



## **Kerr Kronicles Volume XLI**

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*Peek into the Past:* Homecoming Day, the last Sunday of July, 1976 was chosen as the first service in the new Sanctuary. The celebration began with the congregation gathering in the old sanctuary where the leaders in the building program, the architects and the contractor were recognized. The old sanctuary was rededicated as a chapel for worship that would be a memorial to all those who had gone before. Constructed in 1826 it is now the oldest building for worship of the Presbyterian churches of the county.

Following this part of the service, the elders Emeriti and the Building Council led the 750 gathered worshippers to the front of the new Sanctuary. The contractor passed the keys to the architect, who then presented them to Fred O. Brown, the Chairman of the Building Council. Mr. Brown then gave the keys to William Tilley, Chairman of the Board of Deacons. Mr. Tilley then invited Mrs. James M. Black, ninety-nine years old, to unlock the door and lead the congregation into their new House of Worship.

Certainly there were tears of joy in many eyes, for the new edifice was the culmination of the congregation's hope of many years and fourteen years of dedicated service by the Building Council.  
*(The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek)*

*A Musical "Note":* The procession entered the sanctuary singing the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty". As a part of the worship, the pastor led in a Litany of Dedication. It is likely that the Doxology was never more joyfully sung.

*Interesting Fact:* In December, 1976, the Session officially designated the annex in the old building as the "Julia Campbell Black Historical Room".

*Important National Events:* July 4, 1976 - The Bicentennial of the United States is celebrated throughout the nation. The 200th anniversary included Operation Sail in New York City, as well as a Bicentennial Wagon Train that traversed the nation during the year.