

Museum Musings Article- Krum News

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The First Baptist Church

The first Baptist Church of Krum, originally known as the North Hickory Creek Baptist Church and was organized in 1882 at the one-room Jackson School House. Among the first members, whose descendants still live in Krum, were John Allen, father of Mrs. Esther Allen Cothron and grandfather of Elaine Cothron Herring; and Mr. and Mrs. W.Y. Barnett, parents of the late Joe Barnett and the late Ava Barnett Miller.

In 1886, the congregation moved into a new meetinghouse located some three miles down North Hickory Creek across the road and southwest of the present Jackson Cemetery. There it remained until 1898.

In that year, three lots were bought in the fast growing town of Krum on what is now the southeast corner of the school grounds at 2nd and Lake Streets. One hundred dollars cash was paid and the trustees named in the deed were: J.W. Black, H.B.M Burrow, H. I. Brummet, and L.M. Lindley (father of Alf “Rusty” and Tom Lindley). The church house was dismantled at North Hickory and moved to the town site.

The school was in need of more ground in 1934, and the School Board bought the lots on which the church stood and the Baptist congregation agreed to move across the street in exchange for its location, the school to pay for moving the church house.

The Education Building was erected in 1952 at an approximate cost of \$12,000. In 1961, the little white meetinghouse, which had served the congregation for 79 years, was replaced with the brick sanctuary. The women of the church bought the bell in 1901 from Sears-Roebuck and had it hung in the steeple of the old church. It now hangs at the new location on Gregg road.

Two men have been licensed to preach by this congregation: Sam Rector, who was teaching in the high school, was first ordained a deacon and later licensed to preach; and the late Larry Bryant was licensed while a member. Three young men who received their early Christian education here have gone into the ministry: Glen Ray, son of Mr. Ray & Eula McGee Ray and who lived with his aunt, Mrs. Adams, while attending school in Krum; Al Murdock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Murdock; and Jerry McKinney, son of Ned and Burtis McKinney.

A new church was built in 1991 at a new location west of town at 12 Gregg Road and the building at the old location was sold to the Masonic Lodge. The current pastor is Ed Catlin.



First Baptist Church Ca 1900-1910



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