

## Some Important Dates in the Life of First Christian Church, Anniston, Alabama

- 1804** – Barton Stone dissolves the Springfield Presbytery in Kentucky (rejected denominational identity, preferring to be simply Christian).
- 1811** – First “Disciples” congregation forms in Brush Run, Pennsylvania, with the leadership of Thomas and Alexander Campbell.
- 1832** – Stone’s “Christians” and Campbell’s “Disciples” unite in Lexington, Kentucky.
- June 7, 1885** – Articles of Agreement in forming the Anniston church dated June 7, 1885. Document signed by 14 people, half men and half women.
- August 13, 1888** – First baptism in church on East 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- November 1888** – First full-time pastor, Dr. Allen Rice Moore, at the salary of \$50 per month.
- 1890** – State Convention (Regional Assembly) was held in Anniston for the first time.
- 1892-1894** – Not enough money to pay a pastor, so had no preacher for almost 2 years.
- 1906** – Non-instrumental Churches of Christ separate.
- April 1907** – All mortgages were burned before a full house.
- November 20, 1921** – First meeting held at the new building at 1327 Leighton Avenue, which had been purchased in 1920 from St. Paul’s Methodist Episcopal Church.
- 1926** – A parsonage which adjoined the church was purchased.
- 1927** – Independent Christian Churches break off, form their own convention.
- November 1927** – Mortgage burning and dedication service held.
- 1935** – Fire damaged the basement, and repairs were begun at once to prepare for the June 9 Homecoming Day Celebration in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church.
- Jan. 1963 – Dec. 1971** – Franklin Carter, whose wife, Sara, is still a member, served as pastor.
- September 16, 1963** – A fire caused over \$12,000 in damage to the church chancel.
- 1968** – Kansas City General Assembly approves a major re-structure. Name changed from Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) to Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- May, 1973 – May, 1981** – Billy Reese served as pastor.
- 1980** – Mary Elizabeth Johnson served as first woman chairman of the board. During her tenure, the church had its first woman pastor and the first woman elder.
- 1985** – Centennial Celebration held, with history written, time capsule created and many other activities.
- 1993** – Fellowship Hall built.
- 2000** – Habitat for Humanity moved into basement offices.
- October 1, 2001** – Pastor Rebecca began ministry in Anniston.
- December 23, 2001** – FCC’s first Habitat house (of 3 co-sponsorships) was dedicated.
- 2004** – Big Brothers Big Sisters replaced Habitat in the basement offices.
- 2005** – Iglésia Cristiana Hispana, a congregation-in-formation, began nesting at FCC.