

Rev Elliott remained a short time after dedication and his term was completed by Rev. W. D. Hughson a retired minister. The Ladies Aid was organized in 1879. The building committee who supervised the construction and shouldered the financial responsibility, were Silas Hemmingway, John Godes George Dexter, and John Mc Taggart.

The first wedding in the church was that of Silas Hemmingway and Thirza Gibson and the second wedding the Rev. R. D. Hamilton and Miss Elva Kipp.

In 1884 the various Methodist bodies united and Canada Methodist who worshiped on East St. sold their building and moved to the Brick church. The official board added the members of the C. M. Board among whom were the Commois, Mc Lachlan's, George Pepper, J. A. Charlton H. Johnson. Two ministers were placed in charge Rev. W. Brown (Episcopal) and Rev. S. R. Mc Nair (M). There were several charges in connection with the united circuit. Later Springfield and Trinity appointment became the Springfield circuit, and recently, Crossley + Hunter + Lyons appointments were added. From the time of dedication the church was burdened with debt. In 1895 the last payment was made and the mortgage was burned.

In May 1902 a disastrous fire destroyed nearly every business place on the north side of the street and the tower which added much to the appearance of the church, had become literally filled with birds nests and sparks carried across the street and ignited these, and in a short time nothing was left but its blackened walls. The bell was broken beyond repair. Under the leadership of Rev John Morrison and H. Johnson the church was rebuilt.

A very fine pipe organ was installed. The church had never borne a name. When union of the congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian church, which had been organized in 1875, became union in 1925. Daniel Mc Intyre senior elder of Chalmers Presby. Church suggested the name "St John" on account of the leaders of the three contracting churches in Chalmers Union having all been named John, and this name appears over the front door.

Rev Waldmer Williams as deaector, most amicable relations were established between the two congregations.

Among those who took an active part in conjunction with the former Methodist Board, were, D. Mc Intyre, D. Campbell,



J. Williams, J. F. Harves, N. Ferguson, Albert Atkin, N. R. Martin and George Stewart. The congregation was especially honored by having one of the oldest ministers in the person of Rev. Neil Wood. Who was seventy five years in the ministry. Humphrey Johnson was treasurer for twenty six years.

The ministers who have occupied the pulpit since dedication are Revs. J. N. Elliott, W. D. Hughson, J. I. Davis, A. Kennedy, W. G. Brown, I. R. Mc Nair, George Thompson, Walter L. Ansher, R. C. Parsons, A. H. Young, John Keale, John Morrison, W. H. Butt, G. Andrews, E. W. Edwards, J. L. Reycraft, George Jewett, Dr. Barnby, Waldmer Williams, C. W. D. Crossens, A. M. Grant, George Morley, Harry Royal, Ross Hare, and J. I. White.