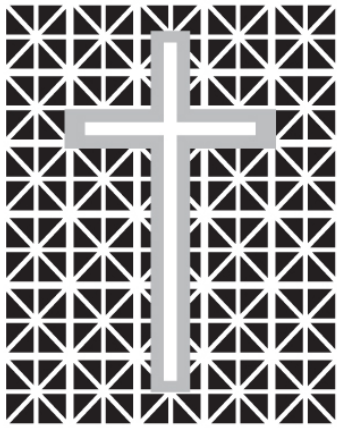


FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH



175 YEARS . 1835 - 2010

**Great is Thy  
Faithfulness**



WORSHIP  
WORSHIP LEARN  
**CELEBRATE**

At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Independence, Mo., we are celebrating our 175th birthday on July 4, 2010! We are inspired by our history of service and witness, and excited about the possibilities for our future. Our theme is "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," as truly God has been faithful these many decades. Please join us the last Sunday of every month for a "**Celebration Sunday**." We will re-unite with beloved former ministers and old friends, as we learn, worship and celebrate God's faithfulness.

### Celebration Sundays & Other Events

- Jan. 31** 175th Kickoff Sunday, with worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our musicians will lead our worship, and our message will be delivered in a lighthearted dramatic form. During the Sunday School Hour (9:30-10:30), we'll feast on a delicious breakfast.
- Feb. 28** We welcome to the pulpit one of our "Priscillas," Rev. Jill Standley Sullins, preaching at both services. Rev. Jill will be our teacher for a combined Sunday School class in the Chapel, on DOC Theology.
- Mar. 20** Coffee Shop & Talent Show, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Mar. 28** Palm Sunday! Rev. Amy Lignitz Harken will preach at both services. Join us for the annual Palm Sunday Parade on Independence Square during the Sunday School Hour.
- April 1** Maundy Thursday. Please join us for a special communion service commemorating the Last Supper.
- April 2** Good Friday. Please join us for a special "Seven Last Words" service in the Sanctuary.
- April 4** Easter Sunday! Join us for one of three services: Sunrise (7 a.m.) , 8:30, or 10:45 a.m.
- April 17** Dessert Bingo, 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- April 25** We welcome back to the pulpit our former minister, Dr. Tim Murtaugh, preaching at both services. During the Sunday School Hour, Dr. Murtaugh will teach on the topic of Communion, in the Chapel.
- May 20-22** Pictures taken for new church directory! Be sure to schedule your portrait time!
- May 30** Music Worship at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with breakfast during Sunday School Hour.
- June 6** Combined Sunday School, with Rev. Amy teaching on Baptism.
- June 13** Combined Sunday School, with Rev. Amy teaching on the Stone-Campbell Movement.
- June 20** Combined Sunday School, with Raymond Hankins teaching on Disciples of Christ history.
- June 27** We welcome back to the pulpit our former minister Frank Everett, preaching at both services. During the Sunday School Hour, Brent Schondelmeyer will teach on the topic of FCC History, in the chapel.
- July 3** **Let the Celebration Begin!** We have all kinds of special programs for kids, reunions for former kids, and an spectacular evening celebration program featuring music, recognitions, and special guests.
- July 4** **Happy Birthday First Christian Church!** We are celebrating in grand style with our sermon delivered by Dr. Joseph A. Jeter. Dr. Jeter is a renowned Disciples preacher, and an expert on Alexander Procter, former minister of First Christian Church known as the "Sage of Independence." Dr. Jeter is the preaching professor at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University.

**SAVE THE DATES!**