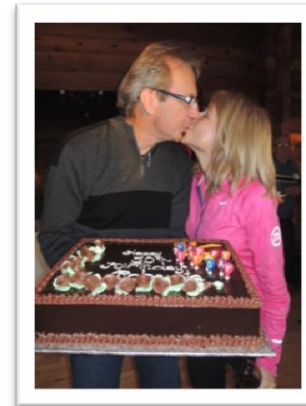


A note from Pastor Owen Scott...

The precise day, season and year in which Jesus was born in Bethlehem is not known. Jesus, in all likelihood, was born in late fall, not December 25th. The church in Rome in the 4th century, in an attempt to Christianize pagan practices, tied the birth of Jesus and winter solstice. The early Christians never observed Christmas for three centuries because of the celebration of the Emperor's birthday and emperor worship, etc. Jesus, the heavenly King, was not to be compared with an earthly king. So why do Christians, over 2000 years later, celebrate this event with so much enthusiasm? Simply because the supreme fact in the history of the world is that God became man in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The infinite and eternal God came to visit planet earth as a human and gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. This is why we sing carols, put up lights, have special services and exchange gifts! We celebrate because no greater event has ever happened... *"Nunc gaudet ecclesia!"* (Now the church rejoices!) Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift. A Saviour has been born - hallelujah! We do indeed have something to celebrate!

Valley Church...

There's a place for you



*Equipped in the Spirit...Equipped in the Word
Going everywhere...meeting needs in Jesus Name*

December 2nd, 2012

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Sunday at Valley Church...

Services at 9:00 & 11:00 am

Pastor Marcel Kurtz will be starting a Christmas series this morning. There is a supervised Mini-Kids Centre for children under 3 years in the 11 am service. (The Mini-Kids Centre is unsupervised during the 9 am service – Parents are asked to stay with their children.) Nursery facilities available to mothers with babies.



Join us for a coffee & cookies on the patio!

Join us for coffee on the patio after the service today...a great chance to meet a new friend.

Carols & Cookies – Tonight at 6 pm. Take note that you need a ticket for this event. There may be a few left at the Info Table this morning.

This week at Valley Church...

ESL (English as a Second Language)

7 pm on Monday evenings. For info call Kay (604)986-2932 or Elaine (604)986-4288.

SOUL TREK (for youth)

7 pm on Tuesday evening. Contact Tim Shaw at (604) 980-0307 for further info.

Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the nursery - If you are a part of the Valley Church family, you are invited to join this group to pray each week. If you have a prayer request, please fill in the enclosed prayer card. The group also appreciates hearing about your *answers to prayer!*

Mom's Morning Out – will be having their final meeting before Christmas this Thursday. They will resume regular meetings in January. For info, contact Kristina at kristina.kurtz@hotmail.com

Celebrate Recovery will meet this week at 7 pm. Phone Karl or Louisa at 604 984-0719 for details

Grief Share... "Surviving the Holidays" – If someone you love has passed away, Christmas can be a very difficult and lonely time of year. If that is the case, you are invited to come and watch the video, "Surviving the Holidays" on Saturday, December 8th at 10 am. There is a \$5 charge for a workbook.

What's happening at Valley Church?

Send in your photos! Please share some of your special moments with us by emailing us your favorite family photos to use in the bulletin and on our website.



Check out Valley Church on our website, Facebook or Twitter! Keep up to date with what's happening by following us on Twitter @ValleyChurchNS, visiting us on Facebook (we also have a new "Valley Church Men" page) or checking our website at www.valleychurch.ca

Christmas at Valley Church...



"Carols & Cookies" – Join us for an evening of Christmas Carols, cookies & cider on Sunday, December 2nd at 6 pm. Tickets are needed to hold your place. The event is free of charge.

"Chris-myth Busters" with our own Valley Church kids on Sunday, December 9th. There will be 2 performances at 4 & 6 pm. Tickets are required – free of charge.

"It's a Wonderful Life" Movie Night on Sunday, December 16th at 6 pm. Childcare (& popcorn!) will be provided.

Christmas Eve Services – Monday, December 24th...Two services at 6 and 7:30 pm followed by cookies and cider downstairs. **Please plan on bringing a plate of Christmas baking.**

Photos on front (from top left)...Melisa Joseph & Jayne Joseph Nidua; Margie Bruneau in Australia; Randy & Roberta Andrus celebrating Roberta's birthday; Verna Eldred "hanging out" with Wally Buono, former head coach of the BC Lions.

Volunteer Bus Drivers are needed by North Shore Neighbourhood House during the Christmas season in order to offer low cost bus trips and outings to local seniors. If you would like to offer your services and are properly licensed to drive a bus, please contact Kelly Hardman at 604.982.8134 or khardman@jbcc.ca