

### Money, Faith & Worship:

	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	Variance
Revenue	\$24,278	\$16,385	\$7,894
Expenses	19,009	21,149	(2,141)
	\$ 5,269	\$ (4,765)	\$10,034

We are all facing challenging times during this global pandemic, so we want to tell you just how grateful we are for each of you and your faithful giving and support of the River through this time. We thank God for each of you, and praise Him for His faithfulness amidst these difficult times.

We know how convenient it is to give through tithe.ly but giving through a Pre-Authorized Debit is way more beneficial, as it eliminates the tithe.ly fee.

For those who write cheques, we are supposed to let you know to please make cheques payable to "The River Church" or "The River Squamish BC".

### River Church Wish List

*For Those of Who Look For Creative Ways to Give Over and Above Your Regular Giving*

The Alliance Justice & Compassion Arm

<https://www.cmacan.org/ministries/justice-and-compassion/>

You can direct your giving in multiple ways such as the Beirut crisis



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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

### September 2020

River Kids Program  
River Kids 9:45 – 10:00 am ZOOM  
Adult 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

**Philippians ZOOM Bible Study:** NT Wright bible study on Philippians – 6 weeks left . These studies will take place on Wednesday's from 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm on ZOOM beginning on Wed. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please request ZOOM link from Pastor Darcy.

**River Church Mountain Bike Group Rides:** These social rides will start at the same location and then branch off into 2-groups if needed. We are looking to hold these rides every Sunday afternoon, so if you are interested, please contact Pastor Darcy.

**Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts by Charles Stanley:** To coincide with the series in ACTS, we will run a short study helping people identify and press into the Spiritual Gifts God has given them. We hope to begin this study early November through ZOOM.

**Huddle & Bubble During COVID:** We know we all long for face to face

gathering, but until COVID comes to an end, we encourage each of you to choose a small group of people from the River to Huddle-Bubble with, where you can meet once every 2-weeks to share what Jesus is teaching you through the ACTS series, where you are growing, or where perhaps you might be struggling and then pray for one another. We will have booklets available upon request, and themes and verses will be posted at <https://www.intheriver.ca/podcasts/media> or the River Facebook page

**Morning Prayer:** Wednesday 9-10:30 am Location TBA

**Hang Out w/ Darcy or Kenda:** Kenda will be available for coffee on Fridays 9-11:00 am on non-rainy days at Bean. Just show up. Darcy will be available for coffee or walk or ride Thursdays 8-10:00 am (Bean or Cloudburst depending on weather)

## Fueling Thought

*“The idea of a goal, an ultimate aim, calling us to a hard road of self-denial – the idea, in other words, that Jesus of Nazareth meant what He said when He spoke of people taking up their cross to follow Him! – has been quietly removed from the record” (pg. 53).*

*Part of the problem of authenticity is that virtues aren't the only things that are habit forming: the more someone behaves in a way that is damaging to self or to others, the more 'natural' it will seem and actually be. Spontaneity, left to itself, can begin by excusing bad behaviour and end by congratulating vice” (pg. 56).*

NT Wright in [After You Believe](#)



# Living Out Jesus' Love

## Children and Youth Programs

**Vision:** 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. For questions, comments or to volunteer, contact Kenda Reimer at [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto: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):** **For non-COVID season** The kids are dismissed after the singing. River Kids runs only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks we strive to make the service inclusive for all ages. We encourage children to participate with the adults wherever they are meeting.

## 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 Hugué, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at [www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife](https://www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife).

**Global Missions:** Part of your general giving helps to fund Canadian CMA missionaries worldwide. We had a link agreement with Gaileen but she is now retiring. We are in discussion with other missionaries we know to start a relationship with them. We are excited about what this new partnership could look like.

## Simple & Small Groups

**Tantalus:** 5:30–8:30pm Contact: Richard Hoshino at [richard.hoshino@gmail.com](mailto:richard.hoshino@gmail.com)

**Paradise Valley:** 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley. [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

## Growth Streams

**Women's Group:** We are taking a break as it concerns tri-ads right now, but if you have an idea for a Women's Event, and would like to help make it happen, please call Pastor Kenda [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Richard [www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group](http://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 all burdens to Jesus – they were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Pastor Kenda or Darcy, or Claudia [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com)

**Book Club: Just putting it out there to see if this interests anyone. If so, please contact Kenda.** NT Wright's book entitled [After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters?](#)

**Other mid-week Bible Study may happen but tentative.**

**Wednesday Prayer:** Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 am location TBA.

**Spiritual Direction:** Call Pastor Kenda or Darcy to make an appointment.