

THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAPREOL
(as taken from their records)

The perserverance of Capreol's early pioneers can in large measure probably be attributed to the faith they placed in God and to the strength they gained from communal worship. Thus it is of no surprise to find that the establishment of permanent church structures was of great importance to our early settlers, and the First Baptist Church of Capreol was no exception. In recording its history on June 9, 1939, Pastor Lorne E. Smith wrote:

It is the prayer of the author of this preface that these contents shall be continuous as each new phase of life unfolds itself to this, the First Baptist Church of Capreol. And as each new chapter is written in this, the Book of Acts of this Church, may it serve to the edification and encouragement of all who read it.

"For the first few years of Capreol's history the Baptists joined with other Protestant denominations in Union Services, first in a railway coach, then in a C.N.R. storage shed near where the Y.M.C.A. was formerly located. This storage shed was later moved across the street to the back of the lot where the Baptist Church now stands."¹

Services were first held for a strictly Baptist congregation in the summer of 1919 under the direction of Rev. H.P. Humphreys who was pastor at large while stationed at Thessalon. Interest flourished for the procurement of a central meeting place, and an old C.N.R. storage shed was obtained for that purpose, eventually finding its way to the site of the present church.