

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

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His hand of arresting souls on their downward way to destruction, and telling them of a Saviour's love and of a price paid in full for their redemption—even His precious blood—of a Father's love and ready pardon and deliverance from bondage for all who through faith will accept His Son, Jesus the Christ? (What unspeakable honor conferred on us to be co-workers with Him in this glorious work.) By the leading of the Spirit the burden of this work was laid upon their hearts and they, hearing the call of duty, gladly responded and gave of their land and of their labor, and built an altar of worship and planted the Banner of the Cross in the face of the enemy of men—yea, a City of Refuge where the sinner, conscious of his sin and the pursuit of the avenger, might fly and hear the message of pardon and freedom from the bondage of sin in the Word of the King of Kings and Lord of Hosts. Thus was this church started and has continued for eighty years. A church building not for feasting, not for entertainment or to please men, but whose mission only was to wage war—war without quarter—against sin—and herald the message of peace on earth and goodwill to men. How faithfully succeeding generations have carried on His work and executed His commands, will only be made known on that last great day when the Master of the vineyard shall come to receive His own.

Having no written record of the first eight years of this work from 1848 to 1856; through the loss of the first book of minutes, we can only be guided as to the work done, through the roll book, this showing the church having in 1848 some forty members; two by letter, William and Sarah Ratcliff, being the founders, from Elder Lane, Colchester, England, and thirty-eight by baptism, showing God's wonderful blessing of faithful consecrated labor and loving sacrifice. During the next two years thirty-eight additional members were baptized making in the year 1850 a membership of seventy-eight, still two by letter and seventy-six by baptism. A footnote in the roll books says "March 14, 1850, the day ever memorable on which the church was formed and re-organized." Ever memorable in the mind of man—what in the court of heaven? From March 14, 1850 to 1854 twenty-four more were added, two by letter and twenty-two by baptism. During the next five years and up to 1859 thirty-three were added, one by letter, and thirty-two by baptism. Then ensued for the next six years, a season of spiritual drought and lack of harvest, and though the minutes are not very full, yet there is sufficient evidence that there were the Achans in the Camp of Israel, for there were many committees appointed to interview members and reports presented showing that they had not coveted, stolen, and hidden, the talents of gold and silver, but they had rather coveted and taken of the pleasures of the world and the lusts of the flesh and thus troubled Israel so that she could not stand against her enemies and their God had said "neither will I be with you, any more except ye destroy the accursed thing from among you." Also the sad and serious fact is disclosed that among this number was included he who for some years had been ministering to the church, who with others was expelled from membership. Thus, brethren, are not our lives lived not only to ourselves, but to the blessing or the hurt of God's chosen people and to the success or hindrance of His cause? So should we tremble in His presence and as members of His Kingdom prayerfully analyse our hearts and our lives, praying the Father that they may be free from offense. Few conversions and baptisms are recorded during this term and up till the year 1869, two years after the expulsion of a number of members and also he who had been holding the office of minister.

In the year 1854 First Markham, Second Markham, and the Sixth Line Pickering, united and called to the pastorate, Elder R. McClelland, at a salary of four hundred dollars (400) and firewood (not an item of great expense in those days, I am sure). His first work seems to have been to rid Israel of the Achans, for the roll was revised, members visited, and many names dropped from membership. This cleansing seems to have occupied, with the renewing of the spiritual life of the church, about five years, for in the year 1869, as mentioned above, blessings again attended the work and about twenty-three were added by baptism and one by letter. So again were the forces of Israel victorious over their enemies and in the year 1871 and 1872 forty-seven members were added by baptism and two by letter. On October 1st, 1871, Pastor McClelland closed his ministry with the church and Rev. J. B. Moore entered into his labors on the field on the same date. In the year 1858 a member was added to the church after a bitter struggle with the powers of Satan, ending in a rich and glorious triumph through faith in Jesus Christ and a rich Christian experience that continually deepened

through the long years of his life, and who exerted an ever-deepening Christian influence in the community and the church. In the year 1866 this member, brother Joel Baker, was elected to the office of Deacon. About one year after this the records show that a church having been built at Baker Hill, services were instituted and held every other Sabbath morning. On December 24, 1871, special revival services were commenced here and continued with great blessing for a period of five weeks and then transferred to the Providence church and carried on for another eight weeks until March 21st, when thirty souls were added to the church. From the year 1873 and up to the year 1884 the records are more or less obscure as to the definite number of additions in any one year, but there seems to have been a steady and continuous growth and great blessing upon the church. In the following four years from 1884 to 1888, thirteen members were added by letter and thirty-six by baptism. In the year 1875 Rev. J. B. Moore moved from this church and a call was extended to the Rev. Wm. Carey which was accepted and he continued to minister to the church till the year 1878. During his pastorate a new church edifice was built and dedicated to the worship of God on December 13, 1877, Dr. Davidson preaching the dedicatory sermon, and on Sunday, December 16, the church, the present building, was formally opened, Rev. J. Griffith of Barrie preaching morning and evening, and Rev. F. Ratcliff of Gilmore Memorial church in the afternoon.

In the years succeeding this the church was ministered to from the year 1878 to 1880 by the Rev. David Reddick, from 1880 to 1881 by Rev. T. W. Tapscott, (a minute of some interest, December 1, 1881, is a resolution appointing Brother Seneca Baker as conductor of music at the Baker Hill end of the field of interest because of the long years of faithful service and the fact that our Brother is still carrying on the same good). From 1881 to March 17, 1882 J. J. Baker, then a student-pastor, ministered to the spiritual needs of the church and at the close of his ministry a council was called and our brother was ordained. On June 1, 1882, Rev. D. J. McGilvery entered the office of pastor and carried on the work until early of the year 1883, a short pastorate, and followed by W. H. Cline of McMaster Hall for a term not very clear from the minutes as in May or June C. H. Phillmore was called to, and accepted, the pastorate of the church, and on October 20 a council was called and Brother Phillmore was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry and continued on the field till August 23, 1885. The church now extended a call to Rev. E. D. Sherman which was accepted and who carried on the work from November 1, 1885 to 1890. During these years from 1880 to 1890 there seems to have been another season of spiritual stagnation and something of the same condition as noted in the period 1859 to 1865. Let me here say that in the back of the minute book which carries the records to the year 1886, I have found an intensely interesting note, why it was placed here I do not know, but it shows the yearning of the hearts of God's people for the return of His presence and the shining of the light of His countenance upon them, and is as follows:—

"Agreeably to the words of our Saviour in Matthew 18 and 19, at our prayer meeting held in the chapel on the Fourth of August 1864 we agreed together to ask God to grant prosperity to the prayer meeting. Hence we had for a special subject of prayer.

Aug. 11—That God would bless our prayer meetings!

Aug. 15—That God would bless the preaching of the word in this church and neighborhood!

Aug. 25—That God would grant the spirit of prayer and the grace of supplication!

Sept. 1—That God would hear our united prayers while we again supplicate for a blessing upon the prayer meeting!

Sept. 3—That God would hear prayer for those who worship with us but are unconverted.

Sept. 15—For the success of the ministry of the church.

You will note that this special season of prayer took place about the close of the six years of spiritual famine 1865. On April 25, 1890, a unanimous call was extended to E. J. Harris, an earnest, active servant of the Master and whose labors were abundantly blessed of God. Brother Harris was ordained on July 15, 1890. During the winter of 1891 a series of special meetings were held which resulted in a great ingathering of souls to the Kingdom, as on February 22, 1891, Pastor Harris, at the ordinance of the Lord's Supper gave the right hand of fellowship to 64 persons who had followed their Lord in baptism and were thus admitted into church fellowship. On February 13, 1891, the church sustained a heavy loss in the death of their most active and earnest members, Brother Anderson. He had joined the church in 1853 and was continuously in harness, having filled every office in the gift of the church and whose Christian life had been a benediction in the community. Pastor Harris resigned from the

work on December 1, 1891 because of ill-health, his doctor having ordered a complete rest. E. J. Stobo then occupied the position of student pastor 1892, and was followed by A. P. Kennedy who on the twelfth day of July, 1894 was ordained to the work of the ministry and labored on the field till April 1, 1898, after a season of blessing and joy in seeing fruit of his labor. Then for eighteen months the church was ministered to by Rev. P. C. McGregor, terminating on September 5, 1899. A unanimous call was now extended to J. A. Armstrong which was accepted, his ministry commencing October 1, 1899, and during his term of office on June 13, 1900, he was ordained. At this time, the two congregations having up till this time one organization, decided to make a change, and each church have their own organization but continue as one field. This ministry closed June 9, 1901. For the following two years or till March 1903, the church had students supplies, at which time Mr. Scott was called and served the church till September 1904, and for the succeeding fourteen years there were a number of short pastorates, nearly all being students of McMaster and ministering to the church as follows, Brother Williams 1904 to 1906, Mr. Pengelly 1906 to 1907, Brother Ellis 1908 to 1910; Brother H. F. Veals 1910 to 1911; W. C. Mckendry 1911 to 1913; Mr. Haddow April 1914 to October 1914; Mr. Stewart 1914 to 1915; Rev. Wm. Miller, April 1916 to the end of 1917 or beginning of 1918. At this time Rev. C. E. McLeod was called to the pastorate and held the office till December 1923, when the first real division occurred between the two congregations, the Providence church asking for Mr. McLeod's resignation which was tendered on December 16, 1923, and at the same time thirty-six letters were granted to the Baker Hill members who formed a separate church, retaining the services of Rev. McLeod. The Providence church then carried on under the leadership of R. Price and other students until March 1925 when a unanimous call was tendered to W. S. Whitcombe who, accepting and laboring untriflingly for the spiritual uplift of the church and the saving of the lost, has installed himself in the hearts of the members and has had the great joy in Sept. 1925 of seeing the reuniting of the two churches that had labored so long and faithfully together.

Brethren the history of this church started by two godly people under the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit, is intensely interesting in its ever widening circle, but what the total results are will be revealed in eternity. May we take to our hearts the knowledge that the faithful stewards of the past having been called of God to rest from their labors and enter into their reward, He has laid on us the responsibility of tending His vineyard and in His own good time He will demand an accounting of our stewardship.

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IN MEMORIAM
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