

# The Rosenberg Church – A Brief History

Between 1850 and 1914, some 3.5 million people crossed the Atlantic from the German and Austro-Hungarian Empires, settling in a new land that seemed to be brimming with people of the Czech and Moravian heritage. They came through Galveston Island to Texas. While many Czech farmers began settling in Fort Bend County about 1900 because of the county's excellent coastal-plain farmland, most came from other parts of Texas rather than directly from Europe.

On December 27, 1925, a small group of Czech families from similar religious backgrounds met together to celebrate Christmas and to discuss their hope of organizing a congregation for themselves. Rev. Frank Horak, living in Caldwell at the time, assisted in the organization. Many of the family names of that early group are still familiar: Chupik, Drgac, Dusek, Horak, Jurica, Macek, Macik, Mikeska, Mikulencak, Sitta, and Talesek. All present agreed to found a fellowship in the tradition of John Hus, the Czech national hero for the Protestant tradition, and to become a part of the Unity of the Brethren in Texas, formed in the previous decade with the same dream. This Church was built on the corner of 6th street and Avenue K in Rosenberg.



In the late 1990s the Church board, along with the approval of the Church congregation decided to acquire a piece of property on Reading Road and build a larger Church with better parking facilities. After completion of construction the new Church was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 2001.

Our Church has evolved from a congregation of Czech immigrants to a Church of many different ethnic backgrounds and walks of life.