



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preparing for worship

How much does the idea of sacrifice come into your thinking? We think of making sacrifices for our young children in order to both provide them a good life and prepare them for the same. We give of our time and energy caring for our aging parents so that they can have the best life possible in the face of declining bodies and minds. We often talk of the sacrifices made by military personnel and first responders.

What are some other ways we're called to sacrifice?

Maybe sacrifice is something like a transaction. It's an exchange of something of worth for something of greater worth. We sacrifice in order to receive something even more valuable.

In the gospels, a poor widow gives up much of what little earthly wealth she has in order to receive an infinitely greater reward of putting her sacrifice to a heavenly purpose.

Sacrifice is not a word you hear or see much in current media. It's a word we once heard around church, but not so much anymore. In my life as a minister, I've watched a continual slide away from this word. Even in church. Maybe especially in church.

It's not something we talk about anymore.

We also shy away from the idea of sacrifice because in the not-so-distant past, many of us have been beaten over the head repeatedly about "sacrificial" giving. We've been made to feel lots of false guilt over how much money we gave to the church. While giving is both good and important, I'm glad those days of false guilt and manipulation are over. But I wonder if we've moved too far in the opposite direction. I wonder if in our effort to not drive people away we've devalued the very real spiritual value of sacrifice.

Sacrifice: to give up something of worth in exchange for a greater good. To give oneself totally to a cause greater than oneself. To participate more fully in God's work and presence here on earth.

What might you sacrifice today? Or a better question, how might you sacrifice yourself today for something greater than yourself? It's a valid question for anyone who takes seriously Christ's call to right the wrongs all around us, to partner in helping God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

—Charlie Fuller



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On the cover: *Mary of Bethany*, Luba Lukova, lukova.net.

April 6, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Julie Girards

Prelude

Prayer from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

+Congregational Song

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
No. 315
Stanzas 1–4

MIT FREUDEN ZART

+Call to Worship

Linda Sacco

One: We come to you O God

All: To remember your coming sacrifice

One: We gather to look at our hearts and hands

All: To know what is ours to give up to you

One: Prepare us, O God

All: To praise your holy name

+Response in Song

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Stanza 5

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
Let all who know God's power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.**

Epistle Reading — Philippians 3:4b–14

Susan Kimball

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes

+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Heather Mustain

Silence

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Offertory

Do Not Pass Me By
Sanctuary Choir

Reginal Wright

Pass me not, O, gentle Savior. Hear my humble, humble cry.
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.
I'm calling, Savior, hear my humble cry, do not pass me by.

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek, I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.
I'm calling, Savior, hear my humble cry, do not pass me by.

I'm calling, Savior, hear my humble cry.

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me.
Savior on earth beside thee;
Whom have I on earth beside me?
Whom in heaven but thee?

While on others, thou art calling, do not pass me by.

+Gospel Reading — John 12:1–8

Ellen Wilkerson

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But

Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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

“The Smell of Sacrifice”

Timothy Peoples

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.

Passing of the Bread

In This Very Room
Katherine Pottkotter
Amy Pottkotter, accompanist

Ron and Carol Harris

In this very room there’s quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for one like me,
And there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there’s quite enough love for all of us.
And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for all of us,
And there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there’s quite enough love for all the world.
And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for all the world.
And there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

Passing of the Cup

O Bewail Thy Grievous Fall, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach

Passing of the Peace

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

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Susan Kimball grew up at Wilshire and is a director of Seekers Class. She plays flute in Wilshire Winds, plays handbells with Carillon Ringers and sings in Nova. Susan is employed as a paralegal at Cavazos Hendricks Poirot, P.C.

Katherine Pottkotter is the daughter of Kurt and Amy Pottkotter and sister to Joshua and Audrey. The family joined Wilshire in 2019. Katherine is a junior at Lake Highlands High School and has sung in the Texas All State Choir, the Greater Dallas Choral Society and the Dallas Opera Chorus. She sings in Youth Choir and Shekinah and is active in Wilshire Student Ministry. Katherine has studied organ with Jeff Brummel for three years.

Linda Sacco joined Wilshire in 2019. She is a retired missionary who served in Lebanon, France, Cyprus and Poland. She is also a childbirth educator and doula. At Wilshire, Linda attends the B.E.S.T. Class, sings in New Song Community Choir, volunteers with Friday Friends, serves on the Missions and Christian Advocacy Committee and is a MomCo Mentor Mom. She has five adult children and 10 grandkids. Linda's son Paul, daughter Annika and their families also attend Wilshire.

Ellen Wilkerson has been attending Wilshire since moving to Dallas in 2018. She officially joined in January 2023 and teaches in the Kindergarten Sunday School Class. Ellen works as a family office advisor at AlTi Tiedemann Global, a wealth management firm.



We're glad you're here. If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.

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 with phone extensions have Wilshire email addresses.

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- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

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- 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

- Carole McClung, ECLC Administrative Assistant (3115)
- Ramona Randle, ECLC Director (3140)

Finance

- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

Food Services

- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Luke Munion, Prep Cook
- Monique Roberts, Sous-Chef
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

Hospitality and Facilities

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

Missions and Advocacy

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

Music and Worship

- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

Pathways to Ministry

- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

Senior Pastor

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

Spiritual Formation

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



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News & Announcements
April 6, 2025



Library Adopt-a-Book event today

At the Wilshire Library's Adopt-a-Book event on Sunday, April 6, you can help the Library defray the cost of new books by purchasing a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be printed on plaques placed inside the books. Not sure who to honor? The Library will have lists of teachers, children's leaders, ministers and staff. Stop by the South Atrium from 9 to 10:45 a.m. or after worship. Librarian Barbara Peterson and the Library Committee thank you for your support.



HOLY WEEK 2025

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PALM SUNDAY

April 13 | 11 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 13-18 | McIver Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17 | 7:30 p.m.

EASTER

April 20

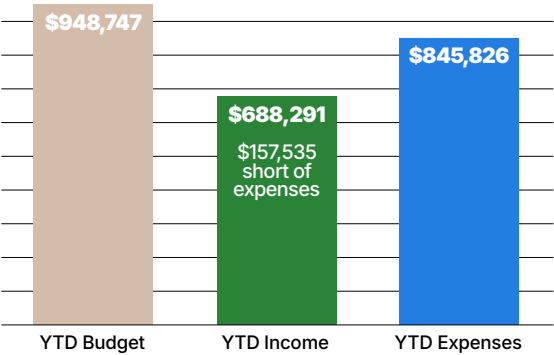
Sunrise Service | 6:30 a.m.

Worship | 8:30 & 11 a.m.



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

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....	\$9,616
Pathways Endowment March balance.....	\$9,987,854

Bylaws amendments adopted

At a special business meeting last Sunday, March 30, Wilshire voted to update its bylaws by unanimously approving a set of amendments recommended by a deacon bylaws workgroup. The amendments, which were emailed to church members on March 17, had previously been vetted by the full deacon body and a focus group of deacons, other church members and staffers. The bylaws workgroup included Gladys Kolenovsky, Paul Latham, Debbie Meripolski, Britt McClung and Max Tucker.



Order Easter lilies by April 13

Congregants are invited to provide Easter lilies for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Dedications will be listed on Easter. Each plant costs \$20; order at wilshirebc.org/easter-lilies or in the office by April 13.

Condolences to

Audrey McGarity on the death of her husband, Johnny McGarity, March 31.

Internet safety presentation after worship today



The rate of technological expansion provides us with both opportunities and challenges. Wilshire member Teri Walker, who works in this ever-evolving space, will lead a presentation on

Internet safety after worship on Sunday, April 6, in Community Hall. You'll learn how to protect yourself and your information in email, social media, text messaging and more. Lunch is available for \$10. Registration is encouraged, not required. This event is hosted by the Adventurers but is open to anyone. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/life-and-tech.

Child safety training next Sunday

Wilshire member Dawn Hallman will lead a child safety training session after worship on Sunday, April 13.



The training is open to anyone but is required for those who work with kids under 18, including teachers, volunteers, parents and deacons. The training will be held in Community Hall and will end by 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Childcare for preschoolers is available by registration; contact Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins (kakins@wilshirebc.org) by April 6.

Next Lunch & Learn is April 16

All are invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. Associate Pastor Darren DeMent will teach on April 16. See the schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.



MARRIAGE Connections

Register by today for April 11 Marriage Connections

Marriage Connections will be held Friday night, April 11. In this event, held on select Friday nights at 6:30, free childcare (infant–grade 5) 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 for childcare is required by today, April 6. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

Single, Adoptive and Foster Parents Night Out

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, April 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes today, April 6; register at wilshirebc.org/events/pno.

Men's Book Club meets April 15



The Men's Book Club will discuss Frank Bruni's *The Age of Grievance* on Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](http://meripolski.att.net))

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | April 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Framed* by John Grisham and Jim McClosky. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | May 1 | Noon | 1205-L | *Dragonfly* by Leila Meacham. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



WOMEN OF WILSHIRE

Mini-Retreat 2025

Wonder

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
9:30AM-3:00PM
WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

Schedule & Registration at
wilshirebc.org/events/wow-mini-retreat

Lite Bites &
Lunch included




Virtual phone banking

Want to make your voice heard to elected officials but not sure how or what to say? Starting in April, Wilshire will offer help in the form of a weekly Zoom call that will provide encouragement and a briefing on urgent issues. Participants will then have the chance to call their own representatives. This virtual phone banking, a project of the Missions and Christian Advocacy Committee, will be held at noon each Wednesday during April. Email Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org) for the Zoom link.

Grocery distribution team

You can join a team to distribute groceries in partnership with Catholic Charities and the Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation on the last Friday morning of each month. Contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org) to learn more.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

APRIL 9

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **April 9:** Lasagna, zucchini and squash, garlic sticks, salad, tomato basil soup, tiramisu, sugar cookies, jello. **Kids:** Lasagna and veggies.

Preschool Music & Missions

6 p.m. | Age 3–Pre-K | Preschool choir plus activities and lessons focused on God's love.

KidConnect

6 p.m. | K–Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves.

Watershed

6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12 | Wilshire Student Ministry's weekly time of Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | Choral Hall | New singers are always welcome in our main adult choir. No audition.

Childcare is offered from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for infants to 2-year-olds with parents involved in church activities.



April Bible Study

6 p.m. | Community Hall | Christians throughout history have sought God in radical ways — some by locking themselves in solitude for a life of prayer, others by leaving behind comfort to serve the poor and challenge injustice. Through contemplation and bold action, these mystics and cultural misfits saw God in ways that changed the world. In this series, we'll explore their stories and what they can teach us about faith today.

■ **April 9: Dorothy Day.** Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will guide us through the life and legacy of Dorothy Day, a journalist, activist and Catholic Worker Movement founder whose faith called her to radical solidarity with the marginalized.



PREPARE THE WAY | Wilshire Lent 2025

Sacred Space

Sundays through April 13 | 9–9:30 a.m. | McIver Chapel |

Start your Sunday with a time of quiet contemplation. Each gathering will begin with a brief prompt, but the focus will be on creating space to quiet your mind and engage in the spiritual practices we're exploring this season.

Lenten playlist

Our Lenten playlist on Spotify is called "Prepare The Way - Wilshire Lent 2025." Visit [wilshirebc.org/lenet](https://www.wilshirebc.org/lenet) for the link.

Resources

Visit [wilshirebc.org/lenet](https://www.wilshirebc.org/lenet) for our **Lenten resource guide** on spiritual practices and our **family Lenten guide** with ideas for parents.

Holy Week: Stations of the Cross



Visit McIver Chapel during Holy Week for a Stations of the Cross exhibit featuring the art of Scott Erickson. The exhibit, which invites us to reflect as we walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross, will be introduced on Palm Sunday, April 13, at the 9 a.m. Sacred Space gathering and can be seen when the church is open through Good Friday at 3 p.m.

Palm Sunday worship

April 13 | 11 a.m. | Sanctuary
Music from Sanctuary Choir, Youth and Children's Choirs, Carillon Ringers and brass.

Maundy Thursday

April 17 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary | Always one of the year's most moving worship services, Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper with readings and the Lord's Supper, then carries through to the crucifixion, ending in darkened silence. This year's service will include music by Sanctuary Choir, Nova and Shekinah.

Easter Sunday

April 20

■ **Sunrise Service**, T. & P. Hill, White Rock Lake, 6:30 a.m. Offered in partnership with Northway Christian Church.

■ **Columbarium Service**, 9:30 a.m. This brief service is geared toward those with loved ones inurned or memorialized in the Columbarium.

■ **Worship**, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Music from Sanctuary Choir and orchestra.

■ Visit the **Flowering Cross**. Stop by Easter morning to place a flower into the mesh-wrapped wooden cross outside the Sanctuary. Bring your own fresh-cut flowers or take one from a limited supply provided by the church. This is a favorite photo opportunity.



MLK Day meals headed to Burundi



Rise Against Hunger reported that meals packaged at Wilshire on Jan. 20 will be distributed in Burundi, an East African country facing poverty and high levels of food insecurity exacerbated

by political conflict. To address some of the food security challenges that children, families, and communities in Burundi face, Rise Against Hunger is partnering with organizations that support educational programs by providing meals to children at schools and early childhood development centers.

Clanton art show continues

A Celebration of God's Gift of Seeing, featuring the digital photography of Wilshire member David Clanton, will be on display in the South Lobby through April 20. The prints in the show are for sale, with purchases benefiting the Youth Choir's summer mission tour to Chicago.

Next free yoga class is April 19

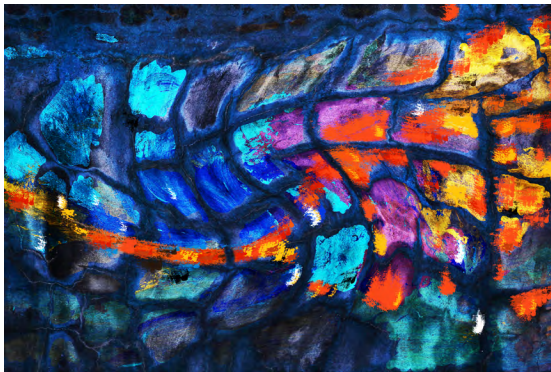


Wilshire member Mary Lu Hare will offer free yoga classes in the Youth Center on two upcoming Saturdays, April 19 and May 17. The one-hour sessions will start at 10 a.m. and are suitable for

all experience levels. Bring a yoga mat, water and a friend.

Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be offered Sunday, April 13, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



David Clanton

A CELEBRATION OF God's Gift of Seeing

Art Exhibit
South Lobby
Ends April 20

Sales benefit Youth Choir Tour

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Here are some ways to make a financial contribution to Wilshire.

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.

REALM CONNECT APP. Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/realml.

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.

FROM YOUR IRA. For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



Scan code with your
smartphone camera
to make an electronic
contribution.

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

This Week

Sunday, April 6

- David Clanton Art Exhibit, South Lobby, through April 20
- Library Adopt-a-Book, South Atrium, 9 a.m. & noon
- Sacred Space Gathering, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Personnel Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Internet Safety Presentation, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 pm.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, April 7

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 a.m.

Tuesday, April 8

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music, Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, 6:50 p.m.
- Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.
- Childcare for Marriage Connections and Parents Night Out, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

- WOW Mini Retreat, Community Hall, 9 a.m.

Vic Henry

Hometown: Lubbock/San Angelo/Big Spring

Present City: Sachse

Education: B.A., University of Texas at Austin; J.D., Georgetown University Law Center

Profession: Trial lawyer

Tell us about your family.

I'm deeply in love with my wife of 44+ years, Candy McComb. Our son Taylor is a sports communication professor at Seton Hall University. He is married to Rachel, a whiz in educational technology. Our son Lee works in development at the UT-Dell Medical School in Austin. We also have Scout, a Wheaten Terrier, who is our branch manager.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I work intensely as a civil trial lawyer. I love the competition and challenge created by my cases, clients and adversaries. I recklessly do pro bono legal work for those who can't afford a lawyer: from wills, criminal matters, family law, employment, landlord/tenant, etc.

Any favorite hobbies?

Fly fishing, exercise, growing peppers, yard work, golf and traveling.

What are your favorite places to travel?

An impossible question. My top list is, in no particular order, Spain, Scotland, Ireland, Yellowstone, Colorado, Tanzania, Hawaii. Bucket list: Patagonia/Chile and New Zealand.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

Candy and I were drawn to Wilshire in 2017. We needed to serve in a congregation that appreciated music and actively reached out to rejected people.



Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I help lead Odyssey Class, formed in October 2017. Odyssey is the most challenging and probably the most rewarding group I have ever led in 30+ years of teaching adult Sunday School.

What do you think

God is up to in your life right now?

Jesus is walking through my life with long strides right now — sometimes brusquely, sometimes softly. I'm in his wake, trying to keep up. I'm amazed while I learn how to better follow the footprints of Jesus in my journey and help my fellow travelers.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I grew up in West Texas loved by Baptist parents. My faith was melted, hammered and tempered by a challenging journey through sports, school and, subsequently, marriage, parenthood, law practice, Tanzania and aging parents. God has never abandoned me.

What is something interesting most people would not know about you?

I'm a stroke conqueror. And I can probably beat you in a game of HORSE, if not a game of one-on-one basketball.

What adjectives best describe you?

Competitive, interested, caring, over the top, prideful, windy.



2025 Summer CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

VBS: CAMP FIRELIGHT

Mon.-Fri., June 9-13, 9 a.m.-noon

This year's Vacation Bible School is a summer camp-themed adventure where kids learn to trust God no matter what life brings. Older preschool (age 3 by 9/1/24) through completed grade 5. Free. Advance registration ends June 1. Walk-ins as space allows.

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-noon

With "Listening to God" as our theme, we'll use Godly Play to explore Bible stories. Art and science too! Older preschool (age 3 by 9/1/24) through completed Kindergarten. \$50. Register by June 30.

COOKING CAMP

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Completed first through fifth graders will learn about food safety and nutrition and prepare a three-course lunch daily. \$100. **Sold out; waitlist available.**

LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 12:30-5 p.m.

Creative arts camp with music, visual art, drama, movement, crafts and more. On Friday, kids stay for dinner, and families are invited to a 6:30 p.m. performance and art showcase. Lunch not provided; cost includes T-shirt. Completed first through fifth graders. \$100. Register by June 30.

FULL-DAY COOKING & ART

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Full-day option for grades 2-5. Lunch included. \$175. **Sold out; waitlist available.**

PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

Sun.-Wed., July 20-23

Completed third through fifth graders will travel by chartered bus to Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose for high-energy worship, interactive Bible study, recreation, missions and more, led by camp staff and Wilshire chaperones. \$450. \$50 nonrefundable deposit guarantees a spot. Full payment due July 15.

REGISTER AT [WILSHIREBC.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS](https://www.wilshirebc.org/summer-camps)

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