

### 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

### Our upcoming City Wide Gatherings:

December 24<sup>th</sup> (Candlelight Service) 6:30pm

January 8<sup>th</sup> 9:45am

January 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:45am

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program



**About Us.** 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. The River Church is built on a Simple Church model. 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. See inside this brochure for a list of our Simple Churches.

**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.

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Home: #19 – 40137 Government Rd.  
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# News & Events

**Missionary Visit:** From January 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, one of the missionaries, Gaileen, that Darcy connected with while on 'the island' will be visiting us. There will be 2 opportunities for everyone to visit with and listen to what is happening in her ministry and life, Sunday evening the 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> (details to be announced). We encourage everyone to attend one of these nights to show support to Gaileen and to learn about what God is doing in other parts of the world, from someone firsthand. If you have a Simple Church scheduled for this weekend, you may want to attend one of these evenings as your Simple Church.

**Operation Christmas Child Update:** This year, approx 3,000 shoeboxes were handed out in Squamish and the North Shore and a close number to that returned full. Thank you to all who filled a shoebox, every little bit helps - imagine the smiles our shoeboxes brought to a few wonderful children around the globe.

**Soup Lunch:** We will be having a soup lunch on the January 7<sup>th</sup> CWG. Please email [samanthac@intheriver.ca](mailto:samanthac@intheriver.ca) if you can bring a soup to share and/or some buns, cheese, desert etc... This is also another opportunity to meet Gaileen.

**Inter-Church Prayer Time:** Come and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month from 7pm-9pm at Mountain Valley Mission for an evening filled with worship and prayer, focusing on each of the churches in Squamish.

**2011 Donations:** If you are planning on making any donations to be counted in the 2011 tax year, donations must be received on or before Dec 31<sup>st</sup> (donations have to be in the hands of a River Church staff member). If donations are being mailed, the postmark must also be on or before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.



# Living Out Jesus' Love

## Local Missions

**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).

## Global Missions

**CMA Families:** 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.

**Harada's:** Geff and Christine Harada work with the I'Wak tribe in the northern Philippines. 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/)

## Children's Programs

**River Kids:** For the next while at RiverKids we will be exploring true worship. What does it mean to worship God? What does that look like? We will learn the names of God, which help us understand why we worship Him. The missionaries we'll hear about this time will be the Saint family who went to Ecuador. The curriculum we use has an online component for those interested. Go to [www.disciplezone.com](http://www.disciplezone.com) and enter the lesson code for the week (IC9) and the class code (GMZGB). This is a great resource for parents to disciple their kids at home and for using in Simple Church.

**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:** Events and information TBA.

## Simple Churches

**Paradise Valley – Sunday 9:30am**  
Host Home: Roaming/shared  
Contact: Rolf & Christine Rutishauser  
[rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com) or 604.898.9182

**Valleycliffe – Sunday 10:00am**  
Host Home: Mario & Anne Iacovone  
Contact: Anne Iacovone  
[maiacovone@sahw.ca](mailto:maiacovone@sahw.ca) or 604.898.9300

**Young Adults - Sunday 7:00pm**  
Host Home: Samantha & Andre Chamberlain  
Contact: Samantha [sama\\_chamberlain@yahoo.ca](mailto:sama_chamberlain@yahoo.ca)

**Garibaldi Estates – Sunday 10:30am**  
Host Home: Maria Shemko  
Contact: Maria Shemko  
[mariashemko@hotmail.com](mailto:mariashemko@hotmail.com) or 604.898.9134

**Garibaldi – Sunday 5:30pm**  
Host Home: Roaming/Shared  
Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf  
[mail4jim@telus.net](mailto:mail4jim@telus.net) or 604.898.4277  
Pat & Dave Carlin [dpcarlin@telus.net](mailto:dpcarlin@telus.net), or 604.898.5333

**20's, 30's and Young 40's – Wed. 7:00pm**  
Host home: Roaming/shared  
Contact: Mat and AnnaMarie Rutishauser at [flanderswannabe@gmail.com](mailto:flanderswannabe@gmail.com)

**Outside 4 Walls (Activity Group) – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month**  
Location: Check website for schedule and details  
Contact: [darcyr@intheriver.ca](mailto:darcyr@intheriver.ca) (604) 848-8007

### *Fueling Thought*

*God did not need to rest, rather he stopped to delight in and enter into his creation.*

*- Dan Alder, Sabbath*