Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Jan 31st)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 84,580	\$ 118,290	\$ (33,710)
Expenses	\$ 83,064	\$ 85,542	\$ (2,478)
	\$ 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

April 14th – Simple Church

April 19th – Good Friday 10-11am @ Don Ross

April 21st – CWG Easter / Resurrection Sunday

April 28th – Simple Church

May 5th – Simple Church

PLEASE NOTE: We have adjusted the schedule to accommodate Easter weekend





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City Wide Gathering April 7th, 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' **G**race-Filled, **E**ngaged, **T**ruthful, **R**elational, **E**xperiential, **A**uthentic, **L**oving. 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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News & Events

Wed Apr 10th 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/eldergatherings-board-prayer/2018-09-12

Fri Apr 12th 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

PLEASE NOTE: We have adjusted the Simple Church/CWG schedule in April to accommodate Easter weekend. Sun Apr 14th Simple Church Fri Apr 19th Good Friday at Don Ross Sun Apr 21st CWG Easter Celebration Sun Apr 28th Simple Church Sun May 5th Simple Church (back to usual schedule)

Mon Apr 15th Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group Thurs Apr 18th Faith on Tap: 7:30pm @ The Reimer's

https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap

Sun Apr 28th Elderly Hymn Service: 2-3pm @ Hilltop House. Contact Dorothy Wikkerink dorothyrenema@hotmail.com or 604-849-6205

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

Tues May 7th Women's Group: 7:30pm @ Dorothy's (#32-40653 Tantalus Rd) https://www.intheriver.ca/events/womensgroup/2019-02-05

Fri May 31st Simple Church & Elders Training Weekend: Mandatory for all Simple Church & Elders and Future Leaders https://www.intheriver.ca/events/simplechurch-elders-training-weekend/2019-05-03

Fueling Thought

The mystery of God's love is not that our pain is taken away, but that God first wants to share that pain with us. Out of this divine solidarity comes new life. Jesus' being moved in the center of his being by human pain is indeed a movement toward new life. God is our God, the God of the living. In the divine womb of God, life is always born again... The truly good news is that God is not a distant God, a God to be feared and avoided, a God of revenge, but a God who is moved by our pains and participates in the fullness of the human struggle.

- 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 launchpad 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/w omens-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 <u>claudiauweiland@gmail.com</u>

Faith on Tap: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm.

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