

# HISTORY OF CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

During the fall of 1990 a small group of people were brought together by Gord Martin of Vision Ministries Canada (then Vision Ontario). These people lived in Cambridge but commuted to other cities to attend church services. It seemed to be appropriate to consider starting a church in Cambridge. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of a church plant and to pray for the Lord's guidance.

Statistics Canada reported that 47,000 people in Cambridge had no church affiliation and the city was about to increase dramatically in population. The people at this meeting wanted to attend a church in the area where they lived and desired to make an impact for God in their home city.

During the next year the group met for prayer and to study the dynamics of church life in the New Testament. They also analyzed the city's demographics and developed a profile of the church to which they would be happy to commit their time, resources and energy.

In the spring of 1991 the group decided to begin services on Sunday mornings, starting in September 1992. The Missionary Church in the area of Cambridge known as "Hespeler" encouraged them by offering their facilities as a temporary location. The church was to be sold which happened in the fall of 1992. They were very grateful to the Pastor and congregation of that church.

They looked for a new location where there were plans for urban growth and settled on the Clemens Mill area. After meeting for a short period of time at St. Margaret's School the church moved in early 1993 to Clemens Mill Public School where they have been until the present time.

In the fall of 1992 Rob and Helen Heintz and their family joined the church; Rob was engaged as church planter and Pastor. Dave and Gladys McClurkin became involved and Dave was appointed Teaching Pastor in the fall of 1998.

Prior to their grand opening on Easter, 1993, about 1,600 homes in the area were visited. From those visits people came on that first Sunday and there has been a steady stream of community people coming to the services ever since. Many have come to know the Lord and follow Him. The Lord has continued to bless Cambridge Community Church.

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