



**War Memorial Windows**

1978—On June 4, the 150th Anniversary Service was celebrated with speaker, Dr. John Gladstone of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto.

1992—February, the “Miracles at First Child Care Centre” was opened to meet the need for Christian child care in the city. The fall saw program changes: Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Suppers instituted, Prayer Meeting (moved from Thursdays) and boys’ and girls’ programs carried out following the suppers.

1993—The first female was elected to serve on the Board of Deacons.

1998—Children from the New Life Mission were incorporated into the Wednesday night suppers and children and youth programs.

### **Into the 21st Century**

2001—On November 6, the “Kindling the Flame” campaign was launched, which raised about \$750,000 to pay off debt, carry out an upgrade of facilities including foundation, tower, and organ refurbishment.

2005—February was the start of an early morning contemporary service, “The Bridge”, designed to reach out to a younger generation and unchurched persons.

2006—The link connecting the Christian Education Building and Church Building was modified to include an accessibility “lift” and a new entrance.

2011—June saw the approval for major upgrades of modern lighting, sound and technical equipment, renovations in the Sanctuary and Vestry, and repairs to the exterior stonework and roof lines.



**Renovated Interior (2011)**

**First Moncton United Baptist Church** is a beautiful structure with a magnificent Casavant organ and beautiful stained glass windows. It has a seating capacity of seven hundred and is wheelchair accessible.

First Baptist Moncton is a member of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC), is active in the ministries of Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM), and is associated with Baptists around the world through the ministry of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

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## **First Moncton United Baptist Church**

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**185th Anniversary, June 8, 2013**



**Church (Built 1915)**

### **In the Beginning**

1821—Baptist influence in the area of the Bend (later named Moncton) led to the erection of the Free Meeting House.



**Free Meeting House (1821)**

1828—June 8, following Elder Joseph Crandall’s evangelistic meeting, a group of converts began the Moncton Baptized Church of Christ (mother church of First Baptist Moncton) at the Free Meeting House.

1857—The congregation built their own House of Worship at Church and Queen Streets.



**First Baptist Moncton 1857-1913  
with 1887 expansion**

1886—Electric lights were installed.

1887—The church was remodelled and expanded with two side wings and a rear extension.

1905-6—Men's and Women's Bible Classes were organized and named the Christian Brotherhood and the Sunshine Ladies.

1908—The "Forward Movement", a plan to liquidate the \$14,000 debt, carry out renovations and install a new pipe organ was executed.



**Church interior with Casavant Organ (1909)**

1909—A magnificent three manual Casavant pipe organ, with 1823 pipes was installed. The replaced organ was moved to the West End Baptist Church (present day Highfield Street United Baptist Church).

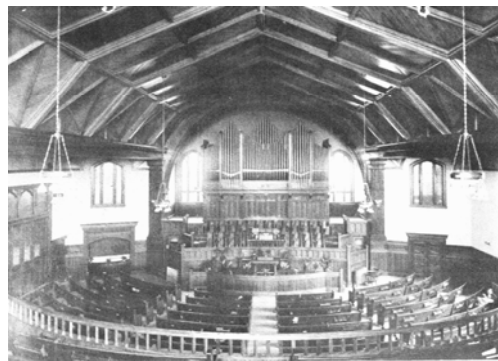
### **Tragedy and Resurgence**

1913—On May 6, a fire which started in the Victoria Rink nearby, completely destroyed the church building.

1913—On August 25, the church meeting awarded the contract for a stone building at a cost of \$62,476.

1914—May 30 saw the cornerstone laid, with services being held in the basement by November.

1915—On May 16, the new building was dedicated and 4,400 persons attended the two services. Forty-nine persons were baptised that day and more the next Sunday. The cost of the building and furnishings came to \$89,946.



**Interior of New Church (1915)**

### **After the Great War**

1918—In October, the Vestry, Brotherhood Hall and Sunshine Room served as an Emergency Hospital for those with the Spanish influenza, which caused more deaths in a few weeks than

had occurred in all the years of the Great War.

1921—On March 27 (Easter Sunday), a memorial stained glass window was dedicated, honouring the 37 church members who lost their lives in the war. A plaque lists the 213 men and women who served.

1935—CKCW radio station started a monthly broadcast of a Sunday evening service.

1937—On March 7, the first broadcast of the Men's Christian Brotherhood was aired on CKCW. It was reported that over 100,000 people tuned in to the weekly Sunday program.

1945—WWII Memorial Window, honouring the 26 church members who made the supreme sacrifice was installed, with a plaque listing the names of 278 men and women of First Baptist Moncton who served.



**Christian Education Building (1958)**

1958—September 28 was Dedication Sunday for the new Christian Education building—modern facilities set apart for "the teaching of the Word of God in both precept and example". The building and furnishings cost \$236,811.

1973—Several individuals from the church were influential in the start of the Kenneth E. Spencer Memorial Home for senior citizens and over the years have been Officers of the Board.