



EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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2025 Winter Newsletter

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The annual meeting of

Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation

will be held at the

Ebenezer Chapel

8999 The Gore Road and Ebenezer Road
Brampton, Ontario

Saturday March 15, 2025

10:00 a.m.

A light lunch will be served after the meeting.

Overflow parking in the plaza east of the chapel.

Up Keep of the Chapel

The Executive and Directors met at the Chapel on a lovely summer evening in July to discuss the work that needs to be done in and around the Chapel.

President Fred Julian said that the present kitchen cupboards were in bad condition and needed to be replaced. The quote for new cupboards was \$10,500 +HST. A committee of Tracy, Lynn and Fred was formed to choose the back splash and cupboard top colour and material. (Since the meeting, the new cupboards have been installed and the kitchen has an whole new fresh clean look.

The air conditioner has not been functioning properly and after discussing the matter, it was decided to have the breaker panel checked out. Blinds for the windows are being purchased to reduce the demand on the air conditioner.

The front door lock was not functioning properly so a locksmith repaired the lock which had been corroded by the salt from the Gore Road.

A remote control system was discussed but in order to work the door remotely, wifi with programmable lock must be in place.

The Chapel fence was damaged last winter by the City of Brampton snow ploughs. The city has taken responsibility for the cost of the damage but repairing the fence takes extra special fencing. The present fence has historical significance and must be replaced with the same type of fence that has been in place for many years. It was suggested to contact local councillors to try to expedite the work by the City.

Another victim of the salt used in the winter road spraying is the front door. The paint has peeled badly so it was decided to strip the door and apply linseed oil or a similar product.

A plaque on the outside wall of the Chapel to honour the late Anna Sheardown's work in the Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation, especially the flower beds, was discussed.

We discussed the possibility of refinishing the Chapel floor but since this is a costly endeavour without increasing the rental value, it was decided to not consider the expense at this time. The yellow tape on the stairs needs to be replaced. It was also decided to shampoo the cloth stacking chairs in the Alma Room.

It has been eleven years since the Constitution has been amended so it was decided this job should also be completed.

The names of the Chapel Donors and Directors will be printed professionally and posted on the board at the back of the Chapel.

With all of these projects to be done, the Executive and Directors will have a busy time ahead.

Cecil Ray July 22, 1935- August 29, 2024

Sadly we received the news that Cecil Ray passed away this past August. Cecil along with Dianne, his wife were integral members of E,TGHF from its inception.

When Thistlethorn United Church was closing in the early 2000's the Rays were instrumental in moving artifacts such as the stained glass window now built in to the light boxes for display in the Chapel as well as financial contributions to Ebenezer's restoration from the sale of the Thistlethorn property. Cecil's experience with the building trades was invaluable in the planning of the basement excavation and the restoration of the Chapel. Although never named as such Cecil was the general contractor that transformed Ebenezer Chapel from a fragile old building to a modern functional building. His quiet and generous personality blended well with Don Fieldhouse and everyone on the team of volunteers. Following the opening of the Chapel as an historical building, Cecil and Dianne continued to volunteer as active directors of



E,TGHF and quietly and efficiently attended to the many details that made our group successful; checking the Fire Security equipment, changing light bulbs, repairing lock, checking supplies and even ding drive bys to make sure all was well with the Chapel.

Our sympathies go out to Dianne and the rest of the Ray family

Students of Tullamore School, S.S. No. 4 Toronto Gore, date unknown.

Frances Johnston received the photo below from Sandra Bellum of Red Deer, Alberta.



Back Row, Left to Right: Helen Payne, Mabel Shaw, Bessie Brown, Pearl Graham, Elsie Morrison, Miss L Walker, Roy Wilson, Irwin Brown, Harvey Davey.

Middle Row,, L to R: Dorothy Morrison, Hazel Payne, Dorothy Sanderson, Marion Shaw, Viola Payne, Bruce Shaw, Ralph Turner, Isobel Morrison, John Turner, Emerson Graham.

Front Row,: Willie Breckenridge, Victor Bruner, Albert ?, Frank Morrison.

Marion Shaw is in the middle row and she passed away on Sept.14 2024 just short of her 100th birthday.

"Doors Open" at E,TGHF

Sixteen people attended "Doors Open" at the Chapel on Saturday, October 5th. Since the chapel is at the very east side of the Brampton, we were pleased that "sixteen" people found us. One of the visitors came from Perth Ontario but most came from Mississauga and Brampton. Everyone was interested in the story of Ebenezer Church and also in the photos of the renovation .

Left: Frances Johnston explains the renovation photos to a "Doors Open" visitor on October 5th, 2024.



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Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation
Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Additional Household Members: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2025

Membership fee of \$20 for single and one couple is for one financial year (March to March)

*An additional donation to the Foundation of \$ _____ (**income tax receipt** will be given)*