



**STURGEON
VALLEY**
BAPTIST CHURCH

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand

~ Psalm 31:14-15 ~

Welcome to SVBC,
we're so glad you're here!



Connect with us...

If this is your first, your 10th or your 100th visit we would love to connect with you. Please complete the Connect Card available in the pew and put it in the Offering Box or scan this QR code to complete online.

Thank You!

The Pastors, Directors, Staff and their families would like to thank our SVBC church family for the Christmas cards, notes of encouragement and for your generous gifts.

God's blessings to you all for 2023!

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
~2 Corinthians 5:17~

Soup Help

Don't toss your ham bone or turkey carcasses. Please freeze them or bring them to the church kitchen freezer. This will make soup for families.
Thanks!



SUNDAY
LUNCHEON



JANUARY 8TH
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
IN THE GYM

Bring a salad or dessert to share

RSVP @ the **Welcome Centre**,
scan the QR code above or email
pastorjustin@svbc.ab.ca

Starting...
January 8th, 2023
Room 202 @ 9AM

Pre-Service
Congregational
Prayer
Gathering

Join our Leadership for:

- Brief teaching & discussion on prayer
- Pray for the Worship Service & other pressing needs

For more details email:
pastortom@svbc.ab.ca



*Tithes
and
Offerings*

We would like to thank-you for your continued support to SVBC. For your convenience, the Offering Box is located in the Foyer by the Office Door.

For other giving options go to: www.svbc.ab.ca and click "Give"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

Serve one another through love. Galatians 5:13c

A Note from Mrs. Sheri:

Our Children's Ministry volunteer teams are taking a well-deserved break over the holidays.

WE HAVE SOME GREAT ACTIVITY PACKS AVAILABLE AT THE KIDS' KIOSK IN THE FOYER!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- JAN. 1 - NO KIDS' CHURCH
- JAN. 5 - SNOWMAN SWEEP! 1:30-3:30 PM
- JAN. 8 - KIDS' CHURCH RESUMES
- JAN. 11 - KIDS CLUB RESUMES
- JAN. 15 - NEXT GROUPS RESUME

**NURSERY OPEN FOR PARENT USE
& PARENT ROOM OPEN
(ACROSS FROM WASHROOMS)**

SNOWMAN SWEEP!

A NEW YEAR = A FRESH START

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE DO A BIG CLEAN OF OUR CLASSROOMS AND SWITCH OVER DECOR TO BRIGHTEN OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WING FOR THE UPCOMING TERM. PLEASE JOIN MRS. SHERI TO LEND A HAND & HAVE SOME FUN IN FELLOWSHIP.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5TH
1:30-3:30 PM
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**QUESTIONS?
CONTACT MRS. SHERI**



Student Ministries

**THANK-YOU FOR JOINING US
THROUGHOUT 2022!**

**MEET[UP] resumes
Wednesday, January 11th**

**SEE YOU
THERE!!**



Student
Ministries

YOUTH

SLEDDING

@ Liberton Hill



Friday, January 13th ~ 6:30PM

Email: pastorjustin@svbc.ab.ca

WE NEED USHERS & GREETERS



Find out more:

Email: church@svbc.ab.ca

Phone: 780.458.3777



Offering and Communion Plate Passing Update - December 2022

Dear SVBC family:

As we approach the end of 2022, we want to **thank you** for your patience. You have worked with us through the many twists and turns of this past ministry year. It's hard to believe that it was only in March that the mask mandates and other restrictions were finally lifted. Since then, we have been on a journey of restarting and reengaging ministry.

We have seen many fully engage in our steps forward. We see you shaking hands, sitting a little more closely together, greeting and hugging and eating together. We are so glad that we have been able to reconnect in these ordinary ways that we took for granted before the pandemic.

We also recognize that some need to exercise greater caution regarding contact with others. We welcome you to wear masks or keep your distance as needed. We hope you can join us in person when you can and online when you can't.

Resumption of Offering and Communion Plates – January 8, 2023

The Elders have been prayerfully considering the resumption of a couple of common practices that we suspended in March 2020: **Passing the Offering and Communion Plates**. We believe that both practices are meaningful parts of our corporate worship services.

The Offering enables us to reflect on God's offering to us of His Son. It also gives us opportunity to participate in His ongoing ministry in our community and in the world. We see it as part of worship in offering up our whole selves to the Lord.

The passing of Communion Plates also gives us time to reflect on our walk with God and Jesus' sacrifice with us. We join as the Body of Christ to examine, remember, and proclaim Christ's death.

So the Elders have decided to resume the passing of the Offering Plate and the Communion Plates to facilitate these opportunities.

Options

Yet we respect the need some have to continue with greater caution. So our Ushers and Servers will aim to be sensitive to your needs. If you do not wish to pass the plate, you can indicate that with a shake of your head or quick wave. The servers will try to pass it beyond you. If you're in the congregation and notice your neighbor does not want to touch the plate, please help the servers by reaching out to close any gaps.

If you do not want to participate in Communion using the plates, we will continue to have the packets in the Foyer for you to pick up before the service. You can also continue to give online, or in the Offering Box in the Foyer if you do not want to give through the Offering Plate.

We will start this on January 8th. As with everything else that we have tried these last 3 years, we will refine and adjust as we go.

If you have any comments or questions about this, please contact one of the Elders or connect with Curtis, the Elder Chair at elderchair@svbc.ab.ca.

Thank you all and God bless.