

**Telfordville Pioneer Chapel**  
**...a short history**  
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- 1904 With the joining of the Leduc area Presbyterian and Methodist churches, all territory between the North Saskatchewan River and Pigeon Lake, and west of the Canadian Pacific Railway became known as the Leduc West Mission field. At his time the Re. Mr. Law walked the area to conduct services at the 19 preaching points including the community of Telfordville.
- 1910 A business meeting was held to elect a Board of Managers of the Presbyterian congregation, with Telfordville chosen as the central location for a church. Five acres of land were obtained by purchase and donation.
- 1912 By February 27, 5000 feet of lumber had been prepared, and many volunteers were on hand to work. With the supervision of Mr. Chris Lindahl on one side and Mr. Ike McKinney working on the other, the building was completed in one day, in early March. The new church was dedicated March 31, 1912 by Rev. W.B. Smith of Leduc and Rev. R.C. Hunter.
- 1914 Up to this point, a large spruce stump was used as a pulpit. Mr. McKinney was appointed to construct the platform and new pulpit.
- 1920 The pump organ was purchased from T.E. Eaton Co. for \$89.50, with the company donating the organ stool.
- 1925 The United Church of Canada was officially formed by the amalgamation of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational churches. This sanctuary was named Telfordville United Church. Many pleasant years of services, weddings, baptisms, confirmations, and funerals were conducted in this church. Various ministers were appointed to the charge, residing in the manse just "down the hill" from the church. Most memorable of these was Rev. Gerry Hutchinson, who worked his entire career (1949 to 1967) as minister of the Telfordville Pastoral Charge.
- 1961 A larger, new building was erected to replace the old. Dedication of this new church took place March 31, 1962, exactly 50 years after the service of the "Pioneer Chapel" as it is now fondly called. For several years, the old church was kept for overflow seating at funerals, and for Sunday school classes. General upkeep and maintenance kept the building in good condition.
- 1992 On August 1, misfortune struck, in the form of a lightning storm. Thanks to firefighters and heavy rain, the damage was minor, but it was a turning point for the old church.
- 1996 Meetings took place, with much deliberation, dissention and consideration. Finally, the decision was made to move the building to Rundle's Mission.
- 1997 In June of this year, the Pioneer Chapel was re-located by McConnell Movers, and now sits proudly overlooking Rundle's Mission and Pigeon Lake.