

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Bertie St., has a proud History of worshipping and witnessing in the Town; although the exact date of organizing the Congregation is not known.

The ground on which the little Church building stands was deeded to the Congregation on Feb. 15th, 1873, by Sir Charles A. Murray, of London England. The Church building was dedicated in the Fall of 1873. The St. Andrew's Church Hall was erected and joined to the back of the building in 1925, and used for the Church School and other activities.

Many faithful ministers have served St. Andrew's since 1875, when the Rev. John Gould was called as Minister, to be followed by the Rev. J. A. F. Mc. Bainand the Rev. D. Munro. It was about this time that the Congregation was seperated from the Presbyterian Congregation in Ridgeway, and joined to the newly organized gongregation of the Knox Church at International Bridge, to form a single pastoral charge.

With the coming of the Railroads, and the building of the International Bridge; there was a decided inflox of people to the area, and as the little church on Bertie St., was of too great a distance for the small children to walk; a new Presbyterian Church sprong up on Courtwright St., in 1889, known as the Knox Presbyterian. Again this congregation was forced to move with progress, and in 1929, they built anew, at the corner of Central and Highland, a beautiful new brick church.

The two Congragations continued as a two-point charge until 1958, when the Rev. R. Ransom R. Malcom left to assume duties in Toronto. The Rev. G. Taylor Munro took over the St. Andrew's Congregation and the A. J. Simpson took over the Knox.

On Dec. 17th., 1967 a service of Amalgamation was conducted by the Rev. J. K. Ross Thomson of St. Catherines in St. Andrews little Church on the Hill. Henceforth the new Congregation will be known as the St. Andrew's Knox Presbyterian Church. All services form this date will be held in the much larger Knox Church on Central Ave.

It was at this service that the Rev. T. O. Williams preached his farewell service. He was to occupy the mance on Bertie St till March 1968 and it has since been sold, although the Church building itself is still empty as of May 1970.

The Minister of the Amalganated Congregation of St. Andrew's Knox Presbyterian Church is the Rev. E. C. Mc. Laren.

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## New church opens doors to all peoples

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Fort Erie has a new church, Church for All Nations, located at the corner of Bertie and Stanton Streets.

Purchased in 1973 by Christian Aid Mission, an incorporated registered federal charity, the building has been used by the air cadets prior to being converted to its present use, said James Eagles, president of Christian Aid.

The church was started as a mission outreach and sets as its goals spreading the gospel throughout the community and reaching foreign visitors with the gospel, "whether they're here as students, businessmen or just tourists."

While the church is located at 80 Bertie St., adjacent to the Christian Aid Mission, the parsonage is located at 223 Stanton St.

"We have foreign people coming across the border to see the falls," said Mr. Eagles. "Probably a lot of people don't believe their own back yard is a mission field."

Between 1973 and 1975, the building was used for mission work, and a couple of pastors in town used it for independent

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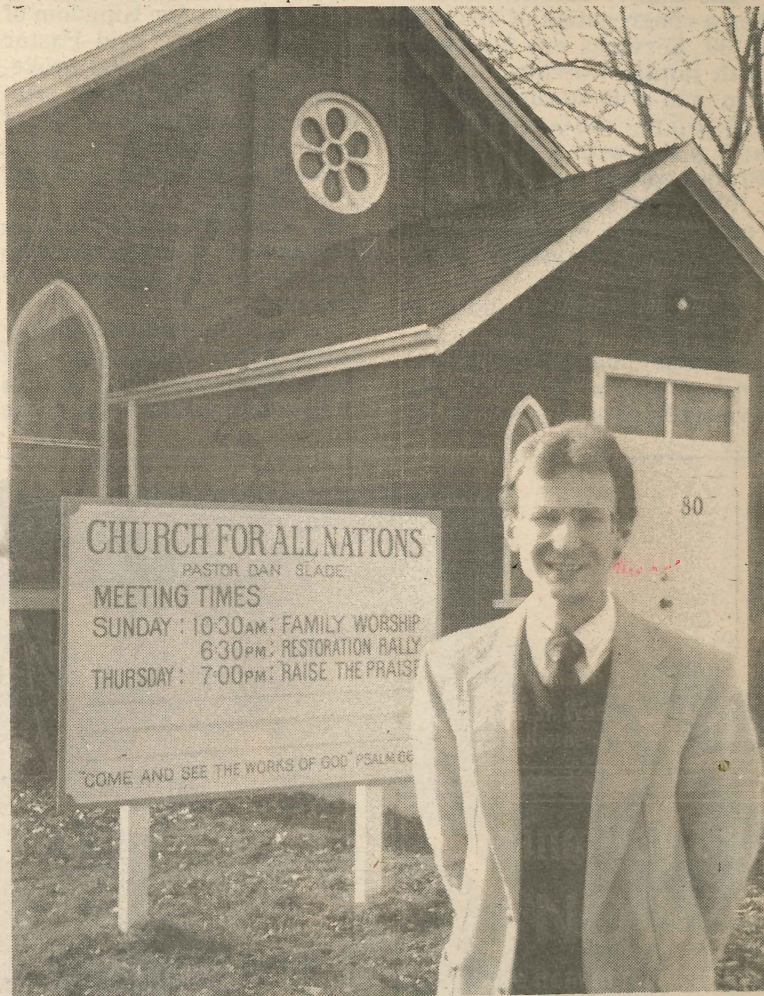


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Pastor Dan Slade stands in front of Fort Erie's newest church, Church for All Nations, located at 80 Bertie St.