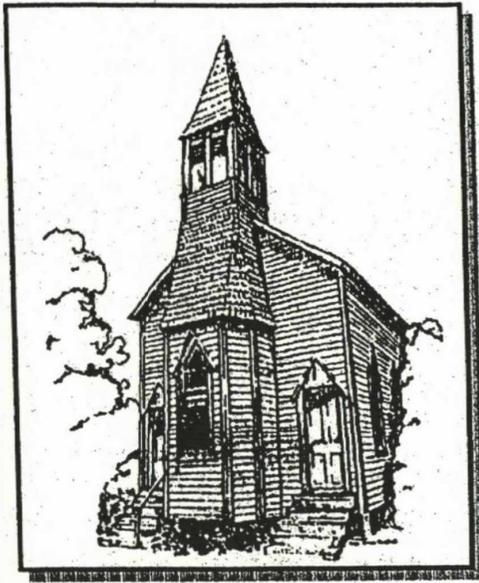

The Historic
LaGrange
Community
Church



Organized in 1869

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denomination to which they belonged, such as Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal. Therefore the congregation was treated to religious beliefs from different denominations and remains non-denominational today.

In 1872 a two story structure was built at the present location using vertical boards. The 2nd story was used as a school house and for organizational meetings such as the Grange. The ground floor was used for church services and gatherings. Beginning in 1893, the second story was removed and the building reconstructed using horizontal boards over the vertical ones. The settlers who donated their time for building the church included Jacob N. Feaster and J. C. Feaster, Tom Johnson (Cockshutt), W. S. Norwood, B. J. Mims, R. Singleton and W. P. Day.

In 1894 the church was rededicated and Rev. W. N. Chaudoin delivered the dedication speech, Pastor A. O. Cohen gave the sermon. Rev. Chaudoin was secretary and treasurer of the Florida State Board of Missions and President of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1880 - 1903, with exception of 2 years. The longest anyone has held that position to date. Stetson University in Deland gave him the 1st honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at Stetson and Chaudoin Hall is named in his honor.

There are eight etched stained glass memorial windows in the church which bear the names of these early settlers as well as Biblical lines in memoriam to the descendants' mothers,

daughters, fathers and sons. They have been partly restored by a state grant from the Questers organization in 1996 and by a donation from the descendants of the Singleton Family.

The furnishings within the church are simple and plain. There are seventeen handmade hardwood bench seats with reversible backs. A small plain pulpit sits on a foot high platform. The building itself shows the early American Country-style simplicity, with a slender bell tower rising up from the face of the church's center. There are duplicate entrances on the front and one door at the rear.

Rev. Chaudoin also served as the 1st ordained pastor of the LaGrange Church from around 1871 - 1888. Other pastors who faithfully served the church were: Rev. A. O. Cohen, who also served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Titusville; N. Ian Bell (1898) served two years; Rev. Chaudoin served again in 1900 until his death in 1904; J.B. Rogers, Deland served in 1905; William Stone, Titusville 1906-1910; W. H. Adams, Eau Gallie served 1912-1913; J. G. Parsons, Titusville 1917-1919; C. E. Sanders, Deland 1920; T. N. Conway, 1921-1922. Thereafter, no record of a member of the Florida Baptist Convention served as pastor from 1922-1926.

The LaGrange cemetery is adjunct

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CHURCHES.	Pastors and Postoffices.	Clerks and Postoffices.	GAIN.				LOSS.				Present Membership.	Current Expenses In- cluding Pastor's Salary.	When Constituted.	Value of Church Property.
			Membership Last Year.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Experience.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Erasure.	By Death.				
Memorial.....	E. Wells, Lake Helen, Fla.....	Ellis G. Blake, Lake Helen, Fla.....	28	1						29	\$ 589 101891	\$ 4500 00		
Orange.....	J. B. Rogers, DeLand, Fla.....	Geo. B. Gardner, LaGrange, Fla.....	24							23	83 301874	1500 00		
Titusville.....	Dr. McCall, Apopka, Fla.....	J. L. Caruthers, Titusville, Fla.....	42	3		6				38	452 311888	600 00		
Fort Pierce.....	E. E. Woodson, Fort Pierce, Fla.....	F. G. Humphrys, Indianola, Fla.....	32							31		1500 00		
West Palm Beach.....	Dr. C. V. Waugh, West Point, Va.....	J. L. Grier, West Palm Beach, Fla.....	31	4	13	1				50	132 09	2500 00		
Jensen.....	E. Woodson, Fort Pierce, Fla.....	F. C. Munch, Jensen, Fla.....	23	1		16	2			65	285 52	1905		
Ojus.....			13	5	1	2				16	58 501905	1400 00		
Lemon City.....	C. H. Edwards, Lemon City, Fla.....	J. J. Soor, Lemon City, Fla.....	31	2		6				46	356 211896	6507 35		
Miami.....	W. E. Stanton, Miami, Fla.....	John Sewel, Miami, Fla.....	155	5	33	5				187	1132 781886	1905		
Silver Palm.....		H. A. Proctor, Silver Palm, Fla.....	5	2	1					8		12000 00		
Cocoa Plum.....		W. T. Raulerson, Cocoa, Plum, Fla.....	25							27				
Key West.....	M. A. Clonts, Key West, Fla.....	M. D. West, Key West, Fla.....								40				