

*Services Of
Dedication*



United Baptist Church

Lower Derby, N. B.

June 9, 1963

Rev. Donald J. McClare, B.A., B.D.
Pastor

Newton Sobey, Organist

SERVICES OF DEDICATION
for the

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH
Lower Derby, N. B.

JUNE 9, 1963

3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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We welcome you to the services of this Church.
"Whosoever thou art that entereth here, remember it is the house of God; be reverent, be silent, be thoughtful, and leave it not without a prayer for thyself, for him who ministers here, and for those who worship."

GUESTS

Visitors and Guests are asked to sign the GUEST BOOK in the entry before leaving the Church. The members would like to have a complete record of all who attend these services.

THANK YOU.

The Chairman of Trustees - Mr. Lorne Dawson
"In the name of the Trustees of the United Baptist Church of Lower Derby, I accept the key as a sacred trust; and now I request that the minister of this church lead us in the act of dedication."

ACT OF DEDICATION

The Minister shall say:

"God, our heavenly Father, having in his grace, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, brought to its consummation our work of building a house for His worship, and the honor of His name; within whose walls prayer is to be offered, His gospel is to be preached, His ordinances are to be administered, His praises are to be sung, we now are gathered in His presence for the purpose of devoting it, by a solemn act of worship, to its proper and sacred use. I call upon you, therefore, to arise, and before the Lord unite in this holy act of dedication."

(The Congregation will stand.)

The Minister: To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by His grace; To the glory of the Son who loved us and gave Himself for us; And to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who illuminates and sanctifies us;

The People: We dedicate this House.

The Minister: For the worship of God in prayer and praise; For the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; For the observance of His holy ordinances;

The People: We dedicate this House.

The Minister: For the giving of comfort to all who mourn; Of strength to all who are tempted; Of light to all who seek the way;

The People: We dedicate this House.

The Minister: For the hallowing of family life;

For the teaching and guidance of the young;
for the upbuilding of all who believe and
the perfecting of the saints;

The People: We dedicate this House.

The Minister: For the increase of righteousness;
For the spread of the spirit of love;
And for the extension of the Kingdom of God;

The People: We dedicate this House.

The Minister: In the unity of faith; In the
bond of Christian brotherhood; In love and
goodwill toward all;

The People: We dedicate this House.

The Minister: In gratitude for the labors and
sacrifice of our fathers; In loving remem-
brance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality through
Jesus Christ our Lord;

The People: We dedicate this House.

The Minister: And now, as a congregation with-
in the household of God, compassed about with
a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our
heritage; we do also dedicate ourselves anew
to the worship of God and to the service of
His Kingdom.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE DOXOLOGY

CHOIR: "I Surrender All"

UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE by C. S. Amos

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: "Jesus Where'er Thy People Meet" 208

MESSAGE - Rev. Harry A. Renfree

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" 164

BENEDICTION

SERVICE OF DEDICATION
OF GIFTS AND MEMORIALS
7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION

HYMN: "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

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Scripture

ACT OF DEDICATION

(The Congregation will stand)

READING OF LIST OF GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

The Minister: To the Glory of Almighty God,
who revealed Himself to all mankind through
the life, death and resurrection of our Lord
Jesus Christ;

The People: We gratefully dedicate these gifts
and memorials.

The Minister: To ever remind us of the spirit
of goodwill and generosity that prompted these
gifts and memorials and with a prayer to God
that we the members of this church and con-
gregation may ever emulate the same spirit;

The People: We gladly dedicate these gifts
and memorials.

The Minister: To the spiritual and physical
enrichment of this place of worship, to the
end that all who enter here may experience
the love and comfort of God, that the world
cannot give nor take away;

The People: We prayerfully dedicate these
gifts and memorials.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SOLO: "How Great Thou Art" - Rev. D. McClare
OFFERTORY
CHOIR: "Since Jesus Came"
ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" 166
SERMON: - Rev. Joseph L. Knowles
HYMN: "Rise Up, O Men of God" 378
Benediction

Assisting with the music today are members
of the Choir of the United Baptist Church, in
Newcastle.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

ORGAN - In memory of Mabel Elizabeth Dawson
presented by the daughters.

LIGHTING FIXTURES - In memory of William A.
Russell presented by the family.

COMMUNION TABLE - In memory of William
McAusland presented by his wife.

HYMN BOOKS - Presented by the Miramichi-
North Shore Association.

LETTERS OF CONGRATULATION

REV. L. B. ESTABROOKS - Salisbury Road, N.B.

REV. H. K. GRIMMER - Chaplain at Camp Hill,
Halifax, N. S.

THE MIRAMICHI MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
- Rev. T. T. Cunningham, Pres.

Flowers in the church today are placed as
memorials.

A Short History of the

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH of LOWER DERBY, N.B.

The history of the Baptist Church of Lower Derby dates back to about 1879, when under the leadership of Rev. T. M. Munroe, of Newcastle Baptist services were held in the Derby area. During those early years services were held in the School house, and in some of the homes, including Joseph Amos' and Mrs. Richard Clouston's

Some of the first persons to be baptized at Lower Derby included Malcolm Amos and his wife, and Mrs. John Russell (Ellen Amos). The following Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newman were baptized. This was in 1877. The baptisms were held in the river below the church.

Among the early members of the Lower Derby congregation were Joseph Amos and his wife, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Amos, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Amos, Miss Ann MacNeil, Miss Margaret Amos, and Mrs. Isaac Leighton.

One of the most active members of those early days was Miss Margaret Amos, who took a keen interest in the Sunday School, and went visiting in the homes.

Aunt Margaret, as she was affectionately known, went through the community to collect money for the erection of a community church. Most of the people contributed to it, including the Methodists, and many Roman Catholics. The Methodist Minister who visited frequently in the community at that time was Mr. Parker. ✓ However, when the building was erected, it was dedicated to the Baptists. The Baptist Minister in Newcastle at that time was the Rev. I. E. Bill.

Through the years members of the Lower Derby congregation have served as Deacons and Trustees through the Newcastle Church. Two who served as Deacons were Malcolm Amos and James Lyon. Serving as Trustees were Joseph Amos, Malcolm Amos, Thomas Newman and Thomas Vye.

For many years C. S. Amos served as the treasurer of the Lower Derby funds.

The church at Lower Derby continued as an out-station of the Newcastle church until the year 1959, when under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Joseph L. Knowles, the members at Lower Derby organized as a Church, still employing the services of the minister at Newcastle.

In 1961 a plan was initiated to put a basement under the church building, but after some deliberation, it was decided to erect a completely new building. The first sod was turned in July, and by October of the same year the superstructure was completed and the congregation began to hold services in the basement. The former structure was sold and demolished. The seats from the former building were scraped and painted for use in the present place of worship.

The present building was completed in May 1963, It was designed largely by Colson Sobey and Lorne Dawson, with Charles Ilaxton as the contractor. Many of the local people helped in the various stages of construction.

CHURCH OFFICERS
1963

PASTOR - Rev. D. I. McClare

CLERK - Mrs. Charles Plaxton

TREASURER - Mrs. Fred Green

DEACONS: Colson Sobey

Fred Green

HONORARY DEACONESS - Miss Annie Ferguson

TRUSTEES - Lorne Dawson

Colson Sobey

Mrs. Russell Mullin

Mrs. Ida McAusland

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Charles Plaxton

Lorne Dawson

Mrs. Ida McAusland

Mrs. Fred Green

ORGANIST - Newton Sobey

USHERS AND COLLECTORS

Eugene Sobey

Robert Mullin

Jerry Green

Fred Mullin

Fred Green Jr.

Frank Plaxton

Dwight Plaxton

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Russell Mullin

MISSIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Ida McAusland

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