



## News and Events

**New CWG Schedule:** Starting this September, our City Wide Gathering's will move to the second and fourth Sunday of every month, starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Simple Churches will continue to gather on the first and third Sunday's of the month, and the fifth Sunday if there is one.

**The River Church Website:** Check out [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca) early this week for the launch of our new website! Staff have been working hard all summer to bring this new, updated and user friendly site. The website will be the quickest and easiest way to stay connected to the River community, so take a look!

**Kick-off Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>:** Next CWG is our Kick-off Sunday for the new fall season. We will be celebrating by having a soup lunch following the service. To help out by bringing a soup or something else, please contact Chantal Black at [c-black2@shaw.ca](mailto:c-black2@shaw.ca) or 604-898-3641

**Set-Up for Brackendale Fall Fair:** This is a great opportunity for us as the River Church to serve our community in love - especially all the folks who call Brackendale their home. Set up happens Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3 pm. Meet at the BAG. Darcy is going to be there and he would love it if he wasn't doing it alone, so come and join him!

**Bruxy Cavey is coming to Vancouver!** Bruxy Cavey is the author of the book 'End of Religion', which Darcy highly recommends. A must read. Event happens on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> and costs \$10, and participants will need to bring lunch. The River will pay for gas, so contact Darcy for carpooling info. at [info@intheriver.ca](mailto:info@intheriver.ca). Visit <http://www.churchplantingbc.com/events-calendar/> for more event information.

**Newcomers:** We're so glad you could come today! Fill out a communication card so we can get to know you better and get a free drink from Bean Around the World for your efforts! Talk to Samantha Chamberlain to get the Bean card.

**Why Everything Must Change:** A conference aimed at providing attendees with the information and tools to make positive, sustainable change a reality. **WEMC** encourages, empowers and equips participants to let go of their inhibitions and work towards making a difference in their world. Featuring speakers such as Brian McLaren, Shane Claiborne and others. Visit [www.ychange.ca](http://www.ychange.ca) for more information. Held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Alliance Church.

**Church Email List:** If you would like to be on the church email list, or if your email has changed, please fill out a communication card.



## City Wide Gathering

At The River, we meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Those two weeks we have our City Wide Gathering at Don Ross, where everyone in The River meets together. For the first and third (and fifth if there is one) we meet in smaller groups, known as Simple Churches (see insert for more information).

Here are the dates for our upcoming Celebration Gatherings:

September 11<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am

September 25<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am

October 9<sup>th</sup> 9:45 am

October 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:45 am

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## Transformation

**Open Door:** This ministry is directed towards Single Mothers and their children, They meet Monday mornings at 8:30am, Mountain Valley Mission, 37739 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. To hear more, contact Claudia Weiland at [weiland@shaw.ca](mailto:weiland@shaw.ca) or visit their website [www.singlemomsopendoor.com](http://www.singlemomsopendoor.com).

**You are part of a Missional Community:** Part of your general giving helps to fund one Canadian CMA missionary family worldwide. We have adopted Darrel and Katrina Wiens who work in Laos. To receive their prayer updates please e-mail [info@intheriver.ca](mailto:info@intheriver.ca). Read their past prayer letters at the book table.

**Place of Rescue:** This AIDS shelter/orphanage in Phnom Penh, Cambodia shelters parents with AIDS and their children in small family-style cottages. When parents die of AIDS, their children find a home here, too. Check out [www.placeofrescue.com](http://www.placeofrescue.com)

**Harada's:** Geff and Christine Harada work with the I'Wak tribe in the northern Philippines. Darcy first got to know Geff and his family as they worked alongside one another at North Shore Alliance Church. Geff is a phenomenal Mt. Biker - Darcy and Geff rode the North Shore together as well they both did a 24 hours of Adrenaline together. Geff and Christine have a huge heart for Jesus and sharing His love. To find out more about the Harada's check out our monthly updates posted on our Blog as well as the NTM website [http://www.ntm.org/wp/geff\\_harada/](http://www.ntm.org/wp/geff_harada/)



## Financial Information

In 2 Corinthians 8:7 Paul encourages the believers in the city of Corinth by writing: *"just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving"* Then, in the next verse, Paul points out that this is not a command but a test of *"the sincerity of your love"* Let us show the sincerity of our love by our giving. The money is used for the purposes of showing grace, whether through the work of Darcy and Kenda, Open Door, or the missions that we support. *"Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men and women will praise God for obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else."* 2 Cor 9:13



## River Kids

Contact Children's Ministry Coordinator, Kenda Reimer at [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca) .

**River Kids:** There is Sunday School for children ages 4 to grade 5 in the gym. Over the next while, River Kids will be focusing on "Work." We'll be learning how work is a gift from God. Each week we'll learn about one job from bible times and a character trait that is important for all workers. We'll also be hearing about Gladys Aylward - a missionary to China. Our class code is GMZGB, to explore more at home, go to [www.disciplezone.com](http://www.disciplezone.com).

**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.

**Little Dippers:** Sunday school for children ages 1-4 takes place at the same time as River Kids. It is located in the classroom across the hall from the gym. Our time together involves twenty minutes of story, rhyme, dance, and music followed by unstructured play. Please ensure that an adult caregiver accompanies children. We would love for your toddler or preschooler to join us as we wiggle, giggle, sing and learn about God! For more information, please contact Alexis Pelling at [apelling@shaw.ca](mailto:apelling@shaw.ca) or 604-815-8500.

**Club 427:** The next scheduled event is August 12<sup>th</sup> details TBA. Contact Darcy or Kenda for more info.



## Fueling Thoughts

"And words are important—immensely important. What we say and the way we say it expresses what is most personal and intimate in us. But mindlessly repeating holy words no more creates a relationship than saying "I love you" twenty times a day makes us skilled lovers."

- Eugene H. Peterson from *Run with the Horses* (pg.66)

**About Us. 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. Our Mission. We are a network of Simple Churches: immersed in the grace of God, listening to the Spirit, freed to live out Jesus' love.**

We, at The River Church, are focused on exploring and living out the teachings of God's Word. We are a community of Jesus followers, all on a journey to know God. We committed to experiencing true intimacy with God, trusting in Jesus Christ, and to allowing Him to change us to be the people He wants us to be. We invite you to join with us – whether you're already caught in the current or are just dipping your toes in.

The River Church is built on a simple church model, and is on a two week rotation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of every month are City Wide Gatherings, at our City Wide Gatherings, the entire River community comes together for worship and teaching. In the weeks in between, Simple Churches meet, often in homes.

We would love for you to join with us.

We are part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Family of Churches ([www.cmacan.org](http://www.cmacan.org)).