

## *A note from Pastor Owen Scott...*

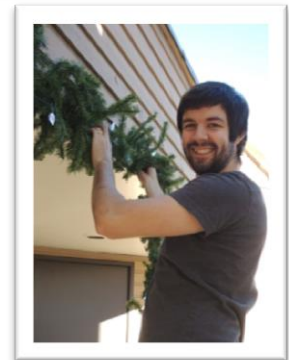
The Lord has been teaching me about the importance of growing in generosity. Here are the principles that I'm learning...

- 1) Decide that you own nothing. God is the owner of everything. Therefore you are not free to manage your material possessions as you like, but as He likes.
- 2) Begin to tithe 10% of your income. There is something almost magical about the one-tenth. Not only does it cause you to look to the Lord in faith to meet your needs...you discover that the 90% goes much further than the 100%! Remember that what happens to your money happens to you. If you pile up your money with no purpose behind it, you clutter up yourself and you become a purposeless self...hence an unhappy self.
- 3) Look for ways to help other people. Lend your ear if someone needs it. Invite people to your home. Look for ways to serve in secret. Do things for people that nobody sees. Make it your life philosophy to find the good...further the good...and do good in every situation.

Make *"living is giving"* your motto and watch how rich and meaningful your life becomes.

# Valley Church...

*There's a place for you!*



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

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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## Sunday at Valley Church...

**Services at 9:00 & 11:00 am** – This morning Pastor Owen Scott will be speaking in both services. 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.

**Sorry...All our tickets for “Christmas by the Fireside” have been sold** – If you have a ticket you’re not using, please let us know so someone else can use it.



## This week...

### ESL (English as a Second Language)

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

**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!*

**Soul Trek...Junior Highs** (Grade 7-9) - Tuesday from 7-9 pm; **Senior Highs** (Grades 10-12) meet on Thursdays from 7-9 pm. Contact Tim Shaw at 604-980-0307 for details.

**Ladies Morning Out** - Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am. If your Thursday mornings are free and you would like to connect with other women, feel free to join us! Free childcare is provided. For info, contact Kristina at [kristina\\_kurtz@hotmail.com](mailto:kristina_kurtz@hotmail.com)

**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 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

## What’s happening at Valley Church?

**If you are new to Valley Church or would like to pass on some new information**, please take a moment to fill in a Valley Church Connection Card and drop it in one of the boxes beside the exits. You’ll find the cards in the holders on the chairs in front of you.

**If you are a young adult and would like to connect with other young adults at Valley Church**, give Simon & Oyuki Bodlack a call at (778) 689-4636 or [simonbodlack@gmail.com](mailto:simonbodlack@gmail.com)

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

**“It’s a Wonderful Life” Movie Night** on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Childcare (& popcorn!) will be provided.



### Christmas Eve Services –

Tuesday, December

24<sup>th</sup>...Three services – 4, 6 and

8 pm followed by cookies and cider downstairs.

Please plan on bringing a plate of Christmas baking to go with the cider.



**Year End Giving** – If you wish to receive a tax receipt for the 2013 taxation year, please submit your offering by the last Sunday in December.

**Photos on front** – Lewis Eldred enjoying the “great outdoors”; Tim Shaw on “Decorating Day”; Kim & Verna Eldred at a *Lions versus Riders* game in Regina recently.