From the present descendents of old members of Pleasant Grove Community and from heresay, our church was established in 1814. Troup County was a rather thinly populated place, and many people were just settling in this section of the State of Georgia. In 1831, Green B. Caudle settled in this community, obtained a grant from the State of Georgia, and donated the present plot of ground for a church and an academy. As we know, all early buildings were made of logs, and church was held in the form of camp meeting grounds.

Throughout the passing years, many people moved into the community. Thus, the church grew until a white board church was built to replace the small log chapel. The church and churchyard was used as headquarters for the soldiers of the Confederacy. The local boys drilled here before going into battle.

We know there was a Woman's Missionary Society at this church, as we have among our records a Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1886-87.

Not only the members loved the church, but also the Bees; for the bees built a hive in the corner wall of the church in July of 1892. Many young men members decided to smoke out the bees and get the honey. But where there is smoke, there is fire, so the church burned.

After beginning to rebuild the church, the trustees, namely, L. S. Cleveland, M. J. Hunter, R. F. Caudle, C. J. Bailey, W. R. Bradfield, W. E. Lovelace, T. H. Traylor, felt it more desireable to have deeds to this land. These deeds are from R. F. Caudle, son of Green B. Caudle and heir to the land granted to his father by the State, to the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and North Georgia Conference, dated August 15, 1893 and are on record at Troup County Courthouse in Lagrange, Georgia. At this time the community was known as Lovelace, Georgia.

The new Church was completed in fifteen months, and services began about October 13th, 1893. The estimated value on the church was $1,500.00.

Sunday School records on file in our church date from 1892, and are most interesting. These records include plans to rebuild the burned church, dated November 27, 1892 telling of prices being presented. Also, the weather for each Sunday is recorded, along with the
scripture lesson and the number present and absent. This record showed about 45 enrolled.
It is interesting to note in the remarks from the records, notices of deaths, such as a
beautiful tribute to Robert J. Daniel from Pleasant Grove Sunday School, dated July 20, 1896,
and Conference delegates elected, mass meetings at other churches, and even one record
dated Sept 11, 1898 stated a smallpox scare. Also recorded is Children's Day observed in
May with the programs recorded. The enrollment in January of 1899 showed 74 scholars
and 8 officers, average attendance being 31. From this time on records of Sunday School
have been kept.

The present church, which is the third Pleasant Grove Church—the log chapel for
camp meetings being the first, the board church which burned, being the second—built in
1892-93 is now our sanctuary, and stands surrounded by lovely trees in the forks of the road
from LaGrange to Chipley and the Salem road. The first church wedding in the new church
was in 1910 when Miss Jimmie Lou Cadenhead married Henry W. Caudle, grandson of one of
the founders.

Again the church grew and need expansion. Therefore, the school which was located
on the adjoining property, and in which school was held until 1924, when the building became
a dwelling house was torn down in 1948, the land deeded from the descendants of Robert
F. Caudle estate to Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and North Georgia Conference, and the
church built Sunday School rooms, dining hall and a kitchen on the rear of the church.
These rooms were completed after much effort on the part of the members.

Today our church is truly God's House and a community center. Each Sunday,
we have Sunday School for all age groups and Methodist Youth Fellowship for the teen-agers.
On first Sunday, each month, we have Services twice daily. The W.S.C.S. is well organized,
and meets on Wednesday after the first Sunday each month. The Sunday School average
attendance is 65 per Sunday. The Home Demonstration Club meets monthly in the dining hall.
The Community Club works in close harmony with the church, as we are the same answering
to a new name. The last Wednesday night of each month is Church Business meeting date.
In this meeting, all plans for the church and its' progress are formulated.

Respectfully submitted,

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