

## SVBC Elder Affirmation



On Tuesday, May 26th, 2026 we will present one nominee for affirmation to the position of Elder. A nominee must receive an 85% affirmation from the members present at a duly called meeting. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding the candidate, please speak with him directly.

### Rod Roy ~ Testimony

I don't really remember what my life was like before accepting Christ, because I accepted Him at a young age. But that acceptance began a long walk to where I am today.

I was raised in a Christian home where we always went to church - Sunday morning, Sunday evening (hence, we could only watch ½ of the Walt Disney show on TV), Tuesday kids club, Wednesday prayer meeting and Friday youth. At that time, we went to a church where people were very charismatic when they were AT church, but their daily lives were different. We lived in a small town so I would see them on week days and I noticed that their behavior was not the same as when they were at church. My Dad was different though. I worked with him after school and on Saturdays from about grade 3 on. His life inside and outside of church demonstrated a consistency of character and compassion for people. That spoke to me more than anything I saw at church. He had a commitment that I knew I wanted to emulate. I always said that "when I grow up, I want to be like my Dad." I knew that He had a relationship with Christ and that is what made him who he was. This was something that I needed too.

When I first chose Jesus, it was a small step in the right direction. I knew I was a sinner and could not save myself. I learned that at Sunday School. And I was taught right from wrong at home. But I

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didn't know it was going to be a long journey of many little steps and many missteps. My baby Christian thinking thought that it was just a one time thing and that nothing more was required of me – I could just carry on with life. But as I grew older, I remember struggling with wanting to know what I have to do to please God. In my teen years, I became more aware what that act of committing my life to Christ really meant. It is a daily, if not more often, surrender to following Him.

God showed me Philippians 1:5-6 “Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

I realized that Jesus had begun a good work in me and He would not leave me where I was but will bring me to that day completed. Praise the Lord. I was baptized by immersion in the Baptist Church in Hinton.

Romans 8:1-2 “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the Law of the Spirit set me free from the law of sin and death.”

This verse has come to mean a lot to me during my growing years as a Christian too. Through the sanctifying work of Christ and the Holy Spirit, I am where I am now.

I believe that we are all sinners and cannot please God with anything that we do – there is nothing good in me and we all need the saving grace of God. I have depended on this in my life and even those times when I continue to fail now are covered by the blood of Christ. I need to repent and carry on, trusting Him to continue the work in me.