

The Necessity of Prayer
~ 2 Chronicles 20:1-23
Pastor Tom
September 11, 2016

20 After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ²Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar" (that is, Engedi). ³Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴And Judah assembled to seek help from the LORD; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

⁵And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶and said, "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. ⁷Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' ¹⁰And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— ¹¹behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. ¹²O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

¹³Meanwhile all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. ¹⁴And the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, son of Benaiah, son of Jeiel, son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.' ¹⁶Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you."

¹⁸Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. ¹⁹And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

²⁰And they rose early in the morning and went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed." ²¹And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the LORD and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say,

"Give thanks to the LORD,
for his steadfast love endures forever."

²²And when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah, so that they were routed.

²³For the men of Ammon and Moab rose against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, devoting them to destruction, and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they all helped to destroy one another.

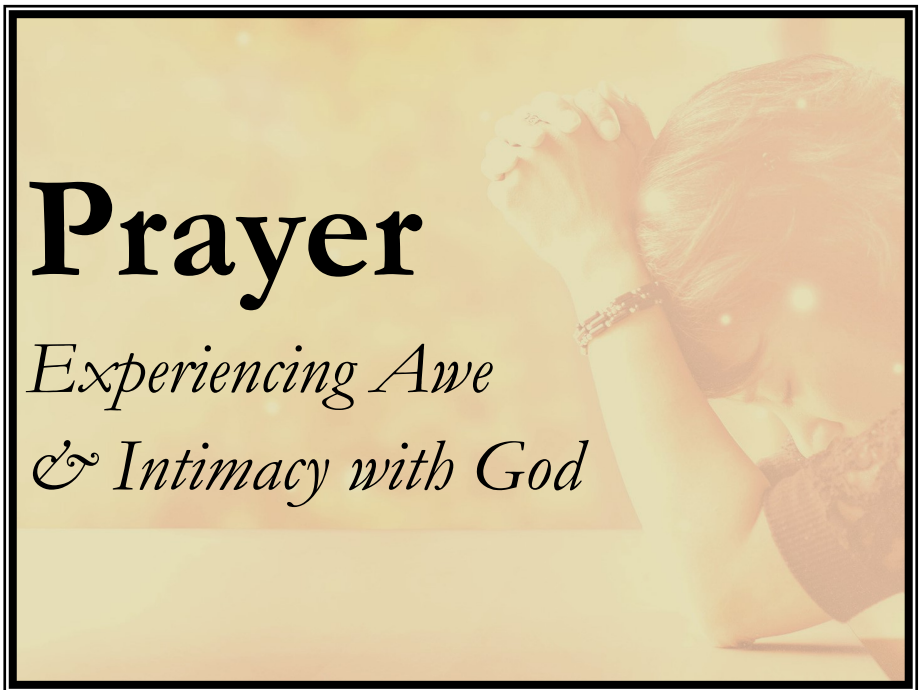
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Welcome to

STURGEON VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

*Glorifying God by making Disciples of Jesus Christ
at home and internationally.*

September 11, 2016



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~ 2 Chronicles 20:12 ~



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Welcome to SVBC



New to SVBC? Want to get connected? Need prayer? Has your contact info changed?

Please fill in the **Connect Card** in the pew and place it in the Offering Plate or leave it at the Info Centre.
We look forward to connecting with you.

Today at SVBC

Coffee & Muffins in the Gym **9:00 am**
Meet & Greet Children's Sunday School Teachers & Registration **9:30 am**
Adult Sunday School Overview ~ Fireside Room **10:00 am**

Library ~ Open before & after Service ~ Come check out what's new!

Worship Service **10:00 am**
♦ Elder Prayer ~ Dave James

Children's Church **Dismissed during Service**

- ♦ **Preschool Church** (Age 3 - Kindergarten) ~ Room 217
- ♦ **Junior Church** ~ (Grade 1 - 3) ~ Room 212
- ♦ **Grades 4-6** ~ Activity sheets at the Info Centre



Please join us after each service for a time of fellowship in the Foyer! All are welcome!

Upcoming Services

Sept. 18 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service	Pastor Tom	♦ Why is Prayer Great? ~ Ephesians 1:15-19
Sept. 25 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service	Pastor Tom	♦ What is Prayer? ~ Romans 8:12-17



Resources available:

Weekly Bulletin: svbc.ab.ca/news

Discipleship: svbc.ab.ca/pages/discipleship

Written & Audio Sermons: svbc.ab.ca/media

Family & Marriage: svbc.ab.ca/ministries/family-marriage-ministry

RightNow Media: rightnowmedia.org For free invite email church@svbc.ab.ca



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What's Happening @ SVBC:

Choir Practice: Starts on Sept. 15th for anyone ages 12 to 112 who would like to join! We will be starting practice for our Christmas presentation! If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact the office at 780.458.3777 or email: church@svbc.ab.ca

Mustard Seed Service: Do you have a gift for service? Would you like to be part of a team serving meals at the Mustard Seed? Our church provides & serves 6 meals/year. The next service time is Tuesday, September 13th. If you would like to find out more please contact the office at 780.458.3777 or email: church@svbc.ab.ca

Young Adults: Are you ages 17-30? If you are, come join us for our C&C/ Establish Young Adult Ministry Kick Off BBQ & CONCERT on Sept. 18th at 6 pm here at SVBC! Featuring Holle & Mike Love. Tickets are \$5 each, available in the Foyer after the service. For info Email: YoungAdults@svbc.ab.ca

Cameroon Report & Slides Cameroon Presentation with Don Woods "One Book": You are invited to come & enjoy dessert & coffee. Sunday, Sept. 25 @ 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to attend.

2-3 Childcare Helpers Needed! Ladies Morning Out is in need of Childcare Helpers Thursday mornings from 9-11:30 am. **Free childcare is provided** with Leaders already in place. For details please call or text Donna Wilson at 780.910.9458 or contact the church office at church@svbc.ab.ca or 780.458.3777

Children's Ministry Director Position: The hiring committee has met and covets your prayers as they move forward with the hiring process. Questions? Please contact one of the committee members: Laurelle L. Tina K., Donna R., Gord M., Tara K., and Pastor Tom.

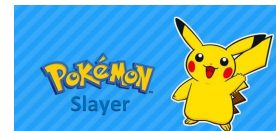
Clothes for Ukraine - HART Packing: Friday & Saturday, September 16-17. If you have Fall or Winter clothing or shoes you would like to donate, would like to help with shipping costs or packing please contact the office at 780.458.3777 or email: church@svbc.ab.ca

Christmas in August! A quick reminder to pick up those *Back to School Deals* for this year's Samaritan Purse (OCC) Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! Drop off items in the Christmas Box provided in the Foyer for the YOUTH & Family Shoebox Packing Party November 4th For more info contact church@svbc.ab.ca.



Grade 7 - 12 are Invited!

Wednesdays 6:45 pm for 180 Bible Study @ the Dietzmann's (76 Lorraine Cresc.)
Fridays 7 pm for great activities!
More details: svbc.ab.ca/ministries/youth



Next Youth Event:

Grade 7 - 10

Pokemon Slayer

Friday, September 16th @ 7 pm
See svbc.ab.ca/ministries/youth for more details

Ministry Kick-off Schedule:

Sept. 12: **Card Making** Monday ~ Fireside Room
Sept. 14: **YOUTH Bible Study** ~ 180 Kick-Off @ Dietzmann's
Sept. 14: **Girls Club** Kick-Off ~ Fireside Room/Gym
Sept. 14: **Ladies Bible Study** Intro & Testimony ~ 7pm, Room 202
Sept. 15: **Choir** Kick-Off ~ Fireside Room
Sept. 17: **Prime Timers** Kick-Off ~ Fireside Room
Sept. 18: **C&C/Establish Young Adult Ministry** Kick-Off ~ SVBC
Sept. 19: **ASL Bible Study** Kick-Off ~ Fireside Room
Sept. 25: **Cameroon Slide Presentation** with Don W. ~ Fireside Room

Find the hidden Cross in today's Bulletin