

Money, Faith & Worship: September

	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	Variance
Revenue	\$75,251	\$85,364	\$(10,113)
Expenses	<u>72,341</u>	<u>83,104</u>	<u>(10,763)</u>
	\$ 2,910	\$ 2,261	\$ 649

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. If PAD doesn't work, please use tithe.ly

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/>

Or you can direct your extra giving to support Young Life Squamish

<https://www.younglife.ca/1865-2/name/squamish-bc/>



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The River Church

City Wide Gathering

February 2021

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' Grace-Filled, Engaged, Truthful, Relational, Experiential, Authentic, Loving. 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 on ZOOM. On the 2nd & 4th Sunday we host what is called a CWG (City Wide Gathering), where all the Simple Churches gather together on ZOOM. 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", which will have to postponed during COVID. 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

Our Vision: Our Vision is simply...Jesus.

Mission: 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

ALPHA: We are praying into starting an online ALPHA course. If you would like to be part of the prayer team, or if you have friends who might be interested in taking part, please contact the church staff.

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

COVID UPDATES from the C&MA

Pastoral Visits – Pastors are now able to visit the home of a church member or congregant to provide spiritual care.

Church Worship Services – Dr. Henry noted today that churches can begin to plan for holding worship services, potentially in March. While there is no set date or guidelines for reopening at this point, we as a board of elders are planning on the potential reopening, while recognizing there may be ongoing restrictions on gatherings. We see new hope that a return to in-person worship services may be coming!

Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms – New clarity was given in the updated order today that event organizers and staff are not included in the 10-person limit unless the event organizer is also the officiant.

Fueling Thought

“Jesus wasn’t just a nice guy who did good in the world. You don’t crucify nice guys. You crucify threats.”

Timothy Keller

“Everywhere these (apostles) guys went there was a riot. Everywhere I go they serve tea.”

Anonymous Pastor



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

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 1st and 3rd 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 Huguette, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at 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

Paradise Valley: 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser’s in Paradise Valley. 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

Men’s Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact 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 all burdens to Jesus – they were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Pastor Kenda or Darcy, or Claudia 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.