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The Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church of Krum was organized on June 29, 1901, in a meeting held in the schoolhouse. Among the 18 or more charter members of the church and who still have descendants in the area were Dr. and Mrs. W.G. Kimbrough and Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Sr., parents of Mrs. Clarence (Pet) Miller.

In 1903, a pastor was called to preach one Sunday each month at a salary of \$100.00 per year. They were meeting in the Methodist Church, as the Methodists had "preaching" only twice a month.

Many families were being added to the Presbyterian roll, including the families of W.E. Huffhines, Harve Lamm, and W.P. Glasgow. Later additions included the R.E. Bryants and the J.T. Kerbys (parents of Mrs. Alf Lindley).

In 1910, the members voted to build a building of their own, and Dr. Kimbrough, Dr. A.H. Knox, and Mr. Miller among others, were appointed to solicit funds. Dr. and Mrs. Kimbrough gave the lot west of their home on First Street, and here an attractive red brick church was erected. The membership was by now near 100. The church was located behind what is now Vogue Cleaners which is in the old John Morris Building. Bricks from the church were used to build the John Morris Chevrolet Building.

On June 30, 1911, the dedicatory service was held in the new church. The pastor was now receiving a salary of \$325.00 per year.

The membership continued to increase, and by 1916, it had reached about 150. Before many more years, the membership began dwindling; young people were going off to college or getting married and leaving the community. During the depression years, when the population of Krum dropped from a 1928 high of over 700 to fewer than 300, there were many a faithful few in attendance. In 1942, the members voted to disband, turn the building over to the Presbyterian Board to be sold, and the money used to help weak churches



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