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REID'S PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH

On August 24, 1890, Brothers J. J. McConnell, T. J. Danford,  
J. M. Shelton, A. W. McAlpine, <sup>Andrew Monroe</sup> A. M. Campbell, <sup>Mac</sup> J. M. Milam, <sup>Grandfather</sup> J. W. <sup>Father</sup> Robertson, <sup>uncle</sup> and A. J. Andrews and Sisters M. E. McConnell, Susan Danford,  
Sallie McAlpine, <sup>Margaret Elizabeth</sup> M. E. Campbell, <sup>Luc</sup> L. C. Milam, <sup>Grand Mother</sup> Elizabeth Robertson, <sup>mother</sup> W. E. Andrews, Cynthia Ray, T. A. Sanders and Susan McAlpine met in the  
schoolhouse, which was on the northside of Reid's Prairie, for the  
purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. They elected to call it Reid's  
Prairie Baptist Church. Rev. J. M. Clayton, missionary for the  
Evergreen Association, served as preacher and moderator for this first  
meeting. During this meeting Rev. Clayton was called as pastor of the  
newly formed church. He accepted the call for one (1) year and served  
for the next three (3) in that capacity. The first deacon to serve this  
church was J. J. McConnell. Brothers J. J. McConnell and T. J. Danford  
were elected as messengers to carry the petitionary letter to the  
Evergreen Association. The first protracted meeting to be held by  
Reid's Prairie Baptist Church was held at this time. On October 25, 1890,  
Brother T. J. Danford reported that the church had been received by the  
Evergreen Association. In April, 1896, the members organized the Sunday  
School department of the church.

On July 8, 1894, a special meeting was called for the purpose of  
starting a building program. Brother D. A. McAlpine donated a lot of  
land next to the school property facing the Navasota Stage Road. The  
gift of land was accepted unanimously by the church. The building  
was completed on the inside between September, 1897 and July, 1898. The  
building was to be constructed of pine lumber and face the road. At

the meeting of March 11, 1899, it was announced that the church building was free of debt.

When the road was black-topped and moved to run in back of the church house, the front doors and back windows were changed so that the road was once more in front of the church. In 1947 when electricity was introduced, the area the building was wired and lights installed. The next building achievement came in 1952 when the Sunday School wings were added to the original building. The new floor was laid in the spring of 1962. The windows were also replaced at this time. The latest addition to the church building were the Sunday School rooms which were completed this past summer.

Through the years, there has been two periods for which records are not available. One period of nine years and two shorter periods. A check of the records show that in the seventy-five (75) year history of the church nineteen (19) pastors served the church with four (4) of them serving again at later dates. Today, seventy (70) years after the erection of the church house, it is still in use. The building serves as a center of worship for a church of thirty-six (36) resident members. Worship services are held twice each Sunday.

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