

A note from Pastor Owen Scott...

I remember the moment I was sitting in a coffee shop and the proprietor, upon finding out I was a pastor, exclaimed aloud, *"How could your Boss allow my 48 year old brother to die from a heart attack and leave a wife and two little kids? What kind of a God is He anyway? Doesn't He have control over those things? What's He doing up there anyway...sleeping? I'm so mad at Him, I can hardly describe my rage!"* As I listened quietly to this hurting man, I was reminded again of how much pain and suffering there is in the world. Children are abused; mothers killed by drunk drivers; families torn apart by war; plane crashes; tornadoes; sickness; crime; violence. Waves of bewilderment flood my heart and I cry, *"Why, Lord?"* Some days it's hard to understand God's goodness when you see suffering and pain. But what brings me back to faith is the thought of God's gracious kindness to me in bringing me to Christ. I looked at this man who lost his brother and said, *"You know, I can't explain why things happen as they do, but I do know that if Christ hadn't come into my life, I'm sure I, too, would be completely overwhelmed by the despair. Christ's peace in a world of turmoil and the hope of Christ's return to make all wrongs right comfort me in ways I can't ever begin to explain to you. It won't always be the way it is now in a fallen world".* The world is going to get worse before it gets better. Only with our hand in His, can we ever be sources of comfort to people shattered by life's pain. But it's never easy and never will be...till the day we feel Christ's loving arms around us.

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.

Children's Christmas Musicale Practice – 2-4 pm on Sundays

What's happening at Valley Church?

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 Luke Ratzlaff at 604-980-0307 or ljratzlaff@hotmail.com for details.

The MARRIAGE COURSE - 7 pm on Wednesday evenings. For information, contact Marcel at marcel@valleychurch.ca or call the office at 604-980-0307.

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! Childcare is provided. For info, contact Kristina at 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

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 for information about our weekly **GriefShare Support Group**. The video on Saturday, October 24th at 10 am will be "Guilt and Anger".

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.

A chance to practice hospitality! Greeters are needed for both services on Sunday morning – If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Marcel at marcel@valleychurch.ca

Send in your photos! Over the summer our Valley Church family has been 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.



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.

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 and click on the PayPal button.



Photos on front – Clockwise from top... Gary Rempel, Jorge Rios and crew at the Canada Day Parade; Sylvie Dion and her new puppy, Sophie; a blast from the past...Jorge & Jeanette Rios with Marcos & Andres; Benny & Lani Hechanova with their daughter, Valerie who graduated with distinction from SFU last week.