

# History Highlights

Of Westfort Baptist Church

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

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1930 to 1939

## From our records

- Apr 1/30 - "Under the able leadership of our pastor, R. J. Campbell, during the past year we have been richly blessed, and we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for sending us such a leader."
- June 15/30 - Pastor R. J. Campbell resigned to return to his home in Ireland
- "In Sept. '31 Mr. Howard Neely of Manitoulin Island became pastor and carried on the works both here and Slate River until Jan. 2, 1932, when he resigned to return to Toronto. Members who had cars... made it possible for the pastor to reach the Slate River church on Sunday afternoons.
- Offerings for 1933 were \$664.56
- now called "Westfort Baptist Church" instead of "Ford Street Baptist Church"
- Apr 17/36 - "Mr. Jennings read the report of the Bible School. This report showed steady progress with an average attendance of 63, as against 61 for the preceding year."
- May 5/36 - "It was decided to ask the Young Peoples to do the caretaking of the church for the Month of May."
- Nov 15/36 - "Miss Blodwen Smith asked permission to form a choir. "
- Apr 9/37 – Mr. and Mrs. Bennett received into church membership



Arthur Leslie Bennett

- Apr 18/37 – Mr. Bennett retained as a supply preacher but "without the authority of a pastor." His salary was \$25.00 a month.
- May 1939 – Miss Mary Lowe, R.N., 27 years old, died in an accident in the Canary Islands while waiting passage on a steamer enroute to Nigeria to serve with Sudan Interior Mission.
- Oct 24/39 – Mr. Bennett ordained as pastor in High Park Baptist Church, Toronto.

## Hymns written in that period

Calvary Covers it All  
He Lives  
Spirit of the Living God  
Breathe On Me Breath of God  
Wherever He Leads I'll Go  
Victory In Jesus  
Now I belong to Jesus  
All That thrills My soul is Jesus

## Local & World History

- During the Depression, a hobo camp sprang up behind the Pool 6 Elevator.
- Extra police and Mounties were brought in to keep a close eye on communist demonstrations.
- The first radio station, CKPR, broadcast on Feb. 23, 1931 from studios in the Royal Edward Hotel.
- July 1, 1935, the Trans-Canada highway is opened
- Port Arthur Bearcats won a silver medal at the 1936 Olympics in Germany.
- Mary J.L. Black library is built in 1938
- Jan. 1939 – Co-op dairy creates "the one and only milk skating rink in Canada"
- May 23, '39 – King George VI and Queen Elizabeth tour the Twin Cities
- Sept. 10, '39 – Canada declares war on Germany