

A note from Pastor Owen...

E. Stanley Jones, in his devotional book, *“Growing Spiritually”*, believes that joy is a by-product of love. *“If you seek joy first, it will elude you. But if you go out to love everybody in the Name of Jesus, joy will seek you out. You will be automatically joyful”*. It seems that everybody I meet wants to be happy, but most are intensely unhappy. Many people will get drunk over the Christmas season. Some get drunk to forget the emptiness of their lives, to forget guilt, or to escape inner and outer frustrations. But the *“Spirit-filled”* Christian doesn’t have to drink to have a good time. He/she has a laughter that is born of the consciousness that life approves of him, that it backs him and sustains him and furthers him, no matter what happens! A Christ-centered believer is incorrigibly happy...filled with the joy of sins forgiven, overwhelmed with the thought of God watching over him/her constantly. He has tasted the joy of Jesus and doesn’t need a stimulant to have a good time. *“Lord I thank you for this incorrigible joy...a joy that abounds perpetually in my heart. Today I make myself happy in You, Lord. Spring up oh well and overflow...flow through me...set others free - Amen”*.

Valley Church...

There’s a place for you!



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

December 10th, 2017

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Sunday at Valley Church...

Services at 9:00 & 11:00 am – Pastor Owen Scott will be speaking this morning. 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 are 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.



 **TONIGHT at 6 pm – Carols and Cookies with “Dear One”**
Join us for an evening of Christmas carols, cookies and cider.

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 – Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. For further info contact Luke Ratzlaff at 604-980-0307 or luke@valleychurch.ca

Ladies Morning Out - Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Childcare is provided. For info, contact kristina_kurtz@hotmail.com

Celebrate Recovery – Thursday evenings at 7 pm. For further details contact Karl Rutka at 778-828-4495 or Gail Mofrad at 604-831-9284.

Young Adults Group - Thursdays at 7:30 pm at the church. For info, call Simon & Oyuki Bodlack 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.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS for those dealing with grief during the Christmas season – Saturday, December 16th at 10 am. For further information contact Lillian Gorrie at lgorrie@shaw.ca

A Special General Meeting for members will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 7 pm to ratify Rev. Marcel Kurtz as Senior Pastor as of January 1st, 2018 - Dated the 24th day of November 2017, notice is hereby presented 14 or more days prior to a Special General Meeting called in accordance to Section 4. 6. of the Society Bylaws by the Elders on behalf of the Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church Society, the meeting to be held on Sunday Dec. 17, 2017 at 7 PM at Valley Church 1160 East 29th Street, North Vancouver.

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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.



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.

We would love to receive your photos! Please share some of your special moments with us by emailing us your favorite family photos to use in the bulletin.

Online donations at Valley Church are 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.

Christmas Eve Services – On Sunday, December 24th we will be having three identical services at 10 am, 4 and 6 pm.



On Sunday, Dec. 31st we will be having one service at 10 am.

Photos on front ...Top left clockwise – Tonight we will be enjoying the music of *DEAR ONE* at *Classics & Carols*; We offer ESL (“*English as a Second Language*”) classes on Monday evenings – Here’s a photo of the group that has been meeting since September – A special thank-you to our faithful leaders; Our Valley Church Staff had their annual Christmas Brunch at the Scotts last week; Christine Bergen helping Elise & Thomas light the Advent candle last Sunday.