## A note from Pastor Owen Scott...

It seems to me that one of the great marks of a right relationship with God is that I can begin to talk to God in prayer as the person I am right now, warts and all! I need not first become the person I would like to be or the person that I think God would like me to be. Because of what Christ did on the cross on my behalf, I can now enjoy a relationship with God based on love and dependency rather than fear and rules. I see my sins and dark depravity, but because I have admitted my guilt to the Lord and received his forgiveness, I am now free to come into his presence as one cleansed, washed and pardoned! Many of us confuse the good news of Jesus with *"religion"*. We have wasted our time and destroyed ourselves and others by having to maintain some sort of "righteous stance". I believe the gospel is for those who understand that they are not righteous, yet claim the gift that God offers...His pardon, new birth and unconditional love. Only then can we be honest and comfortable in His presence and fully celebrate His grace.

# Valley Church...

# There's a place for you!



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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. <u>If you have a prayer request, please fill in the</u> <u>enclosed prayer card</u>. 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 leeanna.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.

## 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"!* 

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

**Pray for Mel & Tim and our Youth Mission team** – They leave today for several days of training at Peoples Church in Surrey, then will fly to Mexico. They will be returning on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Your journey from mourning to joy – If you've lost someone close to you, please contact Lillian Gorrie at 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…*Judy Alarie – *"Go tell it on the mountain!";* Mandy Edison working on her creation for VBS; Donalda & Leanne Jeffrey and Lupita Vidriales;