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Horm, Here are some historical papers but I don't suppose they will help you much (concerning our husing days) Who them as you need though. please bring there back whom you come this week- end. (Why. buly copies). Thanks & love

Civil Town of LaGrange

Sent 5/27/86

106 South High Street LaGrange, Indiana 46761

March 28, 1986

Dear Church of Christ,

As part of the LaGrange Sesquicentennial, a history of LaGrange's 150 years is being compiled to be published in a hardbound book by Taylor Publishing of Pennsylvania. We feel this is a book LaGrange can be proud of and will be offering leather bound copies at an additional cost to those who desire.

The book will include: Our EArly Years, Local Government, Transportation, Merchants, Schools, Organizations, Churches, Health Care, Communications, Recreation, Architecture, and Agriculture.

We feel your organization is a part of the history of LaGrange and we would like to include it in our book. We would also like to include a picture. This may be one from your files or a present day one of your group. We have photographers available to take a picture of your group, if you would like. If you are planning something special for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, June 18-22. and would like for that to be your picture that also can be arranged. (Arrangements for picture-taking may be done by contacting the Town Clerk's office or Jeanie Park 463-3450)

Would you have someone compile your history(250-300words) and send to the Town Clerk's office or Richard Tjarks by June 1 ?

The book committee would like to thank you for your cooperation and participation.

Sincerely,

LaGrange Sesquicentenninal Book Committee

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

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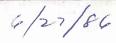
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History of the church of Christ for the Lagrange Sesquicentennial



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The church realized a steady growth through the years. An educational wing was added in 1970 and again another wing was added in 1976 to its present size, giving the church an auditorium, fourteen classrooms, kitchen and restroom facilities.

The church has been served by many ministers over the years: the families of Bill Stowers, Paul Hosse, Earl Garner, Earl Gieseke, Norman Herron and Eddie McGuiggan, with the latter two presently working as co-evangelists for the church.

Gver the years the church has been active in several ministeries in the areas of benevolence and evangelism. Presntly, the Keenage program, directed by Norm Herron, which serves the older adults of the community, has just celebrated its 8th anniversary and a radio talk show co-hosted by Norm Herron and Eddie McGuiggan, aired on Sunday at 8 a.m. over WSTR is beginning its second year, Home Bible studies, special classes and activities for both men and women are a part of the church's outreach.

The church of Christ seeks to restore New Testament Christianity and exists to serve the Lord by serving the community. We welcome any and all who subscribe to the doctrine of Jesus Christ, to be a part of our fellowship.

P.S. If you think that the names of the original five families alluded to above would be of interest in this historical sketch, you may include them. They are: The families of Fred Cox, Carl Pieratt, Earl Wilson, Paul Sumney and Dean Hoggatt



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There were some forty persons who rede the bus to Elhart Thursday evening for their gespel meeting with brother Bob Bryson. They appleaded it and an enjoyable and profitable time was had by all. The moving lesson presented by brother Bryson censed many to respond at the invitation, Five from Lagrange: Many Shears, Dick Herton asked for prayers and confessed sins. The spirit of fellowship is strenghtened between congregations when interest for each other is present, We could and should do this more often.

For the youth of the congregation: The Singling group "Authorn" from Michigan Christian College will be here Monday evening at 7:30 for a progrem, Some from Fildert and South Bend indicated they would come. The plans are right now to the conference of the yould come, the plans are right now to

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

BXHORTER

June 15, 1975

Schedule of Regular Services

9:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.	10:30 A. M.	6:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
Sunday Morning Bible Study	Children's Bible Hour	Morning Worship Service	Evening Worship Service	Thursday Evening Bible Study

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Dean Hogsatt - LaGrange Phone 463-3318 Devon Hostetler - Topeka Phone 463-3979 Phone 593-2142

Norm Herron, minister 405 So, Townline Road R. R. #5, Box 15 LaGrange, Indiana 46761 Phone 463-3571 The SIX Most Important Words: I ADMIT I MADE A MISTAKE The FIVE " " YOU DID A GOOD JOB THE FOUR " " " WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

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MEMORY PAGE

Please take time and write a little something that you remember from your association with Mom and Dad from the past 50 years. If you want to include any photos or other mementos please do so. Please return this page by May 1st, 2001 so it can be compiled into a book for them. Send to: Sue McAlpin - 166 Tubular Drive

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Lord (Cot) Bill M' Bride 258 Susie Ar Winchester, TN 37398

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