

****👏 INTERESTED IN SERVING AROUND THE CHURCH? ****

We believe that every believer is a minister! God has given you unique gifts, talents, and a passion to serve, and there is a place for you to use them here at River Church.

If you have been blessed by being a part of this church and feel a nudge to get more involved—even during the summer months—we invite you to have a conversation with Pastor Allain or Christine.

****👉 Special call for Saturday cleaning help! ****

We are looking for volunteers to help keep our church home clean and welcoming. Even ****one Saturday a month**** makes a huge difference. If you can lend a hand, please let Pastor Allain or Christine know.

See them after Sunday service or send a message — let's build the house of God together!

****📖 Church Bible in a Year Reading Plan ****

****August 2026****

Theme: New Beginnings & Overflow

- ****August 01–07:**** Numbers 19–22 (Purification & Balaam); Romans 14–16; Psalm 51
- ****August 08–14:**** Numbers 23–26 (Blessings & Second Census); 1 Corinthians 1–4; Psalm 52
- ****August 15–21:**** Numbers 27–30 (Succession & Vows); 1 Corinthians 5–8; Psalm 53
- ****August 22–31:**** Numbers 31–33 (Vengeance & Journey Review); 1 Corinthians 9–11; Psalm 54

****"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."***
— **Isaiah 43:19**

Prayer requests or testimonies can be emailed to the email below.

Let's rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn." Romans 12:15

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The River Church Comox Valley



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Dear River Church Family,

August is here, and we're continuing our summer mode with more special gatherings for the whole family, a picnic, a movie night, and a few more schedule changes!

****✚ WEEKLY GATHERINGS (Summer Schedule)****

- ****SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:**** 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Sunday school for ages 5–13 after worship with Pastor Christine and team.

Coffee & fellowship follow the service!

- ****🚫 TUESDAY Mid-Day Prayer – CANCELLED for the summer****
(Resumes in the fall!)

- ****🚫 WEDNESDAY Night Services – CANCELLED for the summer****
(Resumes in the fall!)

- ****🚫 FRIDAY NIGHT Youth Group – CANCELLED for the summer****
(Stay tuned for special youth events coming up!)

****🎉 AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS****

- ****Church Picnic at the Park & Baptisms****

****Sunday, August 16th | Following the service****

Join us at the Lewis Park River for a time of fellowship! Bring your own packed lunch and stay to celebrate with those being baptized. All are welcome!

- ****Ladies Night Out – Paint Night****

****Friday, August 21st | 7:00 – 8:30 PM****

A creative evening of fellowship and fun! Bring an appetizer to share and a canvas to paint on—paints and brushes will be provided. *All ladies invited!*

- ****FREE Movie Night – "King David"*****

****Sunday, August 30th | 7:00 PM****

Grab your family and friends and come enjoy the movie "King David." Admission is free—don't miss it!

- ****Communion Sunday****

****Sunday, August 30th****

We will celebrate the Lord's Table together during morning service.

****📅 LOOKING AHEAD – FALL SCHEDULE & ACTIVITIES****

Stay tuned as we begin to transition back to our regular schedule and announce upcoming fall activities and small groups!

****💡 Have an idea or want to help?***

We'd love to hear from you – let's make this summer one of growth, connection, and joy!

Well, here we are—August already! Can you believe it? The summer is flying by, and honestly, I don't want it to slow down. There's something about this month that feels different. Feels fresh. Like God is hitting the reset button on some things we thought were finished.

I've been praying about what to say to you as we step into August, and the word that keeps coming back is ****NEW BEGINNINGS****.

Now, I know what some of you might be thinking—"Pastor, new beginnings? It's the middle of the year. School hasn't even started yet. My garden is just finally taking off!" But that's exactly my point. God doesn't always do things on our calendar. He doesn't wait for January 1st to start something fresh in your life. He does it when He knows you're ready. And I believe August is that time for many of us.

Look back at what we've walked through this year. Some of you have been through battles you didn't even tell us about. Others have been holding on—just barely—waiting for a breakthrough. And still others have been faithfully serving, loving, giving, and showing up even when you felt empty. God sees all of it. Every prayer you whispered. Every tear you wiped away. Every time you chose to trust Him when it didn't make sense.

That's why I'm so expectant for this month. We're going to have some special times together—our picnic at the park, baptisms down at the river, a ladies night that I know is going to be full of laughter and creativity, a movie night for the whole family, and of course, coming to the Lord's Table together on Communion Sunday. These aren't just events on a calendar. These are ****moments****. Moments where God is going to move. Where families are going to connect. Where hearts are going to be stirred.

But more than the events, I want to encourage you—expect God to do ****mighty**** things. Not just in the church, but in ****you****. In your home. In your workplace. In your relationships. Don't let the enemy convince you that this is just another ordinary month. August is a month of new beginnings. A month where God takes what's been dry and brings it back to life. A month where He says, "Watch what I'm about to do."

You know, sometimes we think God only moves in the big, dramatic moments—like a hurricane or a fire. But more often, He moves like water. Gently. Patiently. Finding every crack, every dry place, and filling it until there's no space left untouched. That's what I'm believing for this month. That His glory would overflow in our lives—not in a loud, forced way, but in a way that transforms everything it touches.

So bring your packed lunch to the picnic. Bring your canvas and your appy to ladies night. Bring your family and friends to the movie night. But most of all—bring your ****expectation****. Bring your faith. Bring your heart, ready to receive whatever God wants to do in you.

We are so honoured to walk through this summer with you. This is your time. This is your season. Don't miss it.

With all my heart and all my hope,

****Pastor Allain & Christine****