

History of the LaGrange Baptist District Association

THE BIRTH OF AN ASSOCIATION: 1874

The LaGrange Baptist District Association was organized on August 7, 1874, guest of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas. The Association was given the name, LaGrange, for the town in which it was organized. There were six (6) ordained Elders present. They were Reverends P.R. McGriff, Sandy Lyons, J.M. Rayford, F. W. Whitehead, Samuel Clifton (S.C.) Smith and I.S. Campbell. The first-elected Moderator was Reverend I.S. Campbell with Reverend S.C. Grant serving as secretary; and Reverend S.C. Smith served as treasurer. These elders pledged themselves and their successors to do mission work throughout the world. (1974 History).

There were thirteen (13) original member churches represented there. Before adjourning, three (3) additional churches joined the Association. These sixteen (16) churches began spreading the gospel in all the nearby communities. The following is a list of these churches, date organized and location: Ebenezer (1874), LaGrange (Fayette County); Concord (1867), Round Top; Colorado (1868), Smithville; Mt Zion (1869), Fayette County; Mt Pilgrim (1870), Burton, (Washington County); Mt. Arie (1866), Taylor (Williamson County); Good Hope (1872), Weimar; Gravel Hill (1874), LaGrange; New England (1867); Pleasant Grove (1874), Fayette County; Pleasant Hill (1873), Colorado County; St. Paul (1868), Fayette County; Pine Grove (1873), Fayette County; Shiloh (1867), Winchester, Lee County; Springfield (1874), Rockdale; and St. Matthew (1875), Fayette County.

The first Missionary sermon preached by the first-elected Moderator, Reverend I.S. Campbell, was from the book of Isaiah, Chapter 18, verse 2. He used the subject, "Go Ye Swift Messenger." The amount of the offering collected was thirty-four (\$34.00) dollars. The total value of all the property of the churches was six hundred (\$600.00) dollars.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL

The LaGrange District churches began spreading the gospel in all nearby communities.

The Purpose of the Association is threefold: 1) To construct and execute measures for the spread of the gospel; 2) To provide Christian Education within its limits and throughout the world and; 3) To Consolidate in Christian Union.

1875 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1900

La Grange Baptist Association

HOLY BIBLE
Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creature.
MARK 16: 15-16.

MEMORIAL CHART.

THE ORGANIZATION IN 1875.

No. of Elders, . . . 6
No. of Churches, . . 16
Membership, . . . 721
Amt. Collected, \$34.00
Value of Property, 600.00



THE ORGANIZATION IN 1900

No. of Elders, . . . 35
No. of Churches, . . 58
Membership, . . . 6,000
Amt. Collected, \$500.00
Value Property, 50,000.00



Churches composing this Association, with the Date of their Organization, and their Membership.

EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES HAS CONTRIBUTED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO THE QUARTO-CENTENNIAL.

1. Antioch, Lee County	1878	106
2. Bethel, Austin County	1886	75
3. Bethel Union, Lee County	1886	78
4. Bett's Chapel, Lee County	1882	37
5. Corinthian, Lee County		45
6. Concord, Fayette County	1867	186
7. Colorado, Bastrop County	1868	140
8. Corinth, Fayette County	1877	130
9. Center Union, Wharton Co.	1888	42
10. Center Union, Bastrop Co.	1878	117
11. Ebenezer, Fayette County	1879	168
12. Flower Hill, Fayette Co.		112
13. First Baptist, Travis Co.	1866	295
14. Gay Hill, Fayette County	1878	158
15. Good Hope, Colorado Co.	1872	93

16. Gravel Hill, Fayette Co.	1874	40
17. Good Will, Oswitt Co.	1899	8
18. Hollow Spg, Washington Co.	1875	90
19. Jerusalem, Lee County	1893	25
20. Lyon's Chapel, Austin Co.	1898	14
21. Little Zion, Fayette Co.	1864	40
22. Little Flock, Bastrop Co.	1889	20
23. Mt. Pleasant, Colorado Co.	1873	125
24. Mt. Arie, Colorado County	1884	140
25. Mt. Arie, Williamson Co.	1886	150
26. Mt. Zion, Fayette County	1869	120
27. Mt. Hebo, Fayette County	1890	77
28. Mt. Pilgrim, Washi g'n Co.	1870	95
29. Mt. Olive, Colorado Co.	1877	106
30. Mt. Pilgrim, Bastrop Co.	1867	140

31. Mt. Rose, Bastrop County	1868	123
32. Mt. Olive, Lee County	1879	77
33. Macedonia, Williamson Co.	1875	81
34. New Eng'd, Washi g'n Co.	1867	71
35. New Hope, Wharton Co.	1893	30
36. New Hope, Washington Co.	1898	25
37. New Zion, Fayette County	1899	31
38. New Union, Fayette Co.		13
39. Oakland Hill, Colorado Co.		15
40. Olive Branch, Colorado Co.	1872	96
41. Pleasant Spgs, Bastrop Co.	1879	30
42. Pleasant Gr'v, Fayette Co.	1874	48
43. Providence, Burleson Co.	1890	80
44. Pilgrim Grove, Caldwell Co.	1897	33
45. Pleasant Hill, Colorado Co.	1873	50

46. Pleasant Union, Colo. Co.	1898	50
47. Pine Grove, Fayette County	1873	70
48. Rocky Grove, Fayette Co.	1898	31
49. Smith's Chapel, Colo. Co.	1899	15
50. St. James, Fayette Co.	1876	107
51. Spring Hill, Fayette Co.	1869	74
52. St. Paul, Fayette County	1868	75
53. Shiloh, Fayette County	1867	100
54. Sweet Home, Lee County	1889	75
55. St. John, Burleson County	1877	45
56. Springfield, Milam County	1874	60
57. St. Matthew, Fayette Co.	1875	75
58. Union Baptist, Colorado Co.	1898	20

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS.

Rev. S. C. SMITH,
Rev. A. L. BOONE,
Deacon G. HATCH

Rev. B. W. CARTER,
Rev. N. BASS,
Deacon I. DRISDALE

Rev. G. W. JACKSON,
Rev. J. M. GRANT,
Deacon R. A. ADAMS,

Rev. L. K. WILLIAMS,
Rev. S. LYONS,
Prof. A. M. MASON,
Prof. M. M. RODGERS.

ROSTER

58 Churches Composing the LaGrange Association in 1900
with the Date of Their Organization and Their Membership

Each of these Churches Contributed \$25.00 to
The Quarto-Centennial

<u>Church</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Organized</u>	<u>Members</u>
1. Antioch	Lee	Ledbetter	1878	106
2. Bethel	Austin		1886	75
3. Bethel Union	Lee	Giddings	1886	78
4. Bett's Chapel	Lee		1882	37
5. Corinthian	Lee	Giddings		45
* 6. Concord	Fayette	Round Top	1867	186 ✓
7. Colorado	Bastrop	Smithville	1868	140
8. Corinth	Fayette	Schulenburg	1877	130 ✓
9. Center Union	Wharton	Hungerford	1888	42
10. Center Union	Bastrop		1878	117
11. Ebenezer	Fayette	LaGrange	1874	168 ✓
12. Flower Hill	Fayette			112 ✓
13. First Baptist	Travis		1866	295
14. Gay Hill	Fayette		1874	158 ✓
15. Good Hope	Colorado		1872	93
16. Gravel Hill	Fayette		1874	40 ✓
17. Good Will	Dewitt		1899	8
18. Hollow Springs	Washington		1875	90
19. Jerusalem	Lee		1893	25
20. Lyon's Chapel	Austin		1898	14
21. Little Zion	Fayette		1884	40
22. Little Flock	Bastrop		1889	20
23. Mt. Pleasant	Colorado		1873	125
24. Mt. Arie	Colorado	Weimar	1884	140
25. Mt. Arie	Williamson	Taylor	1866	150
26. Mt. Zion	Fayette		1869	120 ✓
27. Mt. Nebo	Fayette		1890	77 ✓
28. Mt. Pilgrim	Washington		1870	95
29. Mt. Olive	Colorado		1877	106
30. Mt. Pilgrim	Bastrop		1887	140
31. Mt. Rose	Bastrop	Bastrop	1886	123
32. Mt. Olive	Lee	Lincoln	1879	77
33. Macedonia	Williamson	Georgetown	1875	81
34. New England	Washington		1867	71
35. New Hope	Wharton		1893	30
36. New Hope	Washington		1898	25
37. New Zion	Fayette		1899	31 ✓
38. New Union	Fayette			13 ✓
39. Oakland	Colorado			15
40. Olive Branch	Colorado		1872	96
41. Pleasant Springs	Fayette		1874	30 ✓
42. Pleasant Grove	Caldwell		1874	48
43. Providence	Burleson	Caldwell	1890	90
44. Pilgrim Grove	Caldwell		1897	33
45. Pleasant Hill	Colorado		1873	50
46. Pleasant Union	Colorado		1890	50
47. Pine Grove	Fayette		1873	70 ✓
48. Rocky Grove	Fayette		1898	31 ✓
49. Smith Chapel	Colorado	Columbus	1899	15
50. St. James	Fayette	Schulenburg	1876	107 ✓
51. Spring Hill	Fayette		1868	74 ✓
52. St. Paul	Fayette		1868	75 ✓
53. Shiloh	Fayette	Winchester	1867	180 ✓
54. Sweet Home	Lee	Giddings	1889	75
55. St. John	Burleson		1877	45
56. Springfield	Milam	Rockdale	1874	60
57. St. Matthew	Fayette		1875	75 ✓
58. Union	Colorado		1898	20

*Taken from the Quarto- Centennial Memorial Chart
1875-1900*