

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

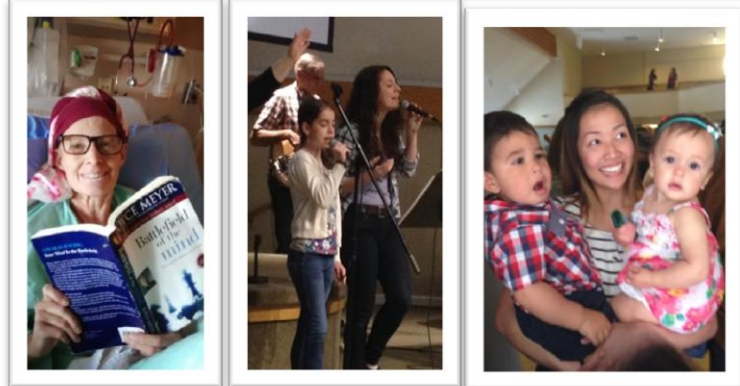
Next to loving the Lord and people, the most important thing you can possess in God's work is a sense of humor. If you want to know what people are really like, find out...

- 1) what makes them angry
- 2) what makes them weep
- 3) what makes them laugh.

The test isn't infallible, but it's amazing how much it reveals. Laughter is a good thing because it keeps us balanced and frees us from taking ourselves too seriously. The Puritan preacher, Richard Baxter, advised Christians to keep company with the more cheerful sort of the godly...There is no mirth like the mirth of believers. The Bible reminds us that *"a merry heart is good medicine"* (Proverbs 17:22). *It's important, Warren Wiersbe tells us, to have the ability to laugh at the right time and for the right reason.* We must cultivate a holy sense of humor as we busy ourselves with the most serious work on earth.

# 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 Owen Scott* 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.

**Join us for prayer TONIGHT at 6:30 pm** as we prepare for the Pentecost Rally next week as well as our involvement in Lynn Valley Days.

## This week...

### ESL (English as a Second Language)

Monday evenings at 7 pm. For info call Elaine Englar at 604-986-4288 or Margot Fraser at 778-980-4452

### 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** – 7 pm on Tuesday evenings. Contact Tim Shaw at 604-980-0307 or [tim@valleychurch.ca](mailto:tim@valleychurch.ca) for details.

**The Parenting Course** – Wednesday evenings at 7 pm

**Ladies Morning Out** - Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Childcare is provided. For the next few weeks we will be reading through the prison epistles. For info, contact Kristina at [kristina.kurtz@hotmail.com](mailto:kristina.kurtz@hotmail.com)

**Young Adults Group** – Thursdays at 7:30 pm at the church.

For info, give Simon & Oyuki Bodlack a call at 778-689-4636 or contact them at [simonbodlack@gmail.com](mailto:simonbodlack@gmail.com)

**Spanish group** – Friday evenings at 7 pm. For info, contact Jorge & Jeanette Rios at 604-971-3070.

**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** on Saturdays at 10 am. The video being shown on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be "Lessons of Grief – Part Two".

## What's happening at Valley Church?

**Pentecost Rally** - Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm 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 would like to get updates and information about upcoming events**, please let us know if you have changed your email address so we are able to contact you.

**THAILAND TREK - Plan ahead for VBS** – Dates this summer are July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. You can now register online at [www.valleychurch.ca](http://www.valleychurch.ca)



**NO PARKING! A reminder not to park in the Blue Shore parking spaces OR any of the RESERVED 24 HOUR spots - If you do, you may be towed.**

**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.

**Items needed for THE LORD'S RAIN (Gospel Mission)** – Ladies' and men's razors, hair gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, men & women's underwear, ivory soap or hotel soaps. Contact Bruce & Sharon Nelson at [s.b.nelson@shaw.ca](mailto:s.b.nelson@shaw.ca)

**Online donations at Valley Church are now possible** – You can give your offering online through PayPal. Go to the bottom of our web page at [www.valleychurch.ca](http://www.valleychurch.ca) and click on the PayPal button.



**Photos on front – Clockwise from top left...** Group shot at the Junior High Youth Retreat; Krisha Relve with her niece, Rosalyn, and Zadok Bodlack; Adeline & Isabel Eldred were part of their mom & dad's worship team last week; Anne Blaney would like to convey her appreciation to the Valley Church family – Remember to pray for her as she undergoes her treatment.