

First Baptist Church

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of Honey Grove began in December, 1853, when several members of the Vineyard Grove Baptist Church, known then as the Honey Grove United Baptist Church, were granted letters of dismissal to covenant together as the Honey Grove Baptist Church.

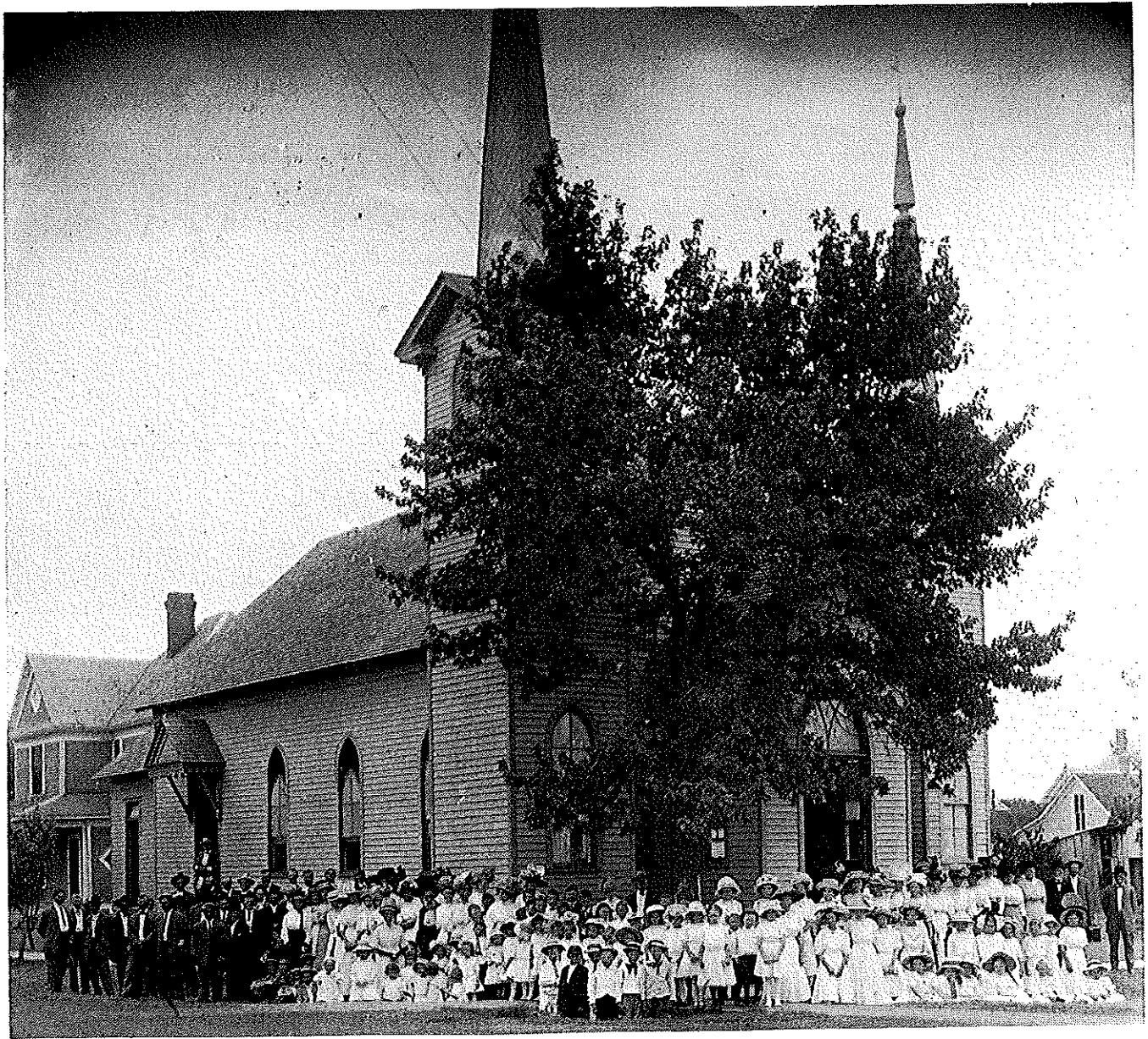
The Presbytery was composed of Revs. W. H. Pickett and John Brisco. The first officers of the church were pastor, W. M. Pickett; clerk and treasurer, Sinclair Stapp; and deacon, Obediah Nix.

Original members of the church were Obediah Nix, Sinclair Stapp, Geo. W. Fulcher, Wm. Gillcres, Benj. Parish, F. M. Nix, Hazekiah Garison, Thomas Hart, T. A. Parish, A. L. Cheatham, Betsy G. Walcott, Mattie Hart, Harriet D. Thatcher, Mary E. Donaldson, Harriet Nix, Catherine Strahan, Mary Nix, Sallie B. Stapp, and Daniel

Boles.

Services of this new congregation were held in the Union Church in Honey Grove until 1884 when a Baptist church was built. The church met in that structure until 1911 when the present building was erected and dedicated by George W. Truett. The first parsonage was built in 1902 and became the home for 12 pastors until the present parsonage was constructed in December, 1965.

Members of the First Baptist Church are proud of their heritage, but not content to look at the past. A more effective way of serving God and men is the goal of the present congregation of believers. With God's help, this church will continue to make history that can someday be looked back on with grateful eyes.



First Baptist Church congregation about 1900.