

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

Happy New Year! We have 8760 hours of opportunities ahead of us in 2014. Be open to God's surprises. When doors of desire slam in your face, trust the creativity of God to open new, unexpected doors into the future. The God revealed in Jesus Christ is a God of surprises. Learn to trust Him in the difficult moments of the months ahead and watch how He can turn disaster into delight. Life can be full of wonderful moments when you maintain a dedicated expectancy and a trust that anything at all is possible with God. Just concern yourself with unconditionally doing His will. Be careful to stay free from anxiety, stress and worry. Keeping your heart full of gratitude and staying flexible will be your keys to help you deal with the ups and downs of life of life in 2014. But above all, keep your eyes open for all the serendipities that God will bring your way. Surprises are His specialty!

# 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 in both services. 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...***

### **ESL (English as a Second Language)**

Monday evenings at 7 pm. For info call Kay (604)986-2932 or Elaine (604)986-4288.

### **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!*

**Soul Trek...Junior Highs** (Grade 7-9) - Tuesday from 7-9 pm; **Senior Highs** (Grades 10-12) meet on Thursdays from 7-9 pm. Contact Tim Shaw at 604-980-0307 for details.

**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! Free childcare is provided. For info, contact Kristina at [kristina.kurtz@hotmail.com](mailto:kristina.kurtz@hotmail.com)

## ***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.

**We need more photos!** 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.

**ALPHA is coming!** Valley Church will be running the ALPHA course starting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pray that much will be accomplished in people's lives who are seeking the truth about Christ.



**Mel Sanderson is on vacation in Abu Dhabi** – She is visiting her sister there until January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The Watoto Children's Choir is returning!!** We're looking forward to the Watoto Choir being with us on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

**Plan on being a part of one of our small groups this year** - They will be starting again in early February.

**Photos on front** – *Tim & Tamara Shaw on Vancouver Island after Christmas; Michael & Dorothy Elwood making turkey sandwiches for "Christmas by the Fireside"; Austin Kurtz enjoying his pasta; Pat DeCoursey & June Henderson helping with those turkey sandwiches!*