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HISTORY

Of

LAGRANGE, ST. JOHN METHODIST CHURCH

The History of St. John Methodist Church

The second oldest Methodist ^{church} in La Grange, Ga., it was organized April 5, 1892 by the Rev. W. H. Speer under the name of the Second Methodist Church. 40 members composed the church roll at that time. They were: Martha Bowles, Elizabeth Borders, Julia Cox, Minnie Adams, Marvin Borders, Nancy J. Laurence, Lucy Borders, Addie Maloney, Cynthia Adams, Sallie Niblet, William Laurence, Nancy G. Williams, Mary Jones, Emma McGee, Liza Bowles, Georgia Jenkins, Helen Cox, Mattie Bowles, John Hunt, Lena Bowles, Frank Jenkins, Alice Cox, Ladie Mae Borders, Jetta Bassett, Mary G. Williams, Emma Williams, Abalom Echols, Elizabeth Echols and Sally A. Procter.

The church building was erected in 1892-93 with James A. Brown, J. G. Truitt, J. H. Glanton, W. V. Gray, F. M. Ridley, J. S. Johnson and G. W. Murphy as the Board of Trustees. It was dedicated by Bishop Warren Candler in 1893.

By 1898 the church had attained a high place in the spiritual life of the city. It counted on it's roll 236 members, the numerical increase occurring in 1898-98. The membership of First Church did much in assisting her to attain these heights.

Since 1898 the church has experienced many fruitful years, sending forth four ministers now active in North Georgia Conference. During this time, the name of the church was changed from the Second Methodist to St. John Methodist.