Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Apr 30 th)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 121,308	\$ 151,340	\$ (33,033)
Expenses	\$ 122,367	<u>\$ 128,792</u>	\$ (4,455)
	\$ (1,059)	\$ 22,548	\$ (23,607)

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

June 2nd – Simple Church

June 9th – City Wide @ Don Ross

June 16th – Simple Church

June 23rd – City Wide @ Don Ross

June 30th – Brunch Sunday





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City Wide Gathering May 26th, 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

Sun May 26th Relationship, Marriage and Pre-Marriage Nights: 7:30-9pm @ the Bean Coffee Shop. Pastors introduce topic, (Strengths & Weaknesses) then couples work together. Geared for anyone, followers of Jesus or not. Cost is \$20 per couple (cash only). This is the last Date Night, starting up again Fall 2019. https://www.intheriver.ca/events/marriage -and-pre-marriage-date-nights/2019-03-14

Mon May 27th Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard

www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group

Tues May 28th Study 1st & 2nd Peter & Jude: *New* starting May 28th. Group meets roughly twice a month (to accommodate summer schedules). Contact Steve Klassen sklassen@telus.net https://www.intheriver.ca/events/weeklybible-study-group/2019-05-28

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

Tues Jun 4th Women's Group: 7:30pm @ Dorothy's (#32-40653 Tantalus Rd) https://www.intheriver.ca/events/womensgroup/2019-02-05

Thurs Jun 6th Faith on Tap: 7:30pm @ The Reimer's

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

Sun Jun 9th Elderly Hymn Service: 2-3pm @ Hilltop House, Contact Dorothy Wikkerink dorothyrenema@hotmail.com or 604-849-6205

Wed Jun 12th 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

https://www.intheriver.ca/events/eldergatherings-board-prayer/2018-09-12

Sun Jun 30th Brunch/Soup Sundays: Extended time around the table - sharing breakfast together. We will have a teaching time, singing and prayer. Please bring something breakfast(v) to share. Coffee. juice and tea will be provided. Please bring your own coffee mug.

Fueling Thought

The discipline of community makes us persons; that is, people who are sounding through to each other (the Latin personare means "sounding through") a truth, a beauty, and a love that is greater, fuller, and richer than we ourselves can grasp. In true community we are windows constantly offering each other new views on the mystery of God's presence in our lives. Thus, the discipline of community is a true discipline of prayer. It makes us alert to the presence of the Spirit who cries out "Abba," Father, among us and thus prays from the center of our common life. Community thus is obedience practiced together. The question is not simply "Where does God lead me as an individual person who tried to do his will?" More basic and more significant is the question "Where does God lead us as a people?" – 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 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 8pm.

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