

Money, Faith & Worship:

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| Bank balance | \$ 16,857 |
| Fund balance | \$ 13,633 |
| January Revenue | \$ 28,790 |
| January Expenses | \$ 13,322 |
| Year-to-date surplus | \$ 9,066 |

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

March 19th

March 26th

April 2nd

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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

March 12th, 2017

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program

Pre-Service Prayer 9:15 – 10:00 am

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

Faith on Tap: March 13th at 8:00 pm @ The Shady Tree. Topic for the evening will be chapter 5 "Men's Liberation" from Wild Man to Wise Man.

UNITE Worship Night at Brackendale Art Gallery: March 28th from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. A wonderful "Space for God" time-out!

Women's Group Spiritual Direction: Next evening is April 9th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm @ Dorothy Wikkerink's home. E-mail Dorothy for address dorothyrenema@hotmail.com

Christ in the Arts: Christ often uses the arts to draw people to Himself in the most powerful yet subtle ways. We want to celebrate this reality at the River so if you have a song, poem, a video clip or mini movie you've put together, a play, mime, dance or painting, we'd love to celebrate it in any one of our CWG's. So, if you're interested in adding your name to a ARTS data-base please let Darcy know. Thank you!!



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

River Kids Preschool - Gr.7: These kids are dismissed from the service and meet in the far hallway.

Kindergarten – Gr 7: Teachers are Adam Wray and Kenda Reimer. After being dismissed from the service, we meet in the far hallway.

Little Dippers: No designated teachers. This is a parent participation/supervision area where parents are responsible for their own children. This area is a carpeted location just inside the first hallway across from the gym. We have toys, books, etc for the kids and a speaker so adults can still hear the service. Because of noise, we ask that there is no running in the hallway while the service is on. As fun as it is, it does make it difficult for those near the back to hear.

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

Growth Streams Available

Tantalus Simple Church: 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf mail4jimn@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>

Women's Group Spiritual Direction: Learn to listen for God's voice for one another. Apr 9th @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Dorothy Wikkerink's home. <http://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/deep-stream-growth-events>

Women's Bible Study: Bible Study in the Gospel of John. Monday's from Sept – May 7-9 pm at Squamish Community Church. <http://www.intheriver.ca/events/womens-study/2016-09-19>

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: 1st & 3rd Thursday nights monthly. Next event is March 16th at The NEST in Brackendale at 8:00 pm. <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Fueling Thought

“God made a covenant with us. The word *covenant* means “coming together.” God wants to come together with us. In many of the stories in the Hebrew Bible, we see that God appears as a God who defends us against our enemies, protects us against dangers, and guides us to freedom. God is *God-for-us*. When Jesus comes a new dimension of the covenant is revealed. In Jesus, God is born, grows to maturity, lives, suffers, and dies as we do. God is *God-with-us*. Finally, when Jesus leaves he promises the Holy Spirit. In the Holy Spirit, God reveals the full depth of the covenant. God wants to be as close to us as our breath. God wants to breathe in us, so that all we say, think and do is completely inspired by God. God is *God-within-us*. Thus, God's covenant reveals to us how much God loves us.”

— Henry Nouwen