

Lynn Grove United Methodist Church

I. CONTEXT

In 1824 Commissioner Baron DeBastrop of the Mexican Nation granted fort-five leagues of land to Empresario Stephen F. Austin with authority to grant land to three hundred colonists. One of the colonists to receive some of the land was Jared E. Groce. He received a league of land on July 29, 1824.

Jared E. Groce sold part of his land in 1824 to Charles Weaver and wife Elizabeth. In 1854, Mr. Weaver and his wife sold part of their land to Mr. Dugald McAlpine. In 1876, Mr. McAlpine wrote a will, in which he deeded a parcel of this land to Mary C. Craig. Mr. McAlpine died in 1876; Mr. William F. Craig and his wife Mary then sold their part of the estate to James H. Muldrow in 1884.

Mr. Muldrow sold one and 945/1000 of an acre of land on April 1, 1889 to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South for one dollar (\$1.00).¹ The trustees of the church at that time were: Dr. Charles G. Vickers, John Lane Shine and Zachariah Shelton Weaver.

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II. OVERVIEW

The Church located in Lynn Grove as been in continuous existence in Lynn Grove for more than 100 years. Its early history dates back to the late 1880's. The church has served the surrounding community by being a gathering place for those who love to worship. During the early settlement of the community and the church, there were few places for one to go and fellowship with others. Times were hard and many families traveled by horse and wagon. Those who were fortunate enough to have an automobile would pick up neighbors on the way. Getting together with one's neighbors was a special treat and was usually only held once a month, due to distance of travel time.

Lynn Grove United Methodist Church is located in the South end of Grimes County, approximately 10 miles south of Navasota, Texas east of State Highway 6. To reach the church, from Hwy 6, turn east (left) on Farm Road 2. Drive approximately one mile to the top of the hill. Turn north (left) onto County Road 319, better known as Lynn Grove Road. The church is located about one mile north on the left side of the road.

Dr. Charles G. Vickers owned land near Lynn Grove and was instrumental in helping to acquire the land to establish a church.² The gentleman who knew the most about Dr. Vickers, Mr. Homer Weaver, wrote a newspaper article on the church's 100th year anniversary.³ Mr. Weaver said in the article that Mr. Vickers was an excellent musician and played the fiddle. We have searched county death records and cemeteries in this area and are unable to locate any reference to Dr. Vickers. We have inquired in Huntsville, Texas, where some Vickers families

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reside. No responses to inquires that we made have been received from the Vickers families.

Zachariah Shelton Weaver born on January 1851 and died March 1925. Mr. Weaver immigrated from near Andersonville, Georgia to Texas in 1872.⁴ He married his first wife, Izetta Bunting, in 1874. To that union were born four children, three daughters and one son. The son died as an infant in 1882. Two young daughters died of diphtheria in 1885. The surviving daughter was Minnie Izetta who died in 1949. The mother, Izetta died between 1886 and 1888. There is no accurate record of Izetta Buntings birth or death, or where she is interred.

Mr. Weaver then married Florence Ida Somerford in 1888. To their union were born seven sons and three daughters. One daughter Kathleen Campbell was born in 1903 and died on May 2, 2001 after attaining the age of 98 years. The other children are all deceased. Mr. Weaver had a farm and also raised cattle and hogs. He and his wife Florence established a bee apiary that is still maintained as a lucrative business by their descendants. Zachariah and Florence are interred in the Courtney Cemetery, Courtney, Texas.

Roy Stanley Weaver, Sr., son of Zachariah Weaver, and his wife Lela were devout members of the Lynn Grove United Methodist Church. Mr. Weaver served as Sunday School Superintendent for over fifty years.⁵ There is a plaque in the sanctuary attesting to his service and devotion. He and his wife were the backbone of the church's present existence. Lela died in 1966 and Roy Stanley Weaver, Sr., died in 1978; both are interred in Courtney Cemetery, Courtney, Texas.

The apiary then passed to his two sons, Roy Stanley Weaver, Jr. and Howard Binford Weaver. The apiary then was split into two separate apiaries and passed onto their sons, Richard

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Weaver, son of Roy Stanley Weaver, Jr. and Daniel Weaver, son of Binford Weaver. They ship queen bees and sell honey throughout the United States. Travis and Dylan Weaver, sons of Daniel and Laura Weaver, grandsons of Binford and Bennie Lou Weaver, great-grandsons of Roy Stanley Weaver, Sr., and great-great-grandsons of Zachariah Weaver, were also baptized in the church. They, along with their younger brother Stone, are the fifth generation of the Weaver family to attend and worship at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church.

Roy Stanley Weaver, Jr. was born on May 5, 1917 and died on April 20, 2001. He is interred in Courtney Cemetery, Courtney, Texas. He is greatly missed by members of the Lynn Grove United Methodist Church.

Mr. John Lane Shine was a farmer and cattleman.⁶ He and his wife Mary Elizabeth Crawford emigrated from Alabama in the late 1870's and finally settled in the Lynn Grove Community. To that union were born eight children; one child, John Lane Shine, was born on August 7, 1876 and died on July 2, 1880. Mary Elizabeth gave birth to triplets, two sons and one daughter in Lynn Grove on November 2, 1878. One son died at birth. The other son was named Herbert Dunham (Hub) Shine.

The daughter who was named Carrie survived until old age. Mary Elizabeth, Mr. Shine's wife, died shortly after the birth of the triplets. We believe that she was returned to Alabama for burial. Her sister, Mary Jane Crawford, came back to Texas with Mr. Shine. They were wed in "name only." She agreed to raise her sister's children. When the children attained adulthood she returned to Alabama.

The son, Herbert Dunham (Hub) Shine, wed Lena Rivers Carter on November 23, 1905;

and died on August 3, 1952.⁷ His wife Lena Rivers Carter was born on November 4, 1881, in Reeds Prairie, Texas, and died on October 6, 1976. Both Herbert and Lena are interred in Oakland Cemetery in Navasota, Texas. To their union were born four sons and two daughters.

One daughter, Gladys Elizabeth Shine was born on March 8, 1915, in Lynn Grove, Texas. Gladys married Homer Frederick Weaver on November 10, 1935. He had a twin brother named Howard. They were born in Lynn Grove on August 23, 1906. Homer died on November 5, 1992 and Gladys died on January 23, 2008, they both are interred in Oakland Cemetery in Navasota, Texas.

George Herbert Shine, a son of Herbert Dunham Shine, was born on August 20, 1905 and died May 30, 1986. He was wed to Elizabeth (Betty) Marchand. Betty was born on March 5, 1922 and died May 28, 1994. They are both buried in Courtney Cemetery, in Courtney, Texas. They had two sons, Hugh Dunham and John Lane (named after his great grandfather) Shine; they also had one daughter named Georgia Shine McNew born March 15, 1954 and died July 4, 2007.

John Lane Shine and wife Laurie Ann Hempel Shine have three daughters, Traci Rochelle Shine Colbert, Jenifer Laine Shine, and Laura Beth Shine. They are the fifth generation of their great-great-grandfather, John Lane Shine's family line to attend Lynn Grove United Methodist Church. The sixth generation family members to attend the church are their grandchildren, grandson, Austin Isaiah Shine, son of Jenifer Shine and granddaughter, Lillian Rose Colbert, daughter of Traci and Brian Colbert. Both grandchildren were baptized in the church. John Lane Shine is treasurer of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church. He and his wife Laurie are a tremendous help in supporting the church.

In 1888, Zachariah Shelton Weaver, John Lane Shine and Charles G. Vickers, residents

of the community of Lynn Grove, Texas, felt the need for a place of worship for their families and other families residing in the area. Mr. Muldrow owned the land on which the church now stands.⁸

Mr. Muldrow was married to Mary Rhoda. She was born in 1847 and died in November 1925. She and Mr. Muldrow had two daughters. Rhoda was born in April 1876 and died July 2, 1880. Lillian died at seventeen months and 24 days. No dates are given on the marker for Lillian. The children are interred in Courtney Cemetery, in Courtney, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Muldrow are interred in Oakland Cemetery in Navasota, Texas.

Mr. Muldrow was approached by the three gentlemen aforementioned and agreed to sell them one and 945/1000 acre of land for \$1.00. The deed states that, "It is expressly stipulated by the grantor and understood and agreed to by the grantees that should said property ever cease to be used as church property and for the purposes above declared or should be in any manner diverted from the use and purposes to which it is herein dedicated then and in that event the said above described premises shall revert to the said James H. Muldrow absolutely and forever." It was signed on April 1, 1889.⁹ We have been unable to locate any of the Muldrow heirs.

The land, 1.458 acre from Jared E. Groce Survey, A-23, in Grimes County, Texas was purchased in April 1889. The first church services were held under a brush arbor; many linden trees with fragrant blossoms in the spring grew in the vicinity. It was from these trees that the name Lynn Grove was derived. There are only a few linden trees left in the area, but thanks to Walton and Sue Gregory, parents of Laura Weaver, three linden trees were transplanted from their property on FM 2 to the church yard in 2008. The congregation of the church is very

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grateful for this wonderful gift.

The first church building measured 32 feet by 48 feet, with an 11-foot ceiling.¹⁰ It was completed in 1893. The pews were constructed with a saw that was propelled by the foot. The members of the church constructed all the pews, lectern, communion table, and altar rails. The pews were in three rows with an aisle between them. The church faced the east with doublewide doors and was lit with kerosene lanterns. A wood burning stove provided heat in the winter. Handheld fans provided by area funeral homes dispelled summer heat; the church to this day still has some of these handle held fans, which have been laminated and are hanging in the fellowship hall for all to enjoy.¹¹

Pastor Robert W. Adams from the Courtney-Plantersville Circuit gave the first sermon in the church building; the congregation consisted of families such as the Carter, Mitchell, Cook, Hammons, Weaver, Shine, Haferkamp and others who came by wagon and horseback from the outlying areas. Revival services were held in the summer months, usually in July or August, in full moon so that the parishioners could see to travel home by moonlight.

A photograph shows that a dinner was held on the church property between 1913 and 1915, close to the fourth of July, as the American flag is at the left side of the picture.¹² The only persons we were able to identify from the photograph were twins Homer and Howard Weaver. They are in the foreground of the photo, along with their mother Florence Weaver.

According to an interview with Adella Cook, when she was 91 years young, said that she

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remembered when she used to visit the church in Lynn Grove with her husband, Lloyd Cook.¹³ Lloyd and Adella Cook were married January 12, 1935. They did not have enough money to purchase a car, so they would catch a ride with someone who was going in the direction of Lynn Grove. Adella said that she recalled the church would have monthly night gatherings so that all family members could attend. Many families were farmers and had crops, animals and other chores that had to be done during the day. Those families who attended the monthly worship would set up tables under the trees to set the food on that was brought to share. The women folk would spread out quilts to sit on while others would sit in the back of wagons or trucks. The church in Lynn Grove was a place not only for worship and signing, but a place where the community could come together for fellowship, to share information about births, sickness, and deaths. Adella Cook was born on June 16, 1915 and died on February 19, 2009. Interment is in the Oakland Cemetery in Navasota, Texas for both Adella and her husband Lloyd.

The name of the church changed in 1939 from Methodist Episcopal Church South to The Methodist Church.¹⁴ It changed again in 1968 to Lynn Grove United Methodist Church.

The first church building was used for over fifty years. It became increasingly deteriorated and the congregation held a meeting in September 1945, for the purpose of discussing whether to remodel and repair the original building or to build a new building. The unanimous decision was to design and build a new building. Clinton Thorton, who was on leave from the U.S. Navy suggested that they add a steeple to the church; everyone was in agreement.¹⁵

The old building was dismantled in the summer of 1947. All materials from the old

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church were used to build the present church. The present building was designed with horizontal lines created by the Austin stonework and vertical lines created by the wood siding. Homer Weaver was foreman in charge of the work of the new building. His helpers included sons, James D. Weaver, age five and Drew Weaver, age three, great-grandsons of one of the founders, Zachariah Weaver. Drew Weaver's footprints are still visible on the front steps of the church today.¹⁶

During the construction, worship services were held at the Lynn Grove School, located about a mile north of the site, on the corner of Country Road 318 and County Road 319 (better known as Lynn Gove Road). Grimes county workers leveled the ground with a grader and construction was started on the first Monday in October 1947. Fifteen or more volunteers were present and ready for work. It took approximately two years for the building to be completed, due to the war; men were not available to work on the church. Members of the church and others who lived in the surrounding community did all the other work. The only money that was paid out was to have the stonework installed. The outside stonework was started in January 1949 and was completed in about a month.

The interior of the sanctuary is 38 feet by 18 feet. The ceiling is of cathedral design using large beams. The sanctuary seats approximately sixty people. The altar rails and pews from the old church were cut down to fit into the new building. The old communion table is at the rear of the north side of the sanctuary and is used to register visitors to the services. The lectern from the original church is still in use and is located at the front in the northeast corner, the communion table is in the center and the piano is opposite the lectern and faces the congregation.

The back (west) of the sanctuary has folding doors that open to the fellowship room to allow an overflow of worshippers to be accommodated. The fellowship room measures 39 feet by 18 feet and is mainly for meetings, dinners, and our annual homecoming.¹⁷

The church was originally heated with two propane stoves, one at the front and one at the back of the sanctuary. A heater was also placed in the rear of the fellowship hall. The church was at that time cooled with hand handheld fans and also by small oscillating fans. The doors and the windows were left open to aid in the cooling. In 1996 the congregation installed a central air and heating system.

The first service in the present church was held on Mother's Day, 1948. Charter members that were present included Mrs. Rose Harrington and Mrs. Z.S. Weaver, who are both now deceased. Reverend Gene Cragg dedicated the church building debt-free in 1950.

Reverend Walter Shine held the first homecoming services in October 1948, grandson of founder John Lane Shine. Over two hundred people attended. Homecoming is still held each year on the second Sunday of October. In May 2007, a pavilion was built on the south side of the property - this allows more people to eat outdoors under cover at Homecoming and is used for various other events throughout the year.

Over the years, there have been several incidents of unusual visitors that would appear inside the church. One time, a neighbor, Lena Rivers Carter Shine, (grandmother of church members John L. Shine and Margie Shine Waters) had raised two white pet turkeys. During the church service the turkeys casually strolled into the sanctuary and up the aisle toward the altar. Needless to say, the service ceased and the visiting turkeys were herded outside. Another one of the church neighbors, Daniel and Laura Weaver, had several cow dogs that would visit the

church each Sunday. Before the central air conditioning was installed they, too, would come into the church and down the aisle during service.

On the north side of the church is a cow pasture. One Sunday, the cattle were grazing nearby, and when we opened the service with the piano music and congregation singing, the cows all ran to the barbed wire fence and with their heads hanging over the fence, began to moo. When the music ceased, the cows also ceased their music. This went on for several Sundays. A few years back we came to church to find that a swarm of bees from the Weaver Apiary, across the road, had entered the church through a small hole in the ceiling. The altar, piano, lectern, floor, and ceiling were covered with live, dead, and dying bees. The church received a heavy cleaning by several church members, the hole was sealed and everything was back to normal by the following Sunday.

On January 10, 1985, the church members held a conference and business meeting to discuss the feasibility of adding a kitchen onto the south side of the building, extending from the fellowship hall.¹⁸ The congregation voted to have the addition built. Chairman Wray Whitaker read a proposal submitted by bidders. The low bid was \$7,980 and was submitted by Mattern Construction Company. W. E. Whitaker was to oversee the construction and to work closely with the builders. The extension to the fellowship was 12 feet by 18 feet.

Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Claude Harris built kitchen counters, with other members assisting. The kitchen counters, refrigerator, stove and double sink are at the south end of the extension. The large serving bar crafted by Mr. Harris divides the kitchen and dining areas. A small utility building was also included in the upgrade of the church property, making the total cost of both projects \$8,680.

The original small kitchen space is now a handicapped restroom. The old restroom is in the northwest corner of the fellowship hall was refurbished. Both of these projects were completed in January 2000, by John L. Shine, great-grandson of John Lane Shine; one of the founders of the church.

The property of the church was surveyed and mapped out by Hodde & Hodde Land Surveying, Inc. The surveyor's description was filed on June 23, 2004, at the Grimes County Court House, Anderson, Texas. The legal description is in volume 1085 page 780.¹⁹

Reba Lou Weaver Thornton, wife of Clinton Thorton, in memory of three service men who served in World War II, gave a beautiful stained-glass window to the church. The stained glass window is above the altar, near the cathedral ceiling.²⁰ The sun rising in the east casts a most inspiring sight of Jesus Walking on the Water. "Commanding the Sea to be Still". The window is the main focal point of the sanctuary and measures approximately 92 inches by 36 & 3/8 inches in size.

Members and other generous people in the community have given many numerous gifts, talents, and memorials to Lynn Grove United Methodist Church over the years.²¹ Without these gifts, the church would not have been able to rebuild, expand, and continue to keep the church in such fine condition. The church supports each member and non-member in time of need; during sickness, death, or any other crisis that may arise. We are dedicated to reaching out to those in the church and in the surrounding community. The elder members and constituency members give their time, knowledge, and expertise to the younger generations of the church. The younger

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generations are encouraged to grow in their spiritual beliefs, their education, and their gifted talents of music; both in voice and in instruments. The younger generations in turn keep the elders young in heart and mind.

III. Significances

The church building is still in use today and is still as impressive, useful and inspiring as it was when built in 1947. It has been maintained with love and the necessary offerings to keep it in good repair. The church holds an annual free fish fry during the spring time which the community looks forward to. Each month the church has a different themed potluck luncheon or dinner. This time allows members and other families in the community to come together and fellowship with each other. Each October on the second Sunday the church holds its annual homecoming. There are several families who travel from all over Texas to attend.²² There have been several baptisms, weddings and funerals that have been performed at Lynn Grove. The church has several scrapbooks with photos of all events that have taken place at the church since its beginning.

The congregation of Lynn Grove was blessed by the presence of Reverend Wesley Stevens as a visiting preacher on Homecoming Sunday, March 12, 2006.²³ Reverend Stevens was the preacher at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church during 1958-1959. Before the late 1940's the conference sessions were held in November or December, with the preachers being moved before the first of the year. Since the late 1940's the conference sessions have taken place in May or June with the preachers moving as soon as a week after their appointments. At

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present, most preachers and their families move in June or after school is out.

While Reverend Stevens was a preacher at Lynn Grove, he was on a circuit of five churches, including: Lynn Grove, Stoneham and Huntsville. He remembers that the Stoneham church would have early service and Lynn Grove would have late service. Lynn Grove and Stoneham would be serviced on the same Sunday twice a month. There would be no service at any of the churches on the fifth Sunday of the month. Reverend Stevens stated that he would drive from Huntsville to service the other churches on his circuit; all five churches were in five different counties. The most difficult time to service the churches was on Easter Sunday. Reverend Stevens would have to visit all five churches on Easter Sunday, which made for a very long day. As always there would be offers from the families of the congregation to join them for a meal after services. There was never a shortage of offers or of good homemade food.

According to Reverend Stevens, his favorite time to drive to Lynn Grove was in the springtime, when the Bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes and various other wildflowers would be in bloom. Hearing and seeing the new life in birds, bees and other animals plus the trees blooming would make the long drive seem shorter. During his drive on this day of visiting Lynn Grove, Reverend Stevens said that it brought back many happy memories and it gave him great joy to see that some things were still the same as when he was the preacher at Lynn Grove.

When Lynn Grove would have a revival or their annual Homecoming services, Reverend Stevens would spend the night with the Weaver family. This way he could visit longer and would not have to hurry to get to church on time, since the Weavers lived close to the church. Reverend Stevens stated that his memories of being at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church were good. He was very thankful for the opportunity to be able to return to the area to see the changes and to see that the little church in Lynn Grove was still servicing and helping the

surrounding community.

It is our prayer to keep this little country church a visible and viable place to worship and to enjoy fellowship for a long time. We invite all to come and worship with us each Sunday. We meet at 9:00 am every Sunday except for the second Sunday of October when we meet at 11:00 am for our annual Homecoming.

The Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church divides apportionments among their churches according to a formula based on membership and financial strength.²⁴ The congregations of the churches in each district are asked each year to pay their apportionments. Lynn Grove United Methodist Church has paid 100% of their apportionments consecutively since 1994 in full to the Texas Conference.

Seven funds are apportioned to the Texas Conference by the General Conference. These funds include: World Service, Ministerial Education Fund, Episcopal Fund, Black College Fund, General Administration Fund, Africa University Fund and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.

Two funds from the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, which include: the Jurisdiction Administration Fund and the Jurisdictional Ministries. Two funds from the Bryan District which include: the District Operating Funds and the District Mission Funds.

Those apportionments which support unique ministries within the Texas Conference are: Medical Benefits Program, Texas Conference Administration Fund, District Superintendents Fund, Pensions-Conference Claimants, Campus Ministries, Conference Benevolences, Equitable Compensation Fund, Texas Methodist Colleges, Lakeview Conference Center, Lydia Patterson

Institute, Texas Conference of Churches and the Happy Harbor Methodist Home.²⁵

The congregation at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church also supports various programs in Grimes County. Those organizations that the congregation have helped over the years include: the Christian Community Center and the Food Bank, Courtney-Lynn Grove Community Center, we have been involved in the Super Bowl of Feeding, collect blankets/coats for those in need and have provide food baskets for several families in the community.

There are a few members that remember that at one time, back in the late sixties or early seventies that another church congregation used the Lynn Grove Church building for about a month for church services.²⁶ No one can recall which church congregation it was or where they were from or the reason why they needed help. What really matters is that the congregation opened their hearts, their minds and the door to those who were in need.

Lynn Grove United Methodist Church at present has grown to thirty one members with four of them being preparatory members. The majority of the members of the church attends all church functions and participates in the church services. The church has quite a few persons who are non-members that attend the church services and take part in aiding the members in keeping the church and grounds in good condition. We have quarterly business meetings, game days, and dinners; during which we discuss the various aspects of maintenance of the building and grounds.

It was over 120 years ago when three men began the journey to form what is now Lynn Grove United Methodist Church. It was through their faith and belief of God that this church is where it is today. As we celebrate the churches 122nd birthday in 2011, its pastor and members

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are committed to maintaining it as a key part of the community and religious life for all.

Lon Morris College Information

According to a letter received from Doug McKay, Archivist at Lon Morris College, information is gathered from sources that are stored at the Archives department at Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas. Information for the developed pastoral roll was taken from the following information:

The Texas Annual Conference Journals

The Texas Christian Advocate

Condensed minutes of the Annual Conferences

The archive office at Lon Morris College gathers information from the Texas Annual Conference Offices to retain on file. Due to record keeping, not being a high priority in the early years of the church, there are few records on file that date back to the first years of the church.

In contacting the archive office at Lon Morris College in August of 2006, they could not give us any more detailed information used in creating the Lynn Grove United Methodist Church Pastoral Roll.

The person, who had created the pastoral roll for our information for use in the first historical application, is no longer working there. The only information that I could gather was that when the archive department works on this kind of information they only use the aforementioned resources to locate any and all information. During the course of the conversation I was reassured that all information is kept at the archives office at the Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas.

The Ministers 1890 – 2011²⁷

The first church services were held under an arbor and were conducted by traveling circuit riders. Two of them were Reverend Joseph C. Mickle and Brother Wesson. Mr. Burrow, a lay minister was sent to the United States from the Methodist Church in England to lead the first service held in the church. Others included George D. Phair (also an Englishman and scholar) and Brothers Weatherby, Daniel Wilson, Gates and G.Z. Sadler.

| Reverends Name | Years Served | Charge / Circuit Name |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| H.G. Williams | 1890 – 1891 | Courtney / Plantersville Circuit |
| J.M. Nickles | 1891 – 1892 | Circuit Uncertain |
| Robert W. Adams | 1892 – 1894 | Courtney – Plantersville Circuit |
| R.L. Williams | 1894 – 1895 | Courtney – Stoneham Circuit |
| C.E. Keith | 1895 – 1896 | Stoneham – Plantersville Circuit |
| Charles U. McLarty | 1896 – 1899 | Stoneham – Plantersville Circuit |
| E. M. Myers | 1899 – 1901 | Courtney – Plantersville Circuit |
| J. P. Skinner | 1901 – 1903 | Millican – Courtney Circuit |
| A.S.J. Haygood | 1903 – 1904 | |
| J.A. Kenney | 1904 – 1905 | |
| B.C. Ansley | 1906 – 1907 | Hempstead Circuit |

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| S.H. Kelley | 1907 – 1908 | Stoneham – Plantersville Circuit |
| Unknown | 1908 – 1909 | |
| G.Z. Sadler | 1909 – 1910 | Waller Circuit |
| T.S. Ogle | 1910 – 1911 | Waller Circuit |
| Unknown | 1911 – 1914 | |
| George E. Kemp | 1914 – 1916 | |
| D.S. Hotchkiss | 1916 – 1917 | |
| R.C. Goens | 1917 – 1918 | |
| M.F. Daniel | 1918 – 1919 | |
| George H. Phair | 1919 – 1920 | |
| J.S. Wilson, Supply | 1920 – 1924 | |
| M.I. Brown | 1924 – 1925 | |
| J.M Lewis | 1925 – 1926 | |
| Ed Prather | 1926 – 1927 | |
| W.D. Weimers | 1927 – 1929 | Hempstead Circuit |
| D.J. Davis | 1929 – 1931 | Hempstead – Waller Circuit |
| C.E. Harris | 1931 – 1932 | |
| R.A. Gates | 1932 – 1934 | Anderson Circuit |
| C.H. Adams | 1934 – 1935 | Hempstead Circuit |
| J.D.F. Houck | 1934 – 1935 | Anderson Circuit |
| R.A. Gates | 1935 – 1937 | |
| G.G. Cecil | 1938 - ? | Hempstead Circuit |
| Jesse W. Roberson | 194? – 1949 | |

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| Walton Day | 1949 | |
| H. Eugene Cragg | 1949 – 1953 | Anderson-Lynn Grove-Millican |
| Robert R. Kristensen | 1953 – 1954 | |
| Robert J. Pate | 1954 – 1957 | |
| Fred Carter | 1957 – 1958 | Anderson – Lynn Grove |
| Wesley F. Stevens | 1958 – 1959 | Huntsville Circuit |
| Stephen Love | 1959 – 1960 | |
| A.E. Rider | 1960 – 1963 | |
| G. Ray Lloyd | 1963 – 1964 | |
| Walter Dishman | 1964 – 1966 | Anderson – Lynn Grove |
| I. Milton Johnson | 1966 – 1967 | |
| Eugene Vanhoozer | 1967 – 1969 | |
| Terry G. Bonner | 1969 – 1971 | |
| John T. White | 1971 – 1972 | |
| Theo L. Cox | 1972 – March 1973 | |
| Ray H. Worsham, Jr. | March 1973 – 1975 | |
| Michael J. Muhlendorf | 1975 – 1976 | Waller- New Hope - Lynn Grove |
| James R. Knight | 1976 – 1977 | |
| Durwood L. Bristow | 1977 – 1978 | |
| Clinton H. Clements | 1978 – 1981 | |
| Thomas A. Kennedy | 1981 – 1983 | |
| Charles W. Anderson | 1983 – 1985 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| Joe V. Clouse | 1985 – 1986 | |

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| Richard Laster | 1986 – 1991 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| James L. Burton | 1991 – March 1992 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| David N. Hicks | March 1992 – 1996 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| Phyllis S. Riney | 1996 – January 1999 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| Melissa Martin | February 1999 – May 2002 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| Mike Fraley | June 2002 – June 2007 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| Bonnie Olsten | June 2007 – January 2009 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| Nancy Creason | January 2009 – June 2014 | Hempstead – Lynn Grove |
| Katy Ware | | |

Piano Players

Mrs. Thomas A. Kennedy (Reverend Kennedy's wife)

Mrs. Hutson – Clifford

Mrs. Virginia (Pauline) Hammons

Mrs. Margie Waters

Mrs. Sue Gregory – substitutes

REFERENCES

1. Grimes County Abstract Company, Grimes County Courthouse, Anderson, Texas. C.C. Meachum, Manager. R.L. Jones Secretary/Treasurer for Z.S. Weaver, October 14, 1916.
2. After searching Grimes County death records and following all leads to the name of Vickers, we were unable to learn anything about Charles Vickers life or death. He is listed as having owned property in Grimes County – Deed of Records – Grimes County, Anderson, Texas.
3. Article in Navasota Examiner Newspaper dated October 26, 1989. Article written by Homer Weaver, grandson of Zachariah Weaver. “Lynn Grove Turns 100”.
4. Personal interview with Roy Stanley Weaver, Jr. grandson of Zachariah Weaver, in August 1989, by Mrs. B.F. Hammons.
5. Book written by Nevin Weaver, grandson of Zachariah Weaver, Nonrandom Memories and Potshots.
6. Personal interview with John L. Shine, great grandson of John L. Shine, by Mrs. B.F. Hammons August 1989.
7. A short written Biography of the Shine Family, by Drew Weaver, great grandson of John L. Shine and son of Gladys Shine Weaver.
8. James H. Muldrow owned extensive land in Grime County, which is listed in the Deeds of Records at the Grimes County Courthouse, Anderson, Texas. A short synopsis of his family was found on memorial stones at Oakland Cemetery, Navasota, Texas and also at Courtney Cemetery, Courtney, Texas.
9. Copy of Deed hand written by Mr. James H. Muldrow signed April 1, 1889 sell of land for \$1.00 to C.G. Vickers, J.L. Shine and Z.H. Weaver, trustees of Lynn Grove Church congregation.
10. Line drawing of the first church plan, 1930, as remembered by Roy Stanley Weaver, Jr. 1998.
11. Handheld fans on display at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church. Donated by Toland Funeral Home, Refugio, Texas and by Lindley-Robertson-Holt Funeral Home, Navasota, Texas.

12. Photograph and letter to Roy Stanley Weaver, Jr. from Reba Lou Weaver Thorton, dinner at church 1913 -1915.
13. Personal interview with Adella Cook, wife of Lloyd Cook, March 3, 2006 by Laurie Shine.
14. Interpreter Magazine, November/December 1998. Published by United Methodist Communications, page 31, "A Time to Tear, A Time to Bind", a short course in United Methodist History.
15. Letter written by Reba Thorton Campbell, wife of Clinton Thorton. Letter tells plans of the church steeple.
16. Photographs of the church steps, built in 1948 footprints of Drew Weaver, son of Homer F. Weaver and great grandson of one of the churches founder Z.S. Weaver.
17. Pictures of the church with the Fellowship hall addition.
18. Copy of church meeting minutes, located at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church, church records.
19. Surveyor's Legal Description of Lynn Grove united Methodist Church, Hodde & Hodde Land Surveying, Inc. Grimes County Courthouse in Anderson, Texas. Vol. 1085, page 780
20. A copy picture of the stain glass window that is located in the Lynn Grove United Methodist Church sanctuary.
21. Lynn Grove United Methodist Memorial Book.
22. Copies of photographs, guestbook and church bulletins, church records, located at Lynn Grove United Methodist Church.
23. Personal interview with Reverend Wesley Stevens, previous Reverend of Lynn Grove United Methodist Church, March 12, 2006 by Laurie Shine. Reverend Wesley Stevens 14802 Overbluff CT, Channelview, Texas 77530-3252
24. The Financial Commitment of the Texas Annual Conference, A Study of the Apportionments and Fair Share Goals.

25. Brochure's from the Texas Conference Office on: Special Day Offerings, Methodist Retirement Communities, Human Relations Day, Peace with Justice Sunday, Native American Ministries Sunday and One Great Hour of Sharing.

26. Personal Interview with Earline Mitchell, wife of E.L. Mitchell, March 2007, by Laurie Shine

27. Letter from Mr. Doug McKay, Archivist for the Texas Conference Archives at Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas