



Let's get this Sesquicentennial started!

With 150 years in the bank, there's much to celebrate in the months ahead. First, if you missed it, travel to the church website, www.fccwilson.org, click on the red YouTube icon, and watch the Sesquicentennial's opening ceremony, which premiered on Tuesday, April 27. It sets the stage. Now you're ready. [Here's a look at what's ahead in May.](#)

A chance to decorate

Decoration Night is set for **Thursday, May 6, 6-7 p.m.**, when we'll gather at church to share a meal, trim First Christian with 150th birthday decorations, explode some paper fireworks and much more. Yard signs, window decals, Sesquicentennial T-shirts and special commemorative prizes will be in abundant supply. Hurry. RSVP to the church office today.

A chance to walk

Our journey from May through September will feature monthly walks – all for fun and fitness. Our goal is to travel 150 miles together – on foot, by bike, on a skate board, in a stroller or wheelchair. We'll add our miles together during short Saturday morning outings to some special destinations and to some of Wilson's loveliest parks. The first two walks have added themes to their fitness. Watch the church website for complete details about upcoming walks. Take a look at how we'll begin.

Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.

The Founders Walk

A one-mile narrated tour of Founders' graves in Maplewood Cemetery. Learn the history of Wilson's oldest public cemetery. Be present with the Founders and hear their stories. Refreshments at the end of the walk. Launch point: Maplewood Cemetery.

Here's an exciting sneak preview for June.

Saturday, June 12, 9 a.m.

The Bulldog Walk

A one-mile walk around the campus of Barton College with Dr. Doug Searcy, Kathy Daughety and Todd Brame. Learn about the past, present and future of Wilson's hometown college. Get ready for this one! Launch point: the Bell Tower.

A chance to read

Wednesday, May 26, 7-8 p.m., Zoom

The Sesquicentennial Readers

The Sesquicentennial Book Club got a two-month head start in February. May's selection is ***Where the Forest Meets the Stars***, a novel by Glendy Vanderah. In rural Illinois, a mysterious child, who calls herself Ursa and claims to have been sent from the stars to witness five miracles, disrupts the lives of a doctoral student and her reclusive neighbor. Find the Zoom address in ***The Bell*** newsletter.

A chance to ponder

The Sesquicentennial Psalm Stroll

Out of the 66 different books in the Bible, studies indicate that the Book of Psalms tops the list of most popular. So, to cheer for 150 years, we're offering a Sesquicentennial tour of all 150 Psalms beginning on Sunday, May 9. One Psalm most days, some days, two, through Sunday, September 26. To join in, set aside 10 sacred minutes each day to read the daily selection(s), ponder your discoveries and record your thoughts in a note or two. And save them. Three times during your course through Psalms, a Disciples theologian will host a discussion (all on Zoom, some in person, too) of selected Psalms from those covered in daily readings. Find the complete calendar of readings on the church website. [Find the schedule for May at the bottom of the next page.](#) And watch for the dates and times of the three discussions. Seem like a good idea? After all, a Psalm a day keeps God's Word in play.

A chance to explore

If you're a fan of word games, puzzles, trivia and scavenger hunts, watch your email or check the church website for Sesquicentennial versions of your favorites. Activities for adults and kids.

A chance to lose

The Sesquicentennial will be a time for losers. Groups are organizing now to lose 150 pounds collectively by Sunday, September 26. No weigh-ins or fad FCC diets. Shed the pounds on your own and just report your loss ... on the honor system. Organize your own group or join someone else's. Team up with Gary Walling, for example. He's already down 10 pounds. Watch the church website for participation details.

Much more to come!

Watch your email and ***The Bell*** newsletter for exciting new activities arriving every month.

www.fccwilson.org is your home for complete Sesquicentennial details.



Psalm Stroll for May

9, Psalm 1; **10**, Psalm 2; **11**, Psalm 3; **12**, Psalm 4; **13**, Psalm 5; **14**, Psalm 6; **15**, Psalm 7; **16**, Psalm 8; **17**, Psalm 9; **18**, Psalm 10; **19**, Psalms 11-12; **20**, Psalm 13; **21**, Psalm 14; **22**, Psalm 15; **23**, Psalm 16; **24**, Psalm 17; **25**, Psalm 18; **26**, Psalm 19; **27**, Psalm 20; **28**, Psalm 21; **29**, Psalm 22; **30**, Psalm 23; **31**, Psalms 24-25.