

# History Highlights

Of Westfort Baptist Church

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

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1940 to 1949



Mrs. Bennett teaching DVBS - 1947

## From our church records

- May 1940 - the house at 216 E Francis St was donated to the church to be the home of Rev. and Mrs Bennett.
- May 1943 - support was given for a local weekly evangelistic radio broadcast called "Gospel Echoes."
- Aug 1944 - "The Pastor reported that the work on the manse roof is progressing, the work being done by himself with some assistance."
- Oct 1944 - "A suggestion to hold a victory Thanksgiving Service at the time of German defeat was held over."
- July 1945 - "Rev. Bennett stated that Everett Brown wished to be baptized and to become members of the church."
- Jan 1946 - "Rev. Bennett reported 15 conversions...for which we praise the Lord, also 2 baptisms."

- Jan 1947 - in his Pastor's Report, Rev. Bennett stated, "We have reason to believe that spiritual progress has been made, and it is due to the sovereign grace of God, to whom our praise must continually arise."
- Feb 1947 - the church took on the support of Miss Thelma Wild, a missionary under the Unevangelized Fields Mission in the Belgian Congo, at the amount of fifty dollars a month.
- Aug 1948 - it was decided that the church would support Miss Blodwen Smith, a missionary in Japan, at the rate of \$840 dollars a year.
- Jan 1949 - church membership was 89

## Hymns written in that period

Room At the Cross For You

My Hope Is In the Lord

He Giveth More Grace

It took a Miracle

## Local & World History

- Canada Car produced Hawker Hurricanes and Helldivers for the war and Port Arthur Shipyard produced corvettes and minesweepers. Half the employees at Can Car were women.
- August 7, 1945 – an explosion at Pool 5 Elevator killed 18 and injured 37.
- Hubert Badani defeats C.W. Cox for mayor of Fort William, an office he holds for 8 years.



Vacation Bible School 1942