

DISCIPLES CHURCH:: N.E. cr. of Central Ave. & Dufferin Streets.:Circa1904.

This brick home of worship in Bridgeburg was built by John T. James, businessman on Jarvis St. in 1904. Around 1904 the numbers attending the Baxter Methodist Church on Stonemill began to diminish and they made a decision to close during the winter months. The minister of the Church of Christ, and some of the church members decided in 1922 to use the Baxters Church which was now vacant for Bible study classes. They were granted a lease for sixty days, which was completed in 1923 for \$800.00. Under their minister Mr. Charles Tharp they began regular Sunday service. For a number of years the minister held service in Bridgeburg as well as at Stonemill.

The Disciples Church in Bridgeburg eventually broke away and became a non-denominational church under Mr. Gellatt. They took a new name The Calvary Tabernacle.

Once more the members of the church diminished to a point where it was no longer financially foreseeable for those remaining to keep their place of worship. In 1957 they merged with the Fort Erie Gospel Church which was operating out of a basement on the N.E. cr. of Bertie and North. They demolished the old church, sold the land to Spears and Sons. The parishoners took the pews, the bibles and the Sunday School books. The stain glass windows that graced the church were stored in the barn of Mrs. Harry Wardell a parishoner on Queen St. Unfortunately after her death, they were missing when searched for.

After moving to north & Bertie the two congregations began to complete the church, which was a member of the Association of Gospel Churches of Canada. In 1957 the membership of the church was near 60 and every Sunday over 100 children attended Sunday School. Another change took place March 30th. 86. when Pastor Bernie Bougie presided over the Easter Sunday Service. This place of worship took yet another new name:::"The Fort Erie Christian Centre and family Church.