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Peek into the Past: In 1983, Victor Wilson was called as pastor and Brant Baker as Associate pastor in 1984. Each served the church five years. Pastor Wilson, a citizen of England, became a U.S. citizen in 1984. In the same year the committee structures were revised and strengthened and boundaries for congregational districts were improved.

The Ground Breaking ceremony for the Kerr Recreation Building was held April 1, 1984. The Building Committee had been at work since 1977 to build a Recreation Center and in 1982 it had been named the Kerr Recreation Building. Oren Eudy and Howard Ford, members of the committee, served as supervisors for the construction. The Kerr Family Recreation Center was dedicated the first Sunday of 1985. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

A Musical "Note": The building of the pipe organ had gone forward and early in 1982 Mr. Blakely was ready to begin installation. Howard Ford, the chairman who had carefully guided the committee through the years, literally became an assistant to Mr. Blakely, spending a great deal of his time helping with the installation. As a part of the morning worship on June 6, the organ was dedicated to the Glory of God and in Memory of Carl J. McEwen, Minnie Bell Mann McEwen, Mary Edna McEwen Ellington and Charles H. Hunter. It was given by their families: Francis McEwen Hunter and family, Helen McEwen Anderson and family, Bettie Weir McEwen, and Carl McEwen Ellington and family. This fine instrument, containing 816 pipes, which has added so much to the quality of worship in music is distinctive in that at the time of installation it was the only Pipe Organ in the entire eastern part of Mecklenburg County. (*The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*)

Interesting Fact: During the Civil War, American Presbyterians divided into southern and northern branches. These two churches reunited in 1983 to form the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the largest Presbyterian/Reformed denomination in the United States.