

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

John Updike, the contemporary American author, once described his parents as people who were inclined *“to laugh a lot and examine everything for the fingerprints of God”*. What a delightful description! As I examine my own life in detail, I too, can see *“God’s fingerprints”* everywhere. In all of life’s circumstances and events (both good and bad) if we look closely, we can see the Lord at work. Even in our darkest moments, when we turn our hearts to Him, *“God is present”* in the midst of our every struggle. But not just in our crisis is God with us. I look over my life and I see how he was there in my choice of a wife...my experiences growing up as a child...the places I have lived...the people who have influenced me...the books I have read...all of these I am convinced have God’s fingerprints on them. So look at your life closely. Get out the dusting powder and as you ponder over what has happened, you’ll soon say...*“God, you were there all the time”*.

# 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** – 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 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.

## What's happening at Valley Church?

### 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!*



**SUMMER IN THE CITY – *Walking with God in the Desert (Experiencing Living Water When Life is Tough)*** – Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the lower auditorium. The coffee pot will be on!

**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](mailto:simonbodlack@gmail.com)

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

**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.

**The new *Our Daily Bread* devotionals** can be picked up from the table in the foyer.



**Send in your photos!** Summer is in full swing 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.

**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 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.

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**Help needed making dinners for the Gospel Mission on Thursday evenings...** If you are able to help, contact Sharon Nelson at 778-896-3539.

**We need your help!** Ray & Joyce Nelles have faithfully been making the coffee before the 9 am service every Sunday, but Ray is scheduled to have surgery soon and been instructed by his doctor not to do any heavy lifting. It would be a huge blessing to us (and to Ray & Joyce!) if someone could take this ministry on. If you would like to help in this way, please contact Val at the office at [info@valleychurch.ca](mailto:info@valleychurch.ca)

**Valley Church Picnic in the Park** – Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Princess Park. Lots of good fellowship...and good food! It's "pot-luck", so bring along your favorite well-refrigerated "picnic food" to add to the buffet table!



**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - *Recovering from Loss & Grief***, a ½ day video seminar by Dr. H. Norman Wright. Learn how to say goodbye to what you've lost and move ahead in life. For further information contact Lillian Gorrie at [lgorrie@shaw.ca](mailto:lgorrie@shaw.ca) If you are interested in attending please fill in the enclosed form and place it in one of the Drop Boxes.

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – *GriefShare* 13 week video series** for those dealing with the death of a loved one. For further information contact Lillian Gorrie at [lgorrie@shaw.ca](mailto:lgorrie@shaw.ca)

**Valley Church will be offering an ALPHA COURSE beginning on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>...**more details to follow!

**Please check the coat rack beside the office to see if your child left anything behind during VBS week!**

**Photos on front** ...Clockwise from top – We are going to miss the Jambulatov family as they move back to Kazakhstan...Alan, Tasneen and Renata, and Yerlan & Masha; Rebekah Bodlack; part of the L.A. Mission team...Isaac, Vikas, Jared and Austin; Valerie Hechanova & Andres Rios (who left last week for Lund, Sweden where he will be attending university) enjoying a "gelato moment".