



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

Preparing for worship

Today is Pentecost Sunday, when we recall how the people of God first received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus.

My first awakening to what Pentecost was about was through the giant painting, “The Miracle at Pentecost,” at what is now the Museum of Biblical Art near NorthPark. At 124 feet long by 20 feet high, the painting depicted Solomon’s Portico at the Temple in Jerusalem crowded with hundreds of people, including Jesus’ disciples and other familiar characters from the New Testament. In the center of the scene was Peter, and hovering above the crowd were swirling balls of luminous light representing the Holy Spirit.

I first saw this amazing work of art in the 1960s while it was still being painted by artist Torger Thompson, and I returned over the years after it was finished and lights, sounds and narration were added to bring the “miracle” of Pentecost to life in dramatic fashion. It was destroyed by fire in 2005, but the story of Pentecost still captivates me.

Imagine a moment when everyone around you is from somewhere else and they are speaking their own language and yet everyone knows what each other is saying. The closest I’ve come

was when we were touring the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris during a midday mass. In the middle of the liturgy, the priest spoke in several languages, including English, inviting everyone in the cathedral, whether there for worship or on tour, to pray the Lord’s Prayer in their native tongue. And there, for a glorious moment, the cathedral echoed with the voices of a thousand people, all speaking in different languages, but all saying the same prayer: “Our Father, who art in heaven ...”

Perhaps the key to that Pentecost moment in Paris was the same as it was at that first Pentecost in Jerusalem: Everyone was speaking not just their words but the words of Christ. And perhaps that is the key to living into the spirit and miracle of Pentecost today: If we are speaking words and sharing ideas that God has given us to speak and share, then our differences can be overcome by a holy unity through the Holy Spirit that doesn’t happen any other way.

As we worship today, listen for words and ideas that don’t just ring true for you, but if shared by you would ring true for anyone you meet.

—Jeff Hampton



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ

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June 8, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday

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

Darren DeMent

Prelude

Final from Sonata No. 1, Op. 42

Alexandre Guilmant

+Congregational Song

On Pentecost They Gathered
No. 225
Stanzas 1–3

ST. THEODULPH

+Call to Worship

Anna Hines

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with your holy fire.

All: We gather as your people, open to your wind and flame, ready to be transformed.

One: Just as the Spirit moved over the waters in the beginning, and descended like tongues of fire at Pentecost, so too we wait — expectant, hopeful, alive.

All: Breathe on us, Spirit of God. Speak to us in every language of love and justice.

One: Let the rushing wind of your presence fill this place.
Let your Spirit stir our souls, renew our vision and send us out with power.

**All: We worship you, Spirit of the Living God — making all things new,
drawing all people together and breathing life into your church.**

**Come, Holy Spirit. Fall afresh on us today.
We are ready. We are listening. We are yours.**

+Response in Song

On Pentecost They Gathered

ST. THEODULPH

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow,
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

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

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Children’s Moment

Julie Girards

Offertory*Variations on Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Albert L. Travis

Procession of the Tintinnabulum

Marco Campos

+Reading from Acts — Acts 2:1–21

Audrey Pottkotter

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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!

+Congregational Song

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
 No. 236

ADORE TE DEVOTE

Message

"Our Language Matters"

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
 Sanctuary Choir

David Lantz III

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your glory. Your people are here in this place.
 Sweet Holy Spirit, move now among us, and touch us with mercy and grace.

Spirit Eternal, come in your fullness, and breathe on your people, we pray.
 Come, Holy Spirit, fresh wind of heaven, we long for your presence today.

Spirit of Pentecost, fill us with more of you. You are the breath of God, promise of heaven.
 Spirit of Pentecost, fill us with life anew. You are the gift divine, show us your glory.

Spirit immortal, burn now within us, and purify us with your flame.
 Transform your people, fire of heaven, we live to bring praise to your name.

Spirit of Pentecost, fall on your people now. Cleanse us and make us new. Come, Spirit, come!
 Spirit of Pentecost, kindle a flame of love. Make of our hearts your home. Come, Spirit, come!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

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.

+Congregational Song

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with Pen - te - cos - tal power;
2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of yes - ter - years;
3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of fire and flame.

give the church a strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
for to - mor - row's un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
Help our fee - ble lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone,
In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us all the way;
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what mys - ter - y!

still the church is called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
still in pres - ence move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
We would sing our loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Recognition of Daniel Latin

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

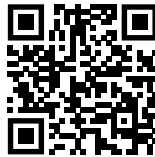
Meet today's worship leaders

Marco Campos is serving this summer as an intern in children's ministry at Wilshire. He is a rising junior at the University of Tennessee, where he studies anthropology with a concentration in forensic science. Marco grew up at Wilshire. His dad is Rob Campos, and his siblings are Isabella, Max and Jude.

Anna Hines joined Wilshire in 2009 and attends Foundations of Faith Class. She is a deacon and serves on the Belong Team, the Lord's Supper Ministry Team and the Hospitality Ministry Team. Anna will also serve as a VBS volunteer this week. Outside Wilshire, Anna volunteers for Dallas CASA. She is retired from a career in human resources.

Ana Ortegon grew up at Wilshire and is serving this summer as an intern in preschool ministry. She just completed her first year at the University of Arkansas, where she plans to major in biology. Ana's parents are Gina and Ronnie Ortegon, and her older sisters are Erika and Elena.

Audrey Pottkotter is serving as a music ministry intern at Wilshire for a second consecutive summer. She is a rising junior at Oklahoma City University, where she studies musical theater and vocal performance. During the school year, Audrey is a choral scholar at Oklahoma City's Westminster Presbyterian Church. She joined Wilshire in 2019 with her parents, Amy and Kurt Pottkotter, and siblings, Joshua and Katherine. In addition to her internship, Audrey will perform this summer with Garland Summer Musicals.



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)

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

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- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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

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- 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)

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- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
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- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements
June 8, 2025

WILSHIRE WINDS

FROM MOUNTAINS
 MIDWAYS

Sunday, June 8 • 6:30 p.m.



Concert, ice cream reception tonight

Wilshire Winds will present a concert tonight at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of brass, woodwind and percussion players. The concert's theme is *From Mountains to Midways*, which Shana describes as "a musical visit to the spirit and spectacle of turn of the century tent meetings." Music will include settings of American folk songs, popular songs and hymns; two circus marches; a medley of music from the film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*; and more. An ice cream reception will follow in James Gallery.



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.

PEP drive needs shoes, belts

Wilshire is conducting a Men's Clothing Drive for mission partner Prison Entrepreneurship Program. Gently worn professional or business apparel is welcome — especially shoes and belts. Bring items to the collection tables in James Gallery and the South Atrium through Sunday, June 22. PEP (pep.org) seeks to reduce recidivism and increase economic opportunity for incarcerated individuals through entrepreneurship training and re-entry services.

Wilshire returning to Dallas Pride

Wilshire will again host a booth at Dallas Pride on Saturday, June 14. The event includes music, art, food, exhibits and more. Stop by and see us between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Fair Park's Automobile Building.

Faith Commons presents Two Peoples, One Land



Two Peoples, One Land: What Americans Can Do to Promote Peace in Israel and Palestine will be the theme of a discussion presented by Faith Commons on Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in Commu-

nity Hall. The panelists will be Rania Batrice, the daughter of Palestinians and a voice for Palestinian self-determination; Nmir Ikram, a Plano doctor who has volunteered in Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023; and Rabbi Nancy Kasten of Faith Commons. Faith Commons, a nonprofit founded by Wilshire's Senior Pastor Emeritus George Mason, promotes public discourse rooted in the common values of many faiths. Tickets are free but registration is required. Find the registration link at wilshirebc.org/events/two-peoples-one-land.



It's VBS week!

VBS, held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, is a summer camp-themed adventure where kids learn to trust God no matter what life brings. For older pre-schoolers through completed 5th graders. Advance registration is closed; walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

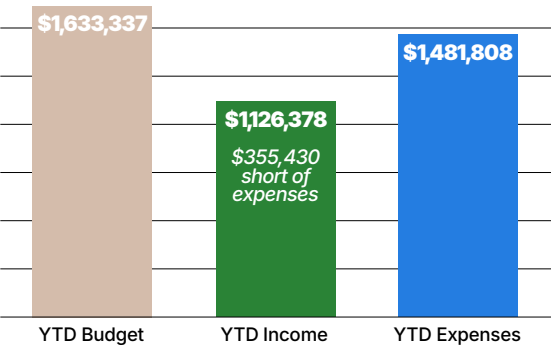
Your donations needed

For this year's VBS missions project, we will collect donations for the Wilkinson Center's food pantry. Please bring items to the church office by Friday morning. You can also shop using an Amazon wishlist (QR code below). Requested items:

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| ■ Granola bars | ■ Mac & cheese |
| ■ Peanut butter & crackers | ■ Fruit cups |
| ■ Goldfish | ■ Applesauce (cups or pouches) |
| ■ String cheese | ■ Educational books |
| ■ Cheese-and-cracker dipping packs | ■ Flash cards |
| ■ Fruit snacks | ■ School supplies |
| ■ Juice boxes | |
| ■ Individual cereal packs | |



Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts..... \$12,099
Pathways Endowment May balance \$10,210,907

Giving is behind entering expensive summer months

Compared to the last four years, Wilshire’s income-to-expenses deficit is larger than it has been at the same point in the year, Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples reported in an email to the church on May 22.

While the staff has managed to keep spending below budget, the deficit was \$355,430 at the end of May, as shown above.

Timothy noted in his email that the 2024 giving surplus has already been spent or spoken for. “I recognize that 2025 has been a little different financially,” Timothy said. “Inflation has affected many people, and the economic market has struggled, which has determined patterns of giving in churches across the U.S. Our economy right now breeds fear of what will happen next. The stock market has been crazy with so many head-spinning ups and downs from policies and decisions. Yet, I still hold on to the hope that, as in years past, we will be surprised by the generosity of our church community in sharing their time, talents and financial gifts to ensure our ministries are funded.”



Welcome, summer interns

Three Wilshire college students are serving internships at the church this summer. Left to right, above: **Audrey Pottkotter** returns for a second summer as music ministry intern. She is a rising junior at Oklahoma City University, where she studies musical theater and vocal performance. **Marco Campos**, children’s ministry intern, is a rising junior at the University of Tennessee, where he is an anthropology major. **Ana Ortegon** is a rising sophomore at the University of Arkansas, where she studies biology. Ana will serve as preschool ministry intern.

Wilshire seeking finance director

Wilshire is now accepting applications for the role of director of finance. This full-time role will be responsible for overseeing and optimizing the day-to-day operations of the finance area, including strategic planning, budgeting, financial reporting and ensuring compliance with industry standards and regulations. See the job description and application instructions at wilshirebc.org/employment.

Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be offered Sunday, June 15, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP necessary. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

BWIM presents Beth Allison Barr



Bestselling author Beth Allison Barr will discuss the state of women in the Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Dallas. Baptist Women in Ministry is presenting the

event, timed to coincide with the SBC's annual meeting in Dallas. According to BWIM Executive Director Meredith Stone, the event's goal is "for there to be a presence of affirmation for women's equality at, or at least near, the SBC annual meeting so that perhaps women, or even just one woman, might realize there are Baptists who see women's value and equality in a different way." Wilshire is sponsoring the BWIM event, and our members may attend for free. Register at bwim.info/wilshire.

Transportation help needed

What would you do if you could no longer drive and missed going to church on Sunday morning? A few of our senior adults are now in that situation. At least one lives west of Central Expressway, while others live in Garland and Lake Highlands. We need volunteers who would be willing to provide transportation to Wilshire one Sunday a month, if not more often. We also need volunteers who can be available during the week to provide transportation to medical visits for those who cannot drive themselves. If you are interested in being of service to your fellow church members, please contact Parish Nurse Linda Garner at lgarner@wilshirebc.org or 214-452-3151.



CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

VBS: CAMP FIRELIGHT

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

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP

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

COOKING CAMP

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sold out; waitlist available.

LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

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

FULL-DAY COOKING & ART

Mon.-Fri., July 7-11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sold out; waitlist available.

PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

Sun.-Wed., July 20-23



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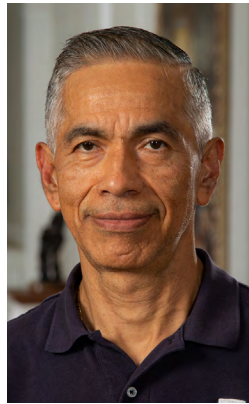
Daniel Latin marks 20 years on staff

WILSHIRE FACILITIES STAFFER Daniel Latin recently marked his 20-year anniversary of working at the church. He will be recognized at the end of worship on Sunday, June 8.

“I love what I do and the people in the church,” Daniel said. “I love the atmosphere, the sense of peace and harmony and the positive energy from the people here.”

As part of the facilities staff, Daniel is responsible for ensuring event readiness, making sure spaces are clean and set up according to specifications. Over the years, he has witnessed many changes at Wilshire — building renovations, updated workflows and staff turnover. He also noted the church’s growth in inclusion. “This is a special place,” he said, “and it feels even more meaningful because it’s the house of God.”

Maricela Escutia, facilities staff manager, has worked with Daniel for the entirety of his time at Wilshire. “Daniel has consistently demonstrated an exceptional work ethic, approaching each task with focus, determination, and a strong sense of responsibility,” Maricela said. “Whether working independently or as part of our team, you can always count on him



to exceed expectations. He is punctual, reliable, and takes pride in doing things right, no matter how big or small the job is. His commitment to quality, efficiency and integrity has earned him the respect and trust of his colleagues and supervisors alike.”

Daniel began working at Wilshire on May 23, 2005. He recalls, “My wife, Martha, and Maricela are friends. Martha was working as a teacher for ECLC, and Maricela mentioned to her that a part-time security job was available at Wilshire. Maricela advocated for me to get the job. She is a genuinely good person with a heart for helping people.”

A native of El Salvador, Daniel has been married to Martha for over 30 years, and they are the parents of three children and two dogs, Rocko and Luna. When he’s not at work, Daniel enjoys exercising and spending time with family.



Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | July 3 | Noon
| 1205-L | *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | July 8 |
6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Earthly Joys* by Philippa Gregory. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men’s Book Club

The Men’s Book Club will discuss Timothy Egan’s *A Fever in the Heartland* on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday every month. Contact Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

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from our mission partners
& sign up to serve.**



Mary Kay Jackman

Hometown: Terrell; grew up in Oak Cliff

Present City: Dallas

Education: B.A., North Texas; M.A. and Ph.D., New Mexico State

Profession: Educator, writer

Tell us about your family.

I have none left. I'm an only child, married an only child, and we had no children. We adopted 11 cats, starting in 1964 with a cross-eyed, highly intelligent Siamese. My husband, Ed, died Christmas Eve 2007. My friends are my family, and they're spread throughout the country.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I sing in New Song Community Choir and volunteer with Friday Friends.

Any favorite hobbies?

Reading, puzzling, games, movies. Before TV, my family played board games, card games or dominoes almost every evening. My earliest memories are watching a movie in a big, dark theater with Mother. Daddy taught me to play poker.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

George Mason's essay "Civility" in *The Advocate*. I read it during the fractious election year 2004 and couldn't believe the author was a Baptist minister. I left the Baptist church almost 50 years earlier and never returned. I listened to George's sermons on WRR and told a friend. Unbeknownst to me, she belonged to Wilshire and invited me to meet her there. I did in April 2005 and got chills when the worship service included the hymn and scripture Mother wanted at her graveside service.



When I told my friend, she said, "Oh, get over it, Mary Kay; it's just a God thing." I joined the next Sunday.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I direct Whosoever Wilshire, although our generous, small-but-mighty, talky group largely directs itself. Previously, I sang in Sanctuary Choir and occasionally taught Senior Adult Sunday School classes. Jessica Capps asked me to offer writing workshops and lead book discussions, and I enjoyed both. I served as a deacon for three years and on the lay support team for Pastoral Resident Tasha Gibson. I've been honored to participate in Faith in 3D productions.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I've never not believed in God. What I heard in sermons — as a child and a young adult, and what I heard people who called themselves Christians say about other people — turned me off churches. I was even leery of Jesus. I told George all of this when we first met. He said, "Well, stick around. You may change your mind."

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

I dropped out of grad school and bartended in New Orleans' French Quarter.

What adjectives best describe you?

Someone else should answer this.

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, June 8

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds Concert, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 9

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 1 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 1 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- WSM: Study-n-Karaoke, Mitchell home, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.
- Stewpot Meal Service, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, 1205-G, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 14

- Youth Choir Tour through Saturday, June 21
- Nova, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Wilshire at Dallas Pride, Fair Park, 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 15

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.