

Museum Musings Article- Krum News

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The United Methodist Church

The Krum United Methodist Church was organized in 1876 and celebrated its 130th Anniversary in 2006. Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Barrett and Mr. C.H. Jackson donated the land on the site of the present cemetery, for the purpose of building a place of worship and a school for the community. The one-room building was used for both purposes for many years. There were ten or twelve charter members when the church was founded.

In 1891, the schoolhouse was moved to the new town of Krum, and the Methodists continued to use it as a meetinghouse. In January of 1902 the Trustees of the church Ned Gullett, B.F. Wilson and T.C. Eubanks, purchased a lot for \$75 close to where Hattie Dyer Elementary now stands. A new church building, the Krum Methodist Episcopal Church South, was erected at a cost of \$2,000.00. This lot was eventually sold in May of 1937 to Charles Langston for \$75.

In October 1911 the church trustees B.F. Wilson, J.C. Gose and T.C. Eubanks purchased three more lots for \$700 from S.A. and Virginia Blewette. The deed stated that the premises shall be used for a "*place of Residence or Devine worship for the use of the Ministry...*" These lots were at the corner of McCart and Second Street and sometime around 1924 a basement was constructed on one of the new lots. The congregation met in the basement until 1934 when the brick sanctuary was built over the basement. The "Martha Fowler Educational Building" was added on the north side in 1975, with donations from relatives and friends in memory of Martha Dedmon Fowler, wife of F.W. (Pin) Fowler.

Mrs. Dorothy McClister donated the church organ in memory of her husband, Walter McClister. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Radecke gave the piano in memory of their son, Marion Wallace, who was killed in the Korean War.

There is no record of a pastor serving the church on a regular basis until 1879. Apparently, there was a preaching service only when a circuit rider chanced by in those first years. Some of the earlier ministers were A.K. Agee, E.A. Goodwin (1886), C.A. McDougal (1887), S.A. Ball (1890), J. W. Clifton (1891), and C.M. Schuffler (1893). The exact date of when the name was changed from the Methodist Episcopal Church South to First Methodist Church is not known but in a couple of documents from 1965 it was shown as First Methodist Church.

Four young men who received their early Christian experience in the church have gone into the ministry: Sam Black, son of William and Mary Black (who were charter members of the church); Charles Evans Cole, son of Ralph L. Sr. and Corinne Evans Cole; Carroll Caddell, son of Leslie and Doris Caddell; and Bryan Park, son of Cecil R. and Olga Park. Bryan represents the fifth generation of the Park family who have been leaders in the Krum Church. Pioneer H.W. Park was his great-great grandfather; great grandfather Hugh R. Park was superintendent of the Sunday School for more than thirty years; grandfather Loran F. Park was a long-time member of the Official Board of the Church and served devotedly in many capacities.

The old Krum United Methodist Church building at the intersection of McCart and First Street was sold and in April of 2009 the congregation moved to a new location at 1001 E. McCart Street between Northstar Bank and the Blanche Dodd Intermediate School. The current pastor is the Rev. Dr. Christy Thomas.



Methodist Episcopal Church South-Early 1900's



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