

Welcome to
**Sturgeon Valley
Baptist Church**

November 8, 2020



“One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew he had already been there a long time, he said to him,
“Do you want to be healed?”

- John 5:5-6 -

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Feeling Isolated, Alone or Disconnected?

We have something coming up that might help! We are launching some new Small Groups, which will provide opportunity to connect with others before Christmas for encouragement and prayer.

Whom is this for: ALL Adults – young to older

When: Beginning the week of November 15th

Time & Commitment: once a week or every other week, time varies dependent on group (until Christmas)

Where: Most groups will be online with some meeting here at the church, following all protocols

Why: To give you opportunity to connect and be encouraged by one another

If you are interested in participating, please give your name and contact info to one of the staff or email the church office at church@svbc.ab.ca

Please check your email - even SPAM folder

- SERVICE TIME CHANGE - 10:00AM - NOV. 15



In September, SVBC launched a 2-service trial to give plenty of space for in-person worship. However, our weekly combined attendance is not close to capacity. With this in mind, and a strong need for fellowship expressed, we are going back to a single service. Registration online remains the same. We will continue to monitor attendance going forward. Thank you to all who helped during these transitions.

SVBC Congregational Bi-Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Please mark this down in your calendars!

Elder nomination - Curtis Graham

Everyone is welcome to attend!

We Need Your Help!

Thank-you to those who have already volunteered for our *Welcome Teams!* We are in need of a few spare volunteers only need to fill in where the need arises.

Please contact the Church Office for more info or to Volunteer at 780.458.3777 or email admin@svbc.ab.ca





Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

What is Operation Christmas Child? Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a hands-on way for Canadians to bless struggling children in the developing world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and other items. OCC collects these boxes and distributes them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in desperate situations and **due to COVID-19 the need for these shoeboxes is greater than ever!** For 2020, boxes from Canada will be heading to El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

Where do you fit in? Each year *Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church (SVBC)* collects items to fill OCC shoeboxes, funds to pay for shipping and host a shoebox packing party to pack boxes ready to ship. Because of the restrictions this year, unfortunately, we will not be hosting a packing party at the church BUT we do have a cohort of people ready to go to work packing on SVBC's behalf with a **goal to pack 400+ boxes!** This is a collective effort so this is where you come in - **we need additional items to pack these boxes & funds to help pay for the shipping!**

This year SVBC will be focusing on the **10-14 year olds** as many of these children help care for their families and more than ever they need hope. We want to gift them with *school supplies, hygiene items, something fun & something practical*, which will provide them an opportunity to earn an income. We have received donations of *t-shirts, hats, toys, soccer balls & ball pumps* which will add that '*something fun*' to these boxes so we are asking you to consider dropping off the additional items to make these boxes the best they can be! Please drop off your donations at the church **on or before next Sunday, November 8th. THANK-YOU for your help!**

Items most needed:

- **Hygiene items:** bars of soap, face cloths, nail clippers, combs & toothbrushes
- **School Supplies:** blunt scissors, small notebooks, solar calculators, rulers, pencil crayons, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners & erasers
- **Tools:** small hammers, tape measures, construction pencils, container of nails/screws, work gloves, plyers, 2-3 metres of strong rope & multi-bit screw drivers
- **Sewing items:** safety pins, head pins, needles, quality thread, sewing scissors, sewing tape measure, buttons, ribbon & 1-2 metres of fabric.
- **Shipping Donations:** \$10/box is required to ship these boxes to the children who need them most. Your cash or cheques can be dropped off at the church office & will be sent on your behalf*. Please make cheques payable to Samaritan's Purse. If you prefer to make your donation online, please email admin@svbc.ab.ca to advise us of your contribution for us to track how many boxes we can pack. The online donation link has been provided below.

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY of the following items:

- Used or breakable items
- Candy or food items
- Liquids such as toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash or lotions
- Glow sticks or bubbles
- Seeds
- War-related, camouflaged items or skull & crossbones
- Laser pointers or knives
- Deck of cards or dice
- Make-up or lip balms
- Medicines or vitamins

***NOTE:** Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20 directly from Samaritan's Purse

Link for online shipping donation directly to Samaritan's Purse:

<https://www.samaritanpurse.ca/operation-christmas-child-10-dollar-donation/>

Build your own shoeboxes: Families are welcomed and encouraged to make up shoeboxes together. Please feel free to take as many empty shoeboxes & labels you need. Be sure to include the \$10 shipping for each box you pack too! **NOTE:** Please deliver your boxes to North Pointe Community Church during collection week (November 16th - 22nd).

For more info contact Gayleen at 780.458.3777 or by email: admin@svbc.ab.ca

Do You Want to be Healed?

~ John 5:1-18

Pastor Tom
November 8, 2020

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

1) Jesus is _____.

2) Jesus is _____ of God, _____ with God.

By healing the lame man on the Sabbath, Jesus reveals Himself as _____ and _____ of _____.

So, we need to recognize that the struggle against addiction and/or sin must be _____.

Focus Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:15, 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Corinthians 10:13-14.