

## CHRONOLOGY OF CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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- 1517 Beginning of the Protestant Reformation, led by Martin Luther in Germany and John Calvin in Switzerland, and including the Anabaptists (Mennonites, etc) and Anglicans.
- 1560 Beginning of the Church of Scotland (or the Presbyterian Church), inspired by the preaching of the great Calvinist reformer John Knox.
- 1609 Founding of the Baptist Churches in Holland, and then England in 1612.
- 1804 Barton Stone founds the Christian Church in Kentucky, seeking only to be known by the name Christian.
- 1809 Thomas Campbell and his son Alexander, begin a Restoration Movement in Virginia, to reform and unite the church on the basis of the Bible and the “ancient order of things,” with Christ alone being their creed.
- 1832 The Stone and Campbell movement’s unite.
- 1840s The first Scotch Baptist church on PEI was established at Crossroads in 1810. Some of the Scotch Baptist churches eventually become regular Baptists, while others joined the Stone-Campbell Movement in the 1840s (East Point, Brudenell, Crossroads, etc). These churches are first officially listed as Churches of Christ in the 1870s.
- 1844 A small group of Restorationists began meeting in Charlottetown but eventually die off.
- 1869 Founding of a Disciples of Christ church in Charlottetown, with Donald Crawford as its Minister.
- 1878 The church moved into the property on 237 University Ave (next to Harvest House). It could seat 450, likely not comfortably.
- 1897 A split developed in the church and the group that left met at the YMCA, at a rental rate of \$1.50 per week.
- 1900 The congregation of 56 members had hired a youthful, powerful evangelist in 1899, and within a few weeks he was urging the congregation to build. Whiston figured they could build a 400 seat auditorium for \$2,500. After completion the church property was valued at \$7,000. The beautiful building was designed by the famous Island architect, William Harris. It was officially opened on Sept 22, 1900, with three Sunday services. A few years later the other church closed down.
- 1922 Building of the Annex and installation of a pipe organ.
- 1935 Manse built next to the church.
- 1955 Central sends out its first missionary, Vida Stewart, who later married Lew Cass. They ministered in Brazil, Indonesia and Ivory Coast.
- 1958 Purchase of the Education Building for \$10,000. It was built in 1888, and had been, at various times, a furniture factory, meat packing plant, mental hospital, candy factory and Navy Barracks. From 1960-1993 it was the home of Maritime Christian College.
- 1967 Central planted a new church in Sherwood.
- 1974 Major interior renovations made to the church because church services were at full capacity. So the wall was opened to the Annex and the church auditorium became an L. This was also the year the church hired its first youth minister, Brent Williams.
- 1978 Norma Morse sent to Thailand as our living link missionary. Central planted a new church in Cornwall.
- 1988 Central planted a new church at Crossroads, which is now the home of the Community Worship Centre.
- 2007 Major renovation linking the 1900 church building to the Education Building, after demolishing the Manse and the Annex in the summer of 2006. It cost 1.2 million and \$800,000 was borrowed from the Church of Christ Development Corporation. The Dedication Service was held on Sept 23, 2007.
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