



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**November 5, 2023**  
*All Saints Sunday*

# Preparing for worship

Last Sunday evening I spoke at a CBF Oklahoma event. I rarely make my way up north, but when I do I make sure to stop and see my grandmother. I decided to surprise her for lunch. She did her usual, “You couldn’t call so I could at least have my teeth in?”

As we sat at the table, my mother and uncle knocked on the door and joined us for a beautiful communion of fried mushrooms and a large Little Kahuna pizza from Hideaway Pizza — an Oklahoma favorite. We talked and laughed about cousins doing crazy things and memories of back in the day. My uncle asked me what I have been preaching on lately, and I answered “stewardship.” As if they had rehearsed it, the three of them at the same time said, “You can’t beat God’s giving.” It was something my Grandpa Willie — a saint I remember on this All Saints Sunday — would say often from the pulpit, reminding the congregation, “We freely give because God has freely given to us.”

As we have talked about generosity these couple of weeks, we remember that generosity is something that is given from your soul. Not because you feel like you must, but because you

feel called to help care and create. Called to recognize “there is something beyond myself that has allowed me to offer.” Called to see the gospel move outside these walls. Called to see how the mission of Christ is instilled in all of us, but differently in each of us. Giving out of a place of generosity allows us to ask questions. How do we as a congregation, as a church — body of Christ, fellowship of saints — continue the story of generations before us and pass the baton to generations after us?

I truly believe we are continuing the vision of this church that was started by the Spirit and the saints that have come before us. But it takes all of us, the saints in these seats right here, participating.

Generosity is not something we do, but it is a quality of who we are. By giving, we are taking what we have to accomplish our God-given mission — individually and together — in our congregation. Christian stewards are kingdom bringers who align their lives and mission with God’s intentions for God’s world.

—*Timothy Peoples*



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November 5, 2023

11:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

### Chiming of the Hour

The people of Wilshire gather this morning to worship God. In order for this service to be focused upon that purpose, please silence all electronic devices.

### Welcome to Worshipers

Carolyn Murray

### Prelude

*Excerpt from Movement No. 2, Concerto in G Major*  
Max Tucker, piano

Maurice Ravel

### Opening Litany

Lydia Tucker

Leader: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

**All: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

Leader: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

**All: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.**

Leader: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

**All: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

### +Congregational Song

*For All the Saints*  
No. 567

SINE NOMINE

### Psalm Reading — Psalm 107:1-7

Hank Thompson

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

### In Memoriam

We remember today those within the fellowship of the church who have died in the past year. With the reading of each name, a bell will toll. See listing of names on page 6.

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+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.  
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

**Prayers of the People**

Alison Wingfield

**Choral Offertory**

*You Do Not Walk Alone*  
Sanctuary Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead  
When the road you walk is dark.  
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow,  
The gentle singing of the lark.  
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.  
May you always remember when the shadows fall —  
You do not walk alone.

**+Gospel Reading** — Luke 16:1-15

Karen Keen

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts, for what is prized by humans is an abomination in the sight of God.”

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
And for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

“Memories Defined by Relationships”

Timothy Peoples

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Timothy Peoples

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this morning is gluten free.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Passing of the Bread**

*Brother James' Air*

Searle Wright

**Passing of the Cup**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

arr. Edwin T. Childs

**Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**+Congregational Song**

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
No. 561

HANSON PLACE

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

*Those of the Wilshire community who have died in the Lord  
from November 1, 2022, through November 3, 2023:*

**Robert William Jones**

November 26, 1939—November 29, 2022

**Leisha Hart Robinson**

May 9, 1960—December 11, 2022

**Charles Ralph Blackburn, II**

March 20, 1940—December 29, 2022

**Michael Vance Weldon**

June 25, 1944—January 1, 2023

**Dale Conner**

October 17, 1922—March 13, 2023

**Samuel Addison Wilkinson, III**

January 1, 1940—April 8, 2023

**Jenna Worthen**

July 31, 1926—May 7, 2023

**Don Miller**

March 2, 1948—May 9, 2023

**Lucky Lofman**

January 1, 1940—June 4, 2023

**John Kirkley**

January 19, 1927—June 12, 2023

**Myrna Kay Brashear**

October 18, 1942—July 19, 2023

**Diane Elizabeth De Shazo McKenzie**

October 2, 1934—July 24, 2023

**Bethel Oscar (Bo) Brown**

November 11, 1929—August 8, 2023

**Beverly Lawanna Robinson**

October 10, 1954—August 11, 2023

**John Preston Bright**

November 11, 1937—September 6, 2023

**Shelly Kay Beck**

May 3, 1966—September 25, 2023

**Joseph Christopher Newtown**

December 5, 1946—October 4, 2023

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Karen Keen** joined Wilshire in 2022 with her wife, Sally Gary. Karen and Sally are members of the Shiloh Sunday School Class. Karen is a biblical scholar and spiritual care provider at the Redwood Center for Spiritual Care and Education.

**Carolyn Murray** grew up at Wilshire. Her parents are Bob and Charlene Law. Carolyn is mother to an adult son, Mason, who lives in Australia, and Lucy Kate, a freshman at Santa Clara University. Carolyn works on Wilshire's staff as coordinator of congregational life. She directs Journey Class and serves as staff liaison to the Belong Team, MOPS and several committees.

**Hank Thompson** and his wife, Shellie, became Wilshire members in 1982. They are the parents of two adult daughters, Megan Willson and Melinda Thompson. Hank is a deacon, attends Epiphany Class and works for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**Lydia and Max Tucker** joined Wilshire in 2016 and attend Epiphany Class, which Lydia serves as communications leader. She is also a Stephen Minister. Max is a deacon and sings in Sanctuary Choir. The Tuckers have one adult son and one grandson.

**Alison Wingfield** and her husband, Mark, joined Wilshire in 1999. They are parents to twin adult sons, Luke and Garrett. Alison is a member of Epiphany Class but often teaches other adult classes. She is also a deacon, directs Pre-K Choir, serves on the Preschool Education Committee and sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova. Alison works as a freelance editor.



**Connect with Wilshire.** Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to make a financial contribution, fill out our online guest card or submit a prayer request. You may also use the response card or offering envelope found in the pew rack. These items can be placed in the offering plate or in one of the secure offering boxes located near the Sanctuary exits.

# Staff contacts

**Phone numbers:** 214-452- followed by extension shown below. **Email addresses:** first letter of first name and full last name followed by @wilshirebc.org (example: tpeoples@wilshirebc.org). Staff members without phone extensions do not have Wilshire email addresses.

## Communications

- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

## Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Early Childhood Learning Center

- Kelly Akins, Assistant Director and Curriculum Specialist (3139)
- Ramona Randle, Director (3140)
- Victoria Thompson, Administrative Assistant (3115)

## Finance

- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

## Food Services

- Luke Munion, Food Service Staff
- Haley Robinson, Food Service Director (3117)
- Gillian Tinsley, Food Service Staff
- Elias Vasquez, Food Service Staff
- Leyvi Vasquez, Food Service Staff
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Food Service Staff

## Hospitality & Facilities

- Maricela Escutia, Facilities Supervisor
- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities
- Glenda Williams, Receptionist (3165)

## Missions & Advocacy

- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Music & Worship

- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
- Charlie Fuller, Interim Minister of Music (3123)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Michele Stinecipher, Music and Worship Coordinator (3130)

## Operations & Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Merik Gillett, Operations Director (3146)
- Eric Mirochna, IT Manager (3136)

## Pathways to Ministry

- John Kelly, McIver Fellow (3156)
- George Mason, Director of Pathways to Ministry and Senior Pastor Emeritus (3133)

## Senior Pastor

- Debby Burton, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Geri McKenzie, Executive Director of Administration (3159)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

## Spiritual Formation

- Carol Cabaniss, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3106)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Staci Langley, Childcare Coordinator
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)



# Tapestry

 Wilshire  
BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements  
November 5, 2023

## Fireside Chats

Churchwide social  
is next Sunday, Nov. 12



Wilshire will host Fireside Chats at members' homes on Sunday evening, Nov. 12. This social event with fellowship and light refreshments will deepen connections and provide an intimate setting for us to express our collective gratitude.

Sign up to attend at any of the host homes throughout the area. Some sites will start at 6:30 and end at 8, while others will run from 5 to 6:30. Sign up today via the QR code at right or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/fireside-chats](https://wilshirebc.org/events/fireside-chats).



**SIGN UP**



**Sundays:** Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at [youtube.com/wilshirebaptist](https://youtube.com/wilshirebaptist) and at [wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream](https://wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream). Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.



# The Stewardship of Memory

WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

45 years together before he died. In July 2016, his Celebration of Life was held in the chapel with Mark Wingfield presiding. This Wilshire community has been beside me during good times and difficult times, for which I am forever grateful.

**ELLEN MOONEY**

My family has been going to Wilshire since before I was born, so I've been coming to church here my whole life. And my favorite memory is actually more recent. It's going to Youth Camp this past summer. I love the whole week, just getting to have fun with my friends at camp. But specifically I loved morning worship the most. It was a time where we could just come in and stand in our chairs and dance and sing and play games and be loud and crazy, and I just loved it so much.

**KATHRYN WOODBURY**

I didn't grow up at Wilshire, but I had family who were members for many years, starting with my grandparents, and then my mom and sisters. My favorite memory is a collection — a collection of times when Wilshire met me where I was, whether through Bible study, fellowship or in the music department. Each time I felt like I didn't belong, I would open my mind and heart and see where God was directing me, and who he was putting in my path.

**MICHELE STINECIPHER**

I joined Wilshire shortly after my wife died. I missed her more than I thought I could miss anyone. Alas, along came the people of Wilshire. I recall their acts of acceptance, hospitality, encouragement, kindness and understanding. I came to the people of Wilshire as a broken and pain-stricken person. The care of my new church family began. I remember the faces and at least some of the names of those who loved and cared for me. The healing of a hurting heart continues. I am so grateful for the persons of Wilshire who have given me a new hope and a storehouse of consoling memories which money cannot buy. Thanks be to God!

**JIM HANCOCK**

There is a basketball court in Kumasi, Ghana, called Wilshire Baptist Court that is a result of a Missions Plus grant/gift. This basketball court and the Shoot 4 Life sports ministry impacts hundreds of kids/teens every week.

**CHAD MUSTAIN**

The baby dedications of all three of my kids. They're all adults now and productive citizens of their respective communities.

**JULIE GIRARDS**

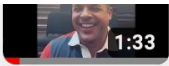


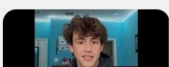
I'm a former Catholic who joined Wilshire in April 2000. I was baptized by George Mason. A year later, George married me to my ex-husband in McIver Chapel. We had 15 wonderful years after that. In total we had

“Memory is not just of the past, but it also carries us to the future ... I truly believe that we are continuing the vision of this church that started by the Spirit of the living God and the saints who have come before us.”

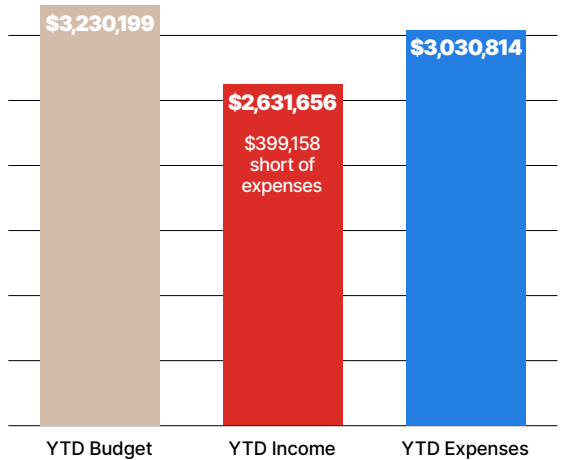
**TIMOTHY PEOPLES**  
OCT. 22, 2023

### Keep sharing memories

- Use one of the cards provided in the pews to write a favorite Wilshire memory. Drop it in the offering plate or offering box, give it to any staff member or take it to the main office.
- Or you can email a favorite memory to Mark McKenzie at [mmckenzie@wilshirebc.org](mailto:mmckenzie@wilshirebc.org).
- Look for the Stewardship of Memory playlist on our YouTube channel.

3		<b>Colman Vigil</b> WilshireBaptist
4		<b>The Stewardship of Memory: Gina Ortegon</b> WilshireBaptist
5		<b>The Stewardship of Memory: Sam Tinsley</b> WilshireBaptist
6		<b>The Stewardship of Memory: Drew Perry</b>

## Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....\$105,579  
Pathways Endowment Oct. balance.....\$8,840,367

### About the Unified Budget

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission and ministry of the church, including worship, age-graded programs, operations and local and global missions. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission. These include our Building Reserve Fund, which covers unexpected property-related expenses, and Missions Plus, which provides grants to innovative mission partners.

### Realm makes giving easy

Realm is our online platform for giving and more. Wilshire members can make a one-time financial contribution, set up a recurring gift and see or print reports of past giving. Learn more at [wilshirebc.org/resources/realm](http://wilshirebc.org/resources/realm). If you need help setting up your account, contact Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)). For help with online giving, contact Lori Gooden ([lgooden@wilshirebc.org](mailto:lgooden@wilshirebc.org)).

## Congratulations to

**Kyle and Rachel Weaver Javine** on the birth of their daughter, Ellison Tate, Oct. 24.

## Tanzania mission dinner



Did you know Wilshire supports two primary schools in Tanzania? The Missions Committee invites you to join us for dinner

and conversation with our mission partners on Monday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. in Community Hall. Registration is requested; there is no cost for the event. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/tanzania-dinner](http://wilshirebc.org/events/tanzania-dinner).



## Oxford professor Anthony Reddie preaches Nov. 12

On Sunday, Nov. 12, Wilshire will welcome Anthony Reddie to the pulpit. Reddie is a professor of Black theology at Regent's Park College at the University of Oxford in England. He also serves as director of Oxford's Centre for Religion and Culture and is a professor of theological ethics at the University of South Africa. The author of 17 books, numerous journal articles and editor of *Black Theology: An International Journal*, Reddie is renowned for his innovative and engaging teaching style.

■ After worship, join us in Community Hall for a **free lunch** and a time of Q&A with Professor Reddie. No reservation needed.

## Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

■ **Wilshire Welcome**, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn what the church is all about, will meet **Nov. 12** at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel.

■ **Time with Tim**, an informal chance for guests and new members to meet and visit with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will be held **Dec. 10** at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office.

■ Questions about these events? Contact Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)).

## Adventurers welcome Buchanan

The Wilshire Adventurers will enjoy lunch and a presentation from author and speaker Missy Buchanan on Wednesday, **Nov. 8**, at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall. Buchanan writes and speaks on the subject of aging faithfully, and her books include *Living with Purpose in a Worn-Out Body* and *Dry Bones to Living Hope*. Lunch costs \$10 per person. No reservation necessary. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 or older. Contact: Barbara Clayton ([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org)).



## Next Lunch & Learn is Nov. 15



McIver Fellow John Kelly will lead a time of Bible study at the Nov. 15 Lunch & Learn. Lunch & Learn is held the first and third Wednesdays each month at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall.

Open to all. Lunch costs \$10 per person. No reservation needed. Contact: Barbara Clayton ([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org)).

# *Thanksgiving* **FOOD DRIVES**

## **Boxes for Wilkinson Center**



Wilshire has committed to provide 100 boxes for families in our community through the Wilkinson Center. A box costs \$50 to \$75 to assemble and is a

great service opportunity for Sunday School classes, other groups or individuals. Boxes are due by Nov. 20. Scan QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives](http://wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives) to sign up and see full instructions.

**Contact:** Abbey Adcox at [aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org)

## **Food bags for White Rock Center of Hope**

Wilshire continues a long tradition of providing canned goods for families served by White Rock Center of Hope in East Dallas. Pick up the designated brown paper bags and attached shopping list, then fill the bags and return them. If you bring donations before Nov. 12, deliver them to the church office. Bags brought on Nov. 12 should be placed on the Sanctuary chancel steps.

**Amazon wishlist:** you can also shop online and have items sent directly to WR-COH; scan QR code or find the link at [wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives](http://wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives).



## John Kelly leading November Sunday School series



*Loved by a Still-Faced God* is the topic of a Sunday School series to be led by McIver Fellow John Kelly on the four Sundays of November. John writes, “All of us want to know and be known; see and be seen. It’s our desire for

relationship — with others, creation and God — that helps make us human, after all! At the same time, though, how we each embody and practice that desire depends on a variety of personal factors. While some of the ways we seek connection work well, others seem to leave us feeling alone, unworthy and even rejected. Join us as we unpack the relationship between our stories, our attachment styles, and, ultimately, our feelings of (dis)connection with God.” The class will meet in Community Hall at 9:45 a.m.

## Sign up by today for Nov. 10 Marriage Connections

Wilshire members Elizabeth and Doug Skemp will share “50 Years of Golden Memories” at Marriage Connections on Friday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. In this event, held on select Friday nights, free childcare (infant – grade 6) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration is required for childcare and closes Sunday, Nov. 5; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections). Contact: Abbey Adcox ([aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org))

## Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, Nov. 10

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant – grade 6) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Nov. 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Sunday, Nov. 5; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno).



## Favorite Things Party, Nov. 11

Carolyn Murray is hosting a WOW “Favorite Things Party” and brunch at her home on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 10:30 a.m. Instructions: 1. Choose a favorite thing (\$25-30). 2. Purchase, wrap and bring to party. 3. Leave with a new favorite thing! RSVP at [wilshirebc.org/events/wow-favorite-things](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wow-favorite-things).

## Let’s play mahjong!

Join other Women of Wilshire for mahjong on the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. or the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. All skill levels welcome. Please sign up; SignUpGenius link at [wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong](http://wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong).

## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** meets monthly at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. On **Nov. 14**, the group will discuss Pearl Buck’s *The Good Earth*. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org)).

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** meets one Thursday a month at noon in Room 1205-L. On **Dec. 7**, the group will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)).

## Register for WOW retreat

Registration is open for the Women of Wilshire 2024 retreat, to be held Feb. 9 – 11 at the Prothro Retreat Center on Lake Texoma. Jillian Mason Shannon will serve as retreat pastor. See full details and register at [wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2024](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2024).

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

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Midweek fellowship & faith formation for all ages

## Koinonia Café

**5 – 6 p.m.** | **Community Hall** | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Cash/check/credit accepted. Pricing at [wilshirebc.org/events/koinonia-cafe](http://wilshirebc.org/events/koinonia-cafe). Kid-friendly and to-go meals available. **Nov. 8:** Cheese tortellini with alfredo sauce, grilled chicken, roasted cauliflower and broccoli minestrone soup, house salad, focaccia bread, tiramisu, chocolate chip cookies, jello. **Kids:** Pasta alfredo.

## Music, Missions & More

**6 – 7 p.m.** | **Age 3 – Pre-K** | Preschool choir, plus fun activities focused on God's love.

## KidConnect

**6 – 7 p.m.** | **K – Grade 6** | This rotation of art, music and more will help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves.



## Bible Study: Chosen Family and Faithful Community

**6 – 7 p.m.** | **Community Hall** | Jesus came preaching the kingdom of God, and new communities of believers sprang up with a distinctive character that trumped traditional ideas of kin and clan. Come explore what faithful Christian community can look like through the modern lens of chosen family, and how Wilshire can provide chosen family to those who need it most. Wilshire member **Brad Russell** will lead Nov. 8, and Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will wrap up the series on Nov. 15.

## Watershed

**6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** | **Grades 7-12** | Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

## Sanctuary Choir

**7 p.m.** | **Choral Hall** | No audition.

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**Schedule note:** There will be no Wednesday night activities at Wilshire on Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving.

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*Childcare for infants to 2-year-olds whose parents are involved in church activities is offered 6 – 7:15 p.m.*

## Free exercise classes continue

Physical therapy students from Texas Woman's University are leading a free group exercise class at Wilshire designed to prevent falls by addressing strength and balance. The class meets each Monday through Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. in Rooms 3101 and 3103. Anyone can participate, and you need not attend every week to benefit.

## Ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a life difficulty such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness or relocation. Stephen Minister training is a Christ-centered experience that equips participants with essential caring and relating skills. Trainees learn how to listen to, care for and walk with those going through difficult times. Stephen Ministers meet with care receivers weekly to listen, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. Training for new Stephen Ministers will take place starting in January 2024. Interested? Talk with one of Wilshire's Stephen Leaders: Gail Brookshire, Linda Garner, Micki Lacker, Debbie Meripolski and Tim Morgan. You can find a Stephen Minister application at [wilshirebc.org/resources/care-ministries](http://wilshirebc.org/resources/care-ministries).

## Subscribe to sermon podcast

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## Wilshire Game Night

Everyone is invited to Wilshire Game Night on Friday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Community Hall. We'll have board games and card games that are appropriate for preschoolers through adults, including mahjong, and you can also bring your favorite games. Feel free to bring your own dinner; we'll supply the popcorn.



## Save these Advent dates

- **Sunday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m.** Celebration of the Green
- **Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m.** Pageant with preschool choirs
- **Sunday, Dec. 17.** Morning worship includes special music by Sanctuary Choir and orchestra
- **Sunday, Dec. 17, 4 p.m.** Blue Christmas service for those carrying loss or pain
- **Sunday, Dec. 24.** No morning worship or Sunday School. Christmas Eve services at 4 and 11 p.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 31.** Worship at 11 a.m. No Sunday School.

## Poinsettia ordering is open



Help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the worship folder on Sunday, Dec. 3. Each plant

costs \$12, and donors may take them home after Christmas Eve services. Order by Nov. 26 using a form in the office or at [wilshirebc.org/poinsettias](http://wilshirebc.org/poinsettias).

## Sign up kids to build nativity

Children in kindergarten through grade 6 can sign up to help build the Sanctuary nativity scene by carrying an element to the chancel during worship. We will begin the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3, and build the scene week by week until it is complete at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service. The sign-up link can be found at [wilshirebc.org/nativity](http://wilshirebc.org/nativity). Contact: Julie Girards ([jgirards@wilshirebc.org](mailto:jgirards@wilshirebc.org))

# How to Give

*Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially. Thanks for your generosity.*

**ONLINE.** Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at [wilshirebc.org/give](http://wilshirebc.org/give).

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**AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.** Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

**MAIL.** Send to Finance Director Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

**TEXT.** Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

**DONATE STOCKS.** Contact Lori to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

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# R.G. Huff

**Hometown:** Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

**Present City:** Waxahachie

**Education:** Bachelor's in biblical studies, Carson Newman University; master's in church music/worship, Southwestern Seminary

**Profession:** Retired from 48 years in local church music ministry; currently adjunct in College of Fine Arts at Dallas Baptist University

## **Tell us about your family.**

Carlita and I have been married for 31 years. We share her two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandsons ranging in age from 3 to 24.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

I am the artistic director of Waxahachie's Old-Fashioned Singing Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of Southern congregational singing. Carlita and I also volunteer delivering food boxes with Waxahachie Care.

## **Favorite hobbies?**

Writing, especially hymn and anthem texts. I've also branched out into some devotional book writing on the subject of hymn singing.

## **What are your favorite places to travel?**

In the U.S., it would be San Diego. My favorite European destination is Volendam, Netherlands.

## **What brought you to Wilshire and when?**

We were looking for a church that was more "us" in philosophy and practice: the preaching, the music, the use of hymnals in worship, the organ-accompanied singing, the open-to-all attitude.

## **Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

I sing in Sanctuary Choir, sub in Carillon Ringers



and take on tasks as called upon. We help set up all the art exhibits, and I've enjoyed substitute teaching in a few Sunday School classes.

## **What has surprised you most about Wilshire?**

How wonderful I feel every time I leave this place — fulfilled, renewed, inspired and always having learned something new about my faith-walk. It is such a comfortable place.

## **What do you think God is up to in your life right now?**

Hopefully, I am finding myself useful in the work of the kingdom, even this late in my ministry life. I keep listening for God's still, small voice whispering, "I'm not finished with you yet."

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

I grew up in a Christian home, attended a Baptist college and graduate school and spent my career in full-time ministry. It's been a "Journey with Jesus," all right! (Sounds like a VBS theme!)

## **Something interesting most people would not know about you?**

Most people who've been around me much know that I lockered next to and marched in the drum line in high school with Dolly Parton. (She is NOT, by the way, adjunct teaching to pay her house payments!) I also love to ride roller coasters!

## **What adjectives best describe you?**

Creative, funny. I'm known around here as the "hymn guy," and I'm fine with that.

# Someone to talk with.

If you are facing a life challenge and would like to have a spiritual friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry pairs trained lay people with individuals in need of Christian companionship during times of life crisis. Wilshire has trained Stephen Ministers available. To learn more about receiving care from a Stephen Minister, reach out using our dedicated email address, [stephenministry@wilshirebc.org](mailto:stephenministry@wilshirebc.org), or call 214-452-3176.

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# *This Week*

## **Sunday, Nov. 5**

- WSM Book Club, Youth Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Remembrance Service, Columbarium, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Faith in 3D Meeting, 1205-G, noon
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-L, noon
- Deacon Officer Meeting, Prayer Room, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choirs, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Wilshire Bells, Handbell Room, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

## **Monday, Nov. 6**

- Exercise Class, 3101 & 3103, 10:30 a.m.
- Tanzania Missions Dinner, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.
- WOW Study, DeMent Home, 7:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday, Nov. 7**

- Apple/iPad/iPhone Class, 2307, 9:30 a.m.
- Computer Classes, 2305, 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Stephen Min. Supervision, 1205 & Parlor, 6:30 p.m.
- Faith in 3D Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.
- Minister of Music Search Committee, Zoom

## **Wednesday, Nov. 8**

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Adventurers Event, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Adventurers Committee, 1205-L, 1 p.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music, Missions & More, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 2224, 6 p.m.
- Let's Play Mahjong!, James Gallery, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- MOPS Steering, 3105, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, Nov. 9**

- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## **Friday, Nov. 10**

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.
- Alzheimer's Caregiver Group, 1205-L, 10 a.m.
- Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 a.m.
- Single/Foster/Adoptive Parents Night Out, 6:30 p.m.

## **Saturday, Nov. 11**

- Nova, Choral Hall & Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.
- WOW Favorite Things, C. Murray Home, 10:30 a.m.



# Ways to Serve in November

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