

In 1930, the 50th Anniversary of the church was celebrated by having a week of Revival Meetings. On the opening Sunday, Rev. J.B. (Elder) Moore, the first Pastor of the church, preached in the morning and his Grandson, Rev. Dr. Gordon Brown, preached in the evening. W.J.J. Brown the son preached during the weekday services. Also Dr. Gordon Brown's brother Harold Brown was the soloist for this very special occasion. Mrs. Elsie (Clarke) Williamson was the organist.

It was indeed a very great inspiration to all who attended to have three generations of "The Brown's" once again preaching the gospel in the same church they had founded fifty years ago.

Also in 1930, the Baptist Church of the surrounding area held "Pastors and Peoples Conference". They were well attended and one Conference was held in 1930 during the weekday at Brownsville Baptist. As it was during the warm weather, tables were set up in the enclosed drive shed back of the church and the people fed in relays.

It was about this time that a very bad hurricane passed through the Brownsville District striking the church and demolishing the west end of the church. The Methodist church across the road kindly offered the use of their church to hold services until the damage was repaired.

Prayer meetings were held in the church annex weekly on Tuesday evenings. They were well attended by not only the older members but the young people as well. For many years a Senior Deacon Mr. Rodger Hawkins led in the Bible Study period preceding the prayer time.

Also the Baptist Church was well known for their Christmas entertainments that was put on by the Sunday School scholars each year, and everyone looked forward to the traditional supper that preceded this concert. The year's awards for each pupil were presented this night and the custom of doing this is still followed. One of the faithful scholars, Mr. John Smith, in his declining years related to us that he walked several miles to Brownsville every Sunday to attend the Methodist Sunday School in the morning, his teacher being Mr. Tom Wood, the harness maker in the village. In the afternoon he attended the Baptist Sunday School with Mrs. Adamson Brown as his teacher. He had never missed a Sunday School in three years.

A number of years previous to this around 1920, Springfield Baptist Church approached Brownsville about joining with them which they did.

~~In 1924~~ Reverend George Creigh was called at this time to pastor both Springfield and Brownsville churches, as well as Malahide Baptist Church. Due to circumstances after several years the Malahide Church was closed ~~in 1927~~ Springfield and Brownsville churches stayed together as one charge until 1951. Brownsville services were held in the afternoon to accommodate the pastor. In 1927 Rev. S. F. Watts was called to pastor the two churches.

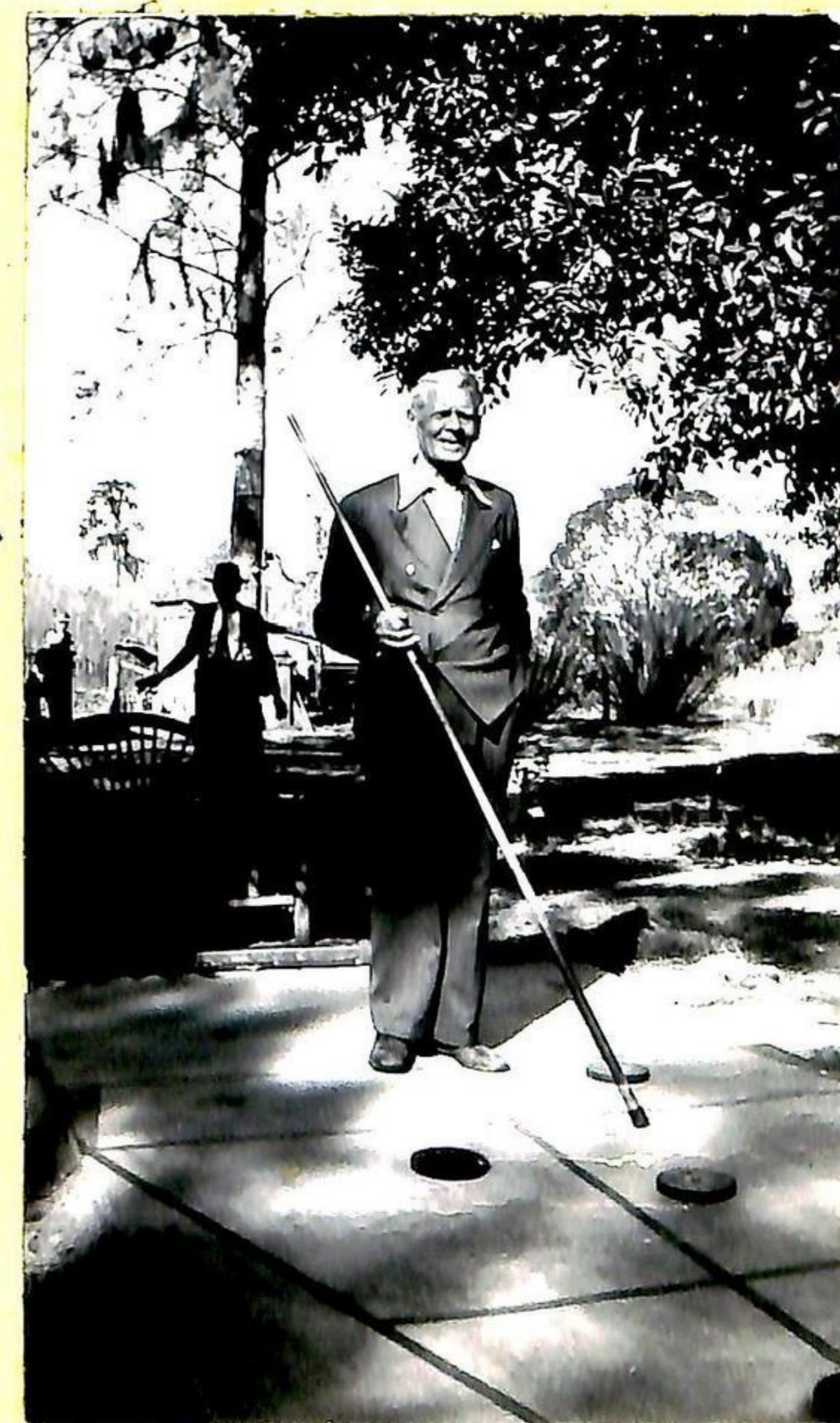
In 1931 after the resignation of Pastor Watts, Rev. J.K. Yelland was issued a call as pastor. Pastor J.K. Yelland remained on the charge until 1952, then due to ill health continued on as pastor for Springfield only.

In 1953 the organ being in bad repair was sold and two piano's purchased. A very large painting, done by Mr. Jack Helsdon of Tillsonburg, was hung over the baptistry. Mr. Owen Robinson, electrician installed colored lighting, making the picture a thing of beauty.

In 1954 after months of supply pastors, a call was extended to Mr. Ross Laidlaw to be pastor to the two churches. Due to ill health, Mr. Laidlaw resigned in 1956. During Mr. Laidlaw's pastorate, the 75th Anniversary was celebrated with a week of revival meetings. Music was provided by the surrounding Baptist churches with Mrs. Wm. Williamson as pianist.

After Mr. Laidlaw's ministry, ^{in 1957} an invitation was given to Reverend Wentworth Bellsmith of Mount Forest to be the regular pastor.

Down through the years, there were many weeks of revival meetings, among them a week with Pastor Perry Rockwood of Halifax, a well known Radio pastor. A week with Tommy Titcomb, an outstanding returned missionary and a week with evangelist, Reverend Tom Summers.



Rev. George Creigh