

MINISTERS OF
ST. ANDREW'S

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Rev. J. Ross | 1925-1929 |
| 2. | Rev. Robert Burton | 1930-1933 |
| 3. | Rev. Robert Boyle | 1935-1937 |
| 4. | Rev. James M. Young | 1938-1941 |
| 5. | Rev. Lucas Sharpe | 1942-1948 |
| 6. | Rev. Horrace Kaye | 1948-1957 |
| 7. | Cleveland Robb (Lay Minister) | 1958-1963 |
| 8. | Rev. Gordon Matheson | 1964-1966 |
| 9. | Rev. Lindsay McIntyre | 1966-1977 |
| 10. | Rev. Carol Morrow | 1978-1980 |
| 11. | Rev. Ritchie Morrow | 1979-1980 |
| 12. | Rev. John B. Henderson | 1981-1983 |
| 13. | Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw | 1983-1987 |
| 14. | Rev. Robert Ewing | 1987-1990 |



A BRIEF HISTORY OF
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A special thanks to Gladys Chaplin and Nancy Prikker who helped in the collaboration of this paper.

THE HISTORY OF
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lakefield made its beginning during the Depression in the early 1930's. With little money to spare, the Missionary Society sent a letter to every Presbyterian Church listed in the Bluebook, requesting donations.

The Laying of the Corner Stone took place on Thursday, October 16, 1930 at 3:30 P.M. This was followed by a dinner at the Town Hall. The basement of the Church was opened for Public Worship on March 15, 1931. On Friday, October 13, 1933 (usually an unlucky date) the special Dedication Service was held. The Anniversary Service followed on October 15 and the Supper on October 17.

Immediately, the members of St. Andrew's were very busy. Among many activities, was a Young People's Society (YPS). This group had members from the ages of 9-90. One of the YPS's more memorable events occurred in the mid 1930's when a play was put together by the group called "April's Fool." "April's Fool" travelled to 13 different towns to perform for \$10.00 a show. This play was a combination of comedy and drama. Participants said there was rarely a dry eye in the place by the end.

These performances didn't always go as planned. At one show Gladys Chaplin and Al Clark were acting out a scene they both knew for memory. Mr. Clark had a mint in his mouth during this particular scene. While he was speaking, Mr. Clark's mint flew out of his mouth and onto the stage. Both the crew and the audience roared with laughter. It was experiences like these that brightened the dark days of the Depression. By the end of the play's run, the YPS had raised enough money to hire an organist for the Church at \$1.00 a Sunday.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is here today because of the kind donations and hard work of many people. It could be said that St. Andrew's is a memorial to many other Churches. The stained glass window at the front of the Church, for example, came from a small Church in Rockcroft. Rev. McIntyre suggested that St. Andrew's purchase the window from Rockcroft as a memorial to the builders of St. Andrew's and to the people of the Rockcroft Church. This was done. The stained glass window replaced the plain glass window originally in place.

The most recent addition to St. Andrew's is the steeple in July 1990. The steeple was erected to commemorate the Church's 60th anniversary.



BUILDING COMMITTEE

Left to Right- Back Row

Richard White, Chas. Thompson, Robt. Garbutt,
Robt. Duff, Andrew Fairburn, Gavin Preston.

Front Row-

Rev. Burton, Allan Clark, Jas. Ridpath.