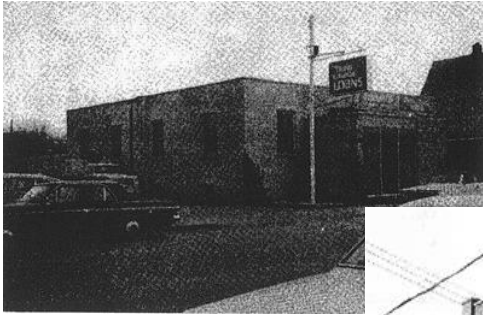


**100+ Year's of Celebrating**

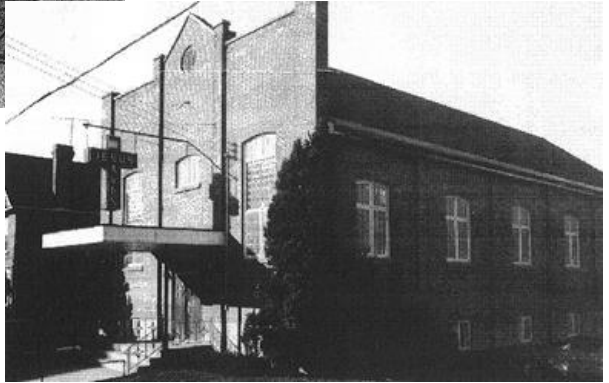
# ROCKCLIFFE

Pentecostal Church



The Stone Church  
2nd Avenue East location  
(around 1926 to 1951)

Owen Sound Pentecostal  
Tabernacle  
9th Street East location  
(1952 to 1973)



In the early fall of 1917, Rev. John Ball was directed of the Lord to come to Owen Sound to open a work here. House prayer meetings were held for a short time, after which a Hall, seating about 75 people was rented on 10th Street East. The preaching of the Word of God was accompanied with signs following. Sinners were saved, backsliders were restored and believers received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Rapid growth necessitated moving to another Hall on 9th Street, about where Todd's Sport Shop is now located. Services here commenced on November 18th, 1917, with even greater interest. On May 19, 1918, the first service was held in the new location in Lemon's Hall on 2nd Ave. East. This Hall seated about 900 people and on June 9th, the large Hall was crowded.

The first water baptismal service was held in the Bay on June 2, 1918, when 30 people identified themselves with the burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hundreds of spectators were present and two weeks later, another baptismal service was held. In the summer of 1926, Lemons Hall was vacated and meetings were held in a tent on 2nd Ave. East. While meetings were held here, the new Stone Church across the street was being built.

Important evangelistic efforts contributing to the growth of the church were the camp meetings on the Bayshore in 1932 and the tent meetings held in Brooke in 1933. In 1951, a forward step of faith was taken when a lot at the corner of 9th Street and 4th Ave. East was purchased. Subsequently, the Stone Church on 2nd Ave. East was sold. Willing hands worked long hours and progress on the new building was amazing. In April 1952, the new Pentecostal Church in Owen Sound was officially opened to the glory of God and this building served the congregation well for over 20 years.

In the early 1970's, a vision for future growth and more adequate facilities inspired the congregation to take another step forward in faith. Land was purchased on 4th Ave. West which became the sight of our present church, known as Rockcliffe Gospel Temple. The main building was completed and dedicated to the Lord in December of 1973. The Christian Education Wing was added and dedicated in October 1975.

One Hundred years have become history since the first official meeting of this congregation. It would take many books to record all the people and the events which God used over the years to bring us to this present moment. Many of our sons and daughters have

travelled across this nation and some around the world proclaiming this Pentecostal message. Others have been called to become part of what God is doing here at home.

As we look to the future, we anticipate the continued blessing of God to us and through us. As we love our Saviour in obedience to him, let us love each other and our community with the love of the Father. *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”* **Matthew 22:37 - 39.**

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”* **Psalm 133:1**

**If our God has accomplished all this in and through Rockcliffe over the past years, I can't wait to see what He has in store for us now and in the days ahead.**

*“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.”* **Joshua 1:3**

*“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.”* **Psalm 34:8**

*“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”* **Acts 2:17**

*“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”* **John 14:12**

**Our goal, with the Holy Spirit's help, is to RESTORE that which is broken, to deliberately and purposefully help Individuals RELATE to God and with His body and to RELEASE hope-filled people into their God-given purpose. (Here in Owen Sound and around the World)**

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**RESTORE, RELATE, RELEASE**

# Ministers Serving this Congregation Over the Years



**Rev. J. T. Ball**

1917 - 1923

**No Photo**

**Rev. Richart**

1923 - 1924



**Rev. J. T. Ball**

1924 - 1925



**Rev. J. H. Blair**

1925 - 1927

**No Photo**

**Rev. C. Finch**

1927 - 1928

**No Photo**

**Rev. L. Cross**

1928 - 1929



**Rev. B. Bullock**

1929 - 1933



**Rev. V. R. Morrison**

1933 - 1937

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**Rev. C. A. Miller**

1937 - 1939



**Rev. G. A. Bombay**

1939 - 1945



**Rev. R. C. Eastman**

1945 - 1950



**Rev. G. Holmes**

1950 - 1956



**Rev. James Routley**

1956 - 1961



**Rev. J. Counsell**

1961 - 1966



**Rev. R. Running**

1966 - 1969



**Rev. George Carroll**

1970 - 1978



**Rev. Ira Leach**

1978 - 1984



**Rev. Peter Tarling**

1984 - 1994



**Rev. Ron Baker**

1994 - 2001



**Rev. Del Wells**

2001 - 2003



**Rev. Brian Jasper**

2004 - 2015



**Rev. Philip Smith**

2016 - Present

## Thanking God For Our Pastors & Family

Ps 31:23.....*Father, I thank You that our pastors are faithful,*

Ps 31:23.....*and that You preserve them.*

Prov 28:20.....*That they abound with blessings,*

Gal 6:9.....*and do not grow weary in well doing.*

Phil 1:6.....*That You who began a good work in them will perfect it.*

Eph 2:10.....*They are Your workmanship created in Christ Jesus,*

Heb 13:21.....*and equipped in every good thing to do Your will.*

Heb 13:21.....*Work in them that which is well-pleasing in Your sight.*

2Cor 9:8.....*Let all grace abound toward them, having sufficiency in all things,*

2Cor 9:8.....*and an abundance for every good work.*

2Cor 9:6.....*Because they have sowed bountifully, they will reap bountifully,*

1Cor 3:6.....*and whether they plant or water, Father, You give the increase.*

2Cor 2:14.....*I pray that they continually triumph in Christ,*

