

Welcome to

STURGEON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 15, 2019



*"How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace,
who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."*

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Congregational Meeting Update

On Wednesday, November 27th, 2019, the SVBC Congregation gathered to meet.

The following decisions were made:

- ♦ The 2020 Budget was affirmed as presented
- ♦ Pastor Tom was approved for a Sabbatical from April - August 2020
- ♦ The Congregation affirmed Dave Loewen and Brian Siewert as Elders

Dave James has completed his tenure as an Elder and has stepped down from being the Elder Chair. In his stead, Ted Loewen has taken on the role of Elder Chair. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and to the Elder & Deacon team in preparing for the meeting.



Remembering our Loved Ones:

Whenever we lose someone who is dear to us we face a year of firsts without them. We have an opportunity for you to remember your loved one in a special way here at SVBC. Please take a moment before or after the service on either Sunday, December 8th or 15th, to write your loved ones name on an ornament provided at the table in the Foyer & hang it on the main floor Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to remember loved ones who have passed away prior to 2019. We will be taking some time to pray for you on Sunday, December 15th. This may not be a merry Christmas for you so we pray you experience the inner joy that only Christ can bring & the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

*"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God,
my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield,
and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."*

Psalm 18:2

WHAT'S NEW AT SVBC!

Senior Parking: Please leave the 7 stalls facing the front doors of the church for our seniors and less mobile congregants. This is greatly appreciated by all.

Christmas Boxes for Staff: Underneath the Foyer Christmas Tree are boxes meant for staff presents. If you feel prompted to give a gift, please leave it in the boxes and they will be collected.

Missions Shipping Update:

- OCC Thank you! All funds have been collected! Your help is greatly appreciated
- HART shipping of \$2000 required. Please make cheques payable to HART.

If you are able to help with this need, please see Anne K. (HART) Thank-you!



Grade 7-12 are Invited!
Wednesdays at 6:45PM for 180 Bible Study
Bible Study Resumes January 8
 Fridays 7:00PM for great activities!
 More details at: sbvc.ab.ca/ministries/youth

Youth: Movie Night! *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Where: SVBC Fireside Room
 See sbvc.ab.ca/ministries/youth for more details



Upcoming Services

December 22 4th Advent	Pastor Tom	♦ For Unto Us a Child Is Born; Unto Us a Son is Given Isaiah 9:1-7 ♦ No Sunday School
December 24 Christmas Eve	Pastor Tom	♦ TWO Services: 4:30PM and 6:30 PM ♦ ASL Interpreter at 6:30 PM Service
December 29	Riley N	♦ Isaiah 61 - The Year of the Lord's Favour ♦ No Sunday School
January 5	Pastor Serge	♦ No Sunday School
January 12	Pastor Tom	♦ Why Isaiah is Essential for Christians ♦ Sunday School Resumes

SVBC Christmas Office Hours

Closed: Monday, December 23rd, 2019

Open: Tuesday, December 24th, 2019; 9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed: Wednesday, December 25th, 2019 - Wednesday, January 1st, 2020



**Join us TONIGHT! December 15th @ 6:00 pm
for our SVBC Children's Christmas Pageant**

All are welcome & invited to attend! The Pageant will be followed by a fellowship time with cookie decorating, hot chocolate & more! We would love for you to join us in celebrating Jesus' birth & all of our wonderful kids here at SVBC.

