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First Baptist Church of Kamloops fonds

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Title: First Baptist Church of Kamloops fonds

Dates of Creation: 1899-1938

Physical Description: 16 cm of textual records

Administrative History:

The First Baptist Church of Kamloops was organized on October 10, 1898 with a charter congregation of 14 members. The congregation's first leader, Pastor Scott, would arrive two weeks later, and early services were held in Raven's Hall, the Oddfellow's Hall, and the Masonic Hall. The congregation purchased land in the 300 block of Victoria Street in 1900, and a newly constructed church was dedicated May 13. In 1907 the youth members of the church formed the Young People's Union, which held regular meetings. After selling the plot of land on Victoria Street to an advantageous profit, the congregation purchased a new plot on the north side of the 300 block of Seymour Street and moved their church there in the Autumn of 1907. Even though the church congregation had grown steadily during its first 20 years of operations, the church would shutter in 1914, with members becoming part of other congregations in town. The church would remain closed for the following years, until Pastor James Bavon Rowell began offering Baptist services again in December 1920. The congregation grew slowly but surely, and on April 14, 1926 the church would complete their incorporation. By the 1950s the church's steady membership encouraged them to begin looking for new premises. With optimism, the congregation held a final service at the Seymour Street location and moved their worship temporarily to the Masonic Hall, as preparations for a more permanent move were underway. Plans fell through, though, and services would resume at the Seymour Street church for the following two years. In late 1958/early 1959 they would be successful in purchasing land at 454 Columbia Street, and the Seymour Street location was formally closed. Services continued at the Elk's Hall while construction of the new building was completed over the following five years. On July 3, 1960 the first services were held at the church, even though construction had not yet been completed, and the building was formally dedicated in a special two day service on September 22-23, 1963. The First Baptist Church continues to operate in Kamloops today.

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Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records generated by the First Baptist Church of Kamloops including financial records, a notebook of music and a book of organ music, and three minute books for the Baptist Young People's Union (Kamloops Baptist Church Young People's Society).

Custodial History:

Accession 2019.036 was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on June 29, 2019 by Ron Hatch, a current member of the Southwest Community Baptist Church (Kamloops, B.C.). Hatch acquired the records from Carolyn Bays, the Church Administrator of the Southwest Community Baptist Church, who acquired the records from Carol and Randy Patch. Randy Patch was given the records by a woman named Jackie, who acquired the records from a man named Scott, who seems to have acquired the records as part of his mother's estate. A number of the records in the collection name a Miss M.A. Jones, who seems to have worked as an administrator for the First Baptist Church of Kamloops, and may be Scott's mother.

Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of fonds.

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist.

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Finding aids: File list is available for this collection.

Accruals: Further accruals are possible.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2019.036.001	Financial Statements – File contains financial statements for the Kamloops Baptist Church for 1925. – 12 textual records	1925	1/1
2019.036.002	Music Notebook – File contains a notebook with lyrics to songs and notes. – 0.75 cm of textual records	[ca. 1920s?]	1/2
2019.036.003	The Rollins Record for Weekly Offerings – File contains a ledger book which records revenue. – 1 cm of textual records	1910-1924	1/3
2019.036.004	Sec[r]etary – File contains a ledger with notes on collections and payments. – 1 cm of textual records	1921	1/4
2019.036.005	Records ledger – File contains a ledger containing meeting minutes for the B.Y.P.U. (Kamloops Baptist Church Young People’s Society) and a roll call of members. – 2 cm of textual records	1928-1932	1/5
2019.036.006	Minute Books – File contains two notebooks containing meeting minutes for the B.Y.P.U. (Kamloops Baptist Church Young People’s Society), lists of offers and members, a pledge, and a roll call of members. – 1.5 cm of textual records	1934-1937	1/6
2019.036.007	Ashford’s No. 2 Organ Voluntaries – File contains a book of music for pipe and reed organs. – 2 cm of textual records	1899	1/7
2019.036.008	The D.E. Ideal Record ledger – File contains a ledger containing financial records. – 1 cm of textual records	1938	Ledgers
2019.036.009	Misc. Financial Records – File contains receipts, envelopes, and invoices. – 7 cm of textual records	1924-1927	1/8