

Sesquicentennial Trivia for June

1. In the original sanctuary, 1871-1898,

a. women and men broke with tradition and sat together as families for the first time; **b.** women sat on the right facing the preacher, men on the left; **c.** women sat on the left facing the preacher, men on the right; **d.** women sat behind the men in designated rows at the rear of the church on both sides of the aisle.

2. Prior to installation of a baptistry in the original 1871 sanctuary, the church conducted immersions at

a. First Baptist **b.** First Methodist **c.** the Masonic Lodge **d.** Toisnot Stream

3. In 1897, the original church was

a. donated to the family of Fannie Hines, who'd given the lot on which the church stood; **b.** removed across the railroad track down Vance Street and remodelled as apartments; **c.** razed by the City of Wilson for \$1; **d.** donated to the Masonic Lodge.

4. The new brick church, 1898-1954, at its dedication in September, 1898, was

a. valued at \$75,000 with a 30-year mortgage of \$41,000; **b.** valued at \$12,000 and was debt free; **c.** valued at \$25,000 with a \$12,000 balance to be paid by the congregation in a three-year capital campaign; **d.** a gift from the Hackney family.

5. First Christian's historic 614-pound church bell first sounded from its bell tower at the 1871 sanctuary and

a. chimed every Sunday until 1898 at the worship hour; **b.** violated a City ordinance that "no bell larger than a dinner bell" shall be rung from a church tower and required a special exemption to ring; **c.** for a gift of \$500, was silenced by a neighbor whose dog barked at its sound; **d.** was removed in 1885 from the wooden bell tower because of its weight.

6. During its 75th anniversary in 1946, First Christian Church announced in *The Wilson Daily Times* that its resident membership had reached _____ .

a. 480 **b.** 575 **c.** 760 **d.** 900

Answers

1. b 2. d 3. b 4. b 5. c 6. d