

## Money, Faith & Worship:

	Monthly	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD
Revenue	\$ 9,893	\$ 45,639	\$ 19,814
Expenses	\$ 12,565	\$ 23,257	\$ 26,651
	\$ (2,672)	\$ 22,382	\$ (6,838)

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

## Books We're Reading Right Now

### Darcy

Science and the Trinity by John Polkinghorne

Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Not the Religious Type by Schmelzer

Speaking of Jesus: the art of not-evangelism by Carl Medearis

### Kenda

Surrender to Love by David Benner

The Voice of Jesus by Gordon Smith

*Just because we read something doesn't mean we buy into the book 'hook, line, and sinker'.*

*In everything we read, view, or listen discernment needs to be engaged.*

*Eat the chicken, spit out the bones.*

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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> The Story:** New 'Deep Stream' – The Bible as one continuing story of God and His people. Info meeting 7pm at Steve Klassen's house #29-1821 Willow Cres (Willow Village Townhouses) Limited parking, please park on Willow Cres. Contact Steve or Kenda

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm @ the Reimer's. Chapter 22 from Wild Man to Wise Man.  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Boys2Men:** 10:30am – 3pm First inaugural event (quarterly) where men of the church spend time with the boys (12 years old and up). Meet at Bean Coffee and head up to the Squamish Valley. Hot dogs, smokies, and BBQ provided. Please bring drinks and a folding chair. Details to follow.

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Movie Night & Sermon:** 7:15pm The Shack @ Don Ross. \$2 fee to cover costs. Chips and popcorn will be sold at cost.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Brunch Sunday:** Designed to be visitor friendly, with extended time around the table; allowing for conversation and connection. How we listen, interact, and share a meal with one another is all part of our worship. Please come and engage. Everyone is encouraged to bring some breakfast-type food to share.

## Fueling Thought

Often we remain silent when we need to speak. Without words, it is hard to love well. When we say to our parents, children, lovers, or friends: "I love you very much" or "I care for you" or "I think of you often" or "You are my greatest gift," we choose to give life. It is not always easy to express our love directly in words. But whenever we do, we discover we have offered a blessing that will be long remembered. When a son can say to his father, "Dad, I love you," and when a mother can say to her daughter, "Child, I love you," a whole new blessed place can be opened up, a space where it is good to dwell. Indeed, words have the power to create life.

– 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](mailto: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](https://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:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf [mail4jimn@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at the Reimer's <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** Coming again soon. Time/location TBD If you have any questions or know already you want to be part of this, please email Pastor Kenda at [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca) as it helps us get an idea of interest.

**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 @ Steve Klassen's #29-1821 Willow Cres. Limited parking in complex; park on Willow Crescent. To order a book email Steve [sklassen@telus.net](mailto:sklassen@telus.net)