

# 150th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY UPDATE 1972 — 1986

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During the years since the compiling of the history of our Church on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the building of the sanctuary, the life and service of our Church has moved steadily forward.

Many events are enjoyed annually by the members of the congregation. Among these are the Good Friday service and the celebration of Easter.

Baptist Women's Sunday is observed in the Spring and Baptist Women's Day of prayer in November.

The men of the Church conduct the services on Baptist Layman's Sunday. Several men's and boy's breakfast meetings are held throughout the year.

A graduation service for the Sunday School is an event in June. A Church Family picnic is also enjoyed.

Waddle's Farm is the location of the Fall Roundup of the Sunday School in preparation for the Rally Day which follows.

Members of the Church assist in the Witness Booth which is conducted at the Norfolk County Fair by the Norfolk Association of Baptist Churches.

During December the C.G.I.T. Vesper Service, the Sunday School Christmas Pageant and the White Gift Sunday Service are special events.

On January 12th, 1975 a plaque in memory of Henry R. Crabb was unveiled on the north side of the Church.

For a second time Miss Agnes Lee was appointed as Christian Education Co-ordinator in 1976.

She remained in this position until September, 1982 when she left for Colborne, Ontario, her home Church, to become their Minister.

Late in 1970's, the Constitution of the Church was revised and adopted at the Annual Meeting in 1978.

April 1980, saw three retired Ministers who are members of the Church, Rev. Wesley Bee, Rev. Ottis Davidson and Rev. Dana Lamb, honoured by being made Ministers Emeriti.

After nine years of faithful service, Rev. Harold Cowie tendered his resignation to take effect in August of 1980. This was accepted with regret by the Church. He is continuing his ministry with Operation Eyesight Universal.

An induction service was held on September 21st, 1980 for Rev. Norman Hovland. He and his family came to us from Temple Church, Windsor.



As part of his training, Chris Vanderwater came as a student Minister from McMaster University, to be under the guidance of Rev. Norman Hovland.

A "Turn to Life" Crusade was conducted with the assistance of Baptists from Texas in November, 1982 and again in 1983.

Mr. Bruce Lacey was inducted as Assistant Minister on February 27th, 1983.



In June 1982, the congregation voted to start a building program for a new Christian Education Wing. A committee was set up and pledges were made.

After many years of faithful service as organist and choir leader of the Church, Mrs. Helen Matthews resigned in April of 1983. In December of that year Helen presented a Cross in memory of her husband, Victor Matthews.

Mr. Dan Amorim filled in during that summer until the Music Committee named Ron Beckett, Dan Amorim and Diane Bridge as a musical team in the Fall. Their appointment was verified by a vote of the Church membership.

The present musical team consists of Ron Beckett and Diane Bridge, Dan Amorim resigned because of his studies.

At the anniversary service in May of 1984, a plaque was placed on the organ as a tribute to Mrs. Helen Matthews.

Prior to the coming of our Assistant Minister, Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer acted as interim Christian Education Co-ordinator.

Under the leadership of Rev. Norman Hovland, "The Bethel Series" of Bible studies has been conducted in our Church over the past several years.

Mrs. Margaret Ulch has kept the Kiosk updated regularly since it was presented by Mrs. Maude Bagdon in memory of her husband, Sam.

