

History Highlights

Of Westfort Baptist Church

Celebrating God's goodness to our church one decade at a time.

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1920 to 1929

From our records

- Pastor W. Surman served from April 1920 to April 1923.
- October 1, 1920 – “Mrs Jennings agreed to light the fires on Sundays and Wednesdays.” Average morning attendance was 46.
- Pastor G. Baxter served from Oct. 1923 to Oct. 1925.
- In April 1924, there were 24 members on the church roll – a gain of 20 members in 15 years. Many of the original members had left.
- In the spring of 1928 the mortgage (of about \$3,000) was paid off.
- In the fall of 1928, the church withdrew from the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec and became independent.



The church building prior to 1936



Pastor & Mrs. Ed Hancox
October 1925 to April 1927

Hymns written in that period

Great Is thy Faithfulness
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Whiter than snow
Wonderful Grace of Jesus
Living For Jesus
Since Jesus came Into My Heart
I'd Rather Have Jesus
Lead me to Calvary

Local & World History

- Local amateur hockey teams won national honours four times in the 1920's
- April 1929 – the Royal Edward Hotel opens
- October 1929 – the stock market crash ushers in the Great Depression