do the will of his Father. Nothing in the Gospels is as impressive as Jesus' single-minded obedience to his Father. From his first recorded words in the Temple, "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" (Luke 2:49), to his last words on the cross, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46), Jesus' only concern was to do the will of his Father. He says, "The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees the Father doing" (John 5:19).

Jesus is the obedient one. The center of his life is this obedient relationship with the Father. This may be hard for us to understand because the word obedience has so many negative connotations in our society. It makes us think of authority figures who impose their wills against our desires. It makes us remember unhappy childhood events or hard tasks performed under threats of punishment. But none of this applies to Jesus' obedience. His obedience means a total, fearless listening to his loving Father. Between the Father and the Son there is only love. – 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): 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. Children this age are taught the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

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.

Simple Churches (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Sunday Night Simple Church: 5:45–8:30pm Contact: Heather & Andrew 778-991-0674 lucyandpumpkin@gmail.com, or Claudia & Peter 604-898-9676 claudiauweiland@gmail.com

Tantalus Simple Church: 5:30–8:30pm Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf mail4jimn@gmail.com or 604-898-4277

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

Don Ross Simple Church: 10am. Darcy & Kenda will be leading at Don Ross, this way there is always a gathering there. Our hope for this Simple Church is to become a launch-pad for other Simple Churches.

Growth Streams

Women's Group: 1st Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 @ Dorothy's. Practice listening to God's voice and try some ways of meeting with Jesus that people have been using throughout the ages. Group is open to everyone. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/womens-group/2019-02-05>

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 any burdens to Jesus that were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Claudia claudiauweiland@gmail.com

Faith on Tap: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm. www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap