

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

Most of us have “*hidden idols*” in our lives. These idols are things that we make more important than God. To discover what your own hidden idols are, self-examination is helpful. Ask yourself, “*What, next to God is the most important asset or relationship which I’d hate most to face the future without?*” Most of us have such a high level of repression and denial with regard to recognizing our idols that we don’t realize that whatever we list as second on our list is very likely even more important than God. Our abilities, our work, a relationship, reaching our goals, money or health often become our real security in which we put our faith and energy. We break the power of our idols when we confess them before the Lord. It’s hard to confess to God that we really love and trust something more than Him. It’s a shocking revelation when a Christian discovers that he/she has made a security idol out of something good, which is less than God. Many of us rebel at this moment and say, “*No, I’m not giving this up to you, God. I want it for me – even if it ruins my life*”. But if we are able to surrender our gods to the Lord’s will and confess, “*God, I want you more than I want to be a success (or whatever your god is). I want to know you and do your will, trusting you with the outcome of my efforts and my life*”. When we desire to become God’s person more than we want anything else, we are finally free from the power of idols.

# Valley Church...

*There’s a place for you!*



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

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## ***Sunday at Valley Church...***

**Services at 9:00 & 11:00 am** – This morning *Pastor Marcel Kurtz* will be speaking. 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.

## ***This week...***

### **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!*

### **SOULTREK FOR YOUTH**

Soul Trek will resume in September. Keep your eyes open for summer activities throughout July and August. Contact Tim Shaw at (604) 980-0307 for further info.

***SUMMER IN THE CITY*** – On Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm over the summer we will be doing a midweek series called *“LIFE ON THE VINE”*- The coffee pot will be on...the worship will be vibrant...the teaching will be inspiring – It’s the place to be throughout the summer on a Wednesday evening!

***Ladies Morning Out*** will be informally meeting at a different park or beach on Thursday mornings during the summer. For details, contact LeeAnna Cordes at [leanna.cordes@gmail.com](mailto:leanna.cordes@gmail.com)

**Spanish group** – Friday evenings at 7 pm. During the summer they will be meeting at Ambleside Beach (near the concession). For info, contact Jorge & Jeanette Rios at 604-971-3070.

Owen & Val Scott are on vacation for the next few weeks.

## ***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.

**Send in your photos!** Summer has arrived and our Valley Church family is involved in all kinds of interesting activities – 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. *If you are taking a trip over the next few months, take along a Valley Church bulletin and take a photo of you holding it in front of a site you’re visiting...Valley Church’s version of North Shore News “News Around the World”... “Valley Church Around the World”!*



**Do you have chores you don’t want to do?** Several of our teens are willing to work to raise money for the Mexico Missions Trip. Give Mel or Tim a call at 604-980-0307 if you would like help.

**Thank you to Mel Sanderson and her team...along with ALL the volunteers who helped during our VBS – GREAT JOB!!!**

***Your journey from mourning to joy*** – If you’ve lost someone close to you, please contact Lillian Gorrie at [lgorrie@shaw.ca](mailto:lgorrie@shaw.ca) for information about our weekly ***GriefShare Support Group*** starting in the second Saturday in September at 10 am.

**Photos on front – Clockwise from top left...**Andrew Mitchell leading in worship; Hannah & Koko Relleve dedicating their daughter, *Rosalyn Amelia*, to the Lord; Ladies Retreat togetherness...AC, Edina, Mandy, Athena, Kristen & Melisa.