



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

Do you ever say a word so much that it starts to sound a little strange to your ears? This phenomenon, called semantic satiation, occurs because the repetition causes your brain to focus on the sound of the word and, in that process, loses the meaning of the word altogether.

Many repeated patterns within our lives, including those related to our journeys of faith, can fall into a similar trap of losing their meaning. Rituals or routines that once held significance can turn on autopilot or fall away completely.

We can all benefit from a reminder from time to time about the deeper meanings behind why we do the things we do, and today we have two such opportunities as we witness Cameron's baptism and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

In Cameron's baptism we are reminded of the promise this congregation made to the Wilson family and to every family during their family dedications, a promise to help them raise their children in a loving community so they can come to know the voice of God for themselves. We celebrate Cameron making this important

step in his faith journey today and are reminded of the meaning behind being community for one another. Through volunteering as Sunday school teachers or joining choir, serving as a greeter or coming to share a meal on a Wednesday evening we are creating the community we have promised to be for one another. Thanks be!

Our opening hymn this morning, "Worthy of Worship," evokes the majesty and awe of God. The final stanza reminds us exactly who we are here to worship: the "Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer, Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend, Savior and Source of our life without end."

In the Lord's Supper we encounter the most remarkable part of our faith. That same God, the one we name Master, King and Almighty, thinks we are worthy too. So worthy that God chose incarnation to live among us and take on both the beauty and pain of this world. In the taking of the bread and cup may we be reminded to see each other and ourselves as God sees us, worthy of love.

—Katie Murray



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship | Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.

On the cover: *Les Colombes (The Doves)*, Michael Pendry, installation at Washington National Cathedral, 2021. Photo: David B. King/Flickr, used under CC BY-NC-SA 2.0.

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11:00 a.m.
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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

Maggie Morey

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Carla Siegesmund, harp
Jeff Brummel, organ

Staneslow/
Siegesmund/Brummel

Baptism — Cameron Wilson

Timothy Peoples

+Congregational Song

Worthy of Worship
No. 7

JUDSON

+Call to Worship

Evelyn Wilson

One: Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.

All: Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

One: Eternal Power, be our support.

All: Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

One: Eternal Love, have mercy upon us,
that with all our heart and mind and strength
we may seek your face and be brought
by your infinite mercy to your holy presence
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

+Response in Song

Worthy of Worship

JUDSON

**You are worthy, Father, Creator,
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.**

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

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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*O, How I Love Jesus*

arr. Joel Raney

+Reading from Hebrew Scriptures — Hosea 11:1–11

Sue McElveen

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
The sword rages in their cities;
it consumes their oracle priests
and devours because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but the Most High does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim,
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when God roars,
God's children shall come trembling from the west.
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt
and like doves from the land of Assyria,
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

“Bridge of Love”

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

Rhosymedre (Lovely)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Passing of the Cup

There Is a Redeemer

arr. Bonnie Mohr

Carla Siegesmund, harp; Ralph Manuel, piano
See hymn no. 377 for text

Passing of the Peace

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

+Congregational Song

Glorious Is Thy Name
No. 344

GLORIOUS NAME

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Ralph Manuel, guest music director

Meet today's worship leaders

Clint Justice and his wife, Kim, joined Wilshire in 2023 with their three kids, Jonathan, a rising fifth grader, Joel, a rising fourth grader, and Rinnah, a rising first grader. Kim's parents, Mary and Kenton Keller, and sister Kathryn Keller, also attend Wilshire. Clint and Kim attend Labyrinth Class, and Clint serves on the lay support team for new pastoral resident Jordann McMahan.

Sue McElveen and her husband, Jerry, joined Wilshire in 2018. Sue is a greeter, a co-director of Compass Class and a member of the Belong Team and the Adventurers Committee. She is retired but remains active in various community organizations.

Carla Siegesmund and her husband, Rudy, joined Wilshire in 2019. Carla attends Cord of Three Class, helps facilitate the Women of Wilshire Tuesday Evening Book Club and has been a member of Sanctuary Choir and Carillon Ringers. A CPA by vocation and a harpist by avocation, she is a member of the Brookhaven College Harp Ensemble.

Evelyn Wilson grew up at Wilshire. She is the daughter of Megan and Trey Wilson, sister to Davis and Cameron and granddaughter to Wilshire member Pagett Gosslee. Evelyn is a 2024 graduate of Lake Highlands High School and will soon begin her second year at the University of Texas at Austin, where she is a social work major.



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.

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)

Finance

- Shaffon Alexander, 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)
- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- 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)
- Carole McClung, Spiritual Formation Ministry Assistant (3130)
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)



New pastoral residents start Pathways program returns to norm of four residents

WILSHIRE'S NEW PASTORAL RESIDENTS, Amanda Hines and Jordann McMahan, began their two-year terms on Friday, Aug. 1. They join Maggie Morey and Georgia McKee in the Pathways to Ministry program, which again has four residents — the historical norm for the program. No new residents were called in 2022 or 2023 as Wilshire paused to evaluate the program.

Amanda earned a Master of Divinity degree with a spiritual formation concentration from Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University in 2022 and more recently worked for Ideal Impact, a consultancy for ministry and education. She served in ministerial or intern roles at churches in Texas and Alabama, worked for Truett managing its Online Certificate Program and was a counselor at Glorieta Camps in New Mexico. Amanda earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and is married to Chris.

Jordann completed a Master of Divinity degree in May from Truett, where she was a CBF Vestal Scholar, co-led the Women in Ministry Student Organization, worked in recruitment and served as a Baylor residence hall chaplain. She also was an intern for Baptist Women in Ministry. Jordann grew up in Virginia and was



Amanda Hines



Jordann McMahan

ordained by her home church there. She earned a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University and has been a ministry associate or intern at churches in Virginia and Texas.

Amanda and Jordann are both licensed spiritual directors through Truett.

When Wednesday night activities resume Aug. 20, the 6 p.m. Bible Study time will be devoted to getting to know the new residents. They will also be introduced at the first Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, Sept. 3. On Wednesday, Aug. 27, all four residents will lead a Vespers service in McIver Chapel at 6 p.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.

Fire drill next Sunday

WILSHIRE WILL HOLD A FIRE DRILL on Sunday, Aug. 10, at about 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will start at 9:45 as usual, and the drill should be done before worship starts at 11.

Risk Management Committee chair Phil McNicholas says the committee's intent is to have regular fire drills to ensure preparedness in case of a fire. "The main responsibility of the Risk Management Committee," Phil said, "is to help mitigate our church's risks, and one important risk mitigation practice is having regular fire drills."

Each Sunday School room should have a sign on the wall indicating the nearest exit. When the drill starts, look for the nearest exit sign and

leave the building using the stairwells. Elevators will not be used. Each Sunday School class should designate a drill leader to advise the class on its identified evacuation route, and staff and volunteers will be located around the building to help guide you toward the proper assembly areas outside. Those with mobility issues are not required to participate.

Preschoolers and children will be supervised by their Sunday School teachers and will return to their classes once the drill is over for usual Sunday School pickup. The drill should take about 15 minutes. In case of rain, the drill will be postponed.



Next Sunday, Aug. 10

Don't skip out after the fire drill because worship on Sunday, Aug. 10, is not to be missed. The music in the service will be bluegrass themed, with a band, a song from Micheal Sheaffer and Elle Sheaffer, favorite hymns and more. It will also be a Drop-In Choir Sunday, so you can be part of the fun.



Aug. 10, 17 and 24

If you enjoy choral singing — or are curious to try it — but can't make a weekly commitment, you're invited to sing in the Summer Drop-In Choir on Aug. 10, 17 and 24. We'll rehearse in Choral Hall at 9 a.m., then go to Sunday School before leading in worship at 11 a.m. There will be no robes and absolutely no pressure.

Back to School Drive

**DEADLINE EXTENDED
TO WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6**



Scan code for list of needed items and Amazon wishlist

Wilshire is conducting a Back to School Drive for RISD's Northwood Hills Elementary, where our own Paige Pendery is the counselor. Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/bts-drive to find a list of needed items and an Amazon wish-list link. Our new deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 6. Bring items to the main office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Online purchases may be shipped to Wilshire (attn: Abbey Adcox); shop today to make sure orders arrive by Wednesday.

Condolences to

■ **Debby and David Burton** on the death of Debby's brother, Billy O'Neal, July 25. Nephews are **Andrew Burton** and **Josh Burton**.

■ Family and friends of **Mary Lynn Luther**, July 21.

■ **Carole and Britt McClung** on the death of Carole's brother, Terry Rawls, July 28. Nieces are **Ava**, **Miriam** and **Ruby McClung**.

Central Texas flooding relief

Those affected by the July 4 flooding in Central Texas have received vouchers to shop at Kerrville's Salvation Army Family Thrift Store for free. Volunteers are needed to sort and hang clothing, and opportunities are available Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you're interested in going, contact Abbey Adcox (aadcox@wilshirebc.org). We are gathering interest and will then select a date to serve.

■ Visit wilshirebc.org/flood-relief to find donation links for flooding relief.

Adventurers Trivia Night: Aug. 4

Join Wilshire Adventurers for Trivia Night on Monday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Community Hall. Cobbler and ice cream will be provided, and trivia expert Sam Tinsley will serve as emcee. There will be prizes! The event costs \$5 per person; no registration required. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and up.

Aug. 9 Texas Impact panel

What decisions were made in the Texas legislative session, and how do they impact people of faith committed to justice and public witness? Join Texas Impact and fellow faith advocates for a day of learning, reflection and connection. Arapaho United Methodist Church will host the event Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A \$15 per person cost includes lunch. Please register by visiting arapahoumc.org/texas or scanning the QR code on page 16.

Visit racial justice timeline

Stop by James Gallery or the South Lobby to explore a display tracing Wilshire's engagement with racial justice over the church's history. Created by our In Deed and Truth team, the timeline reflects the ways Wilshire has shown up, sometimes imperfectly, in this work. You'll find space in the exhibit to add your own recollections, stories or reflections. In Deed and Truth is a project of the St. Charles Center for Faith + Action and E Pluribus Unum that helps predominantly white congregations engage faithfully in the work of racial reconciliation.

Wilshire Welcome on Aug. 17

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will be offered Sunday, Aug. 17, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP necessary. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Fall start dates

Sunday, Aug. 17

- New Sunday School year begins
- Blessing of the Backpacks in worship
- Lunch after worship

Wednesday, Aug. 20

- Wednesday Night Live resumes
- Sanctuary Choir resumes

Sunday, Aug. 24

- Children's Choir begins
- Youth Choir begins

Wednesday, Sept. 3

- Lunch & Learn resumes

Serve at Vickery Meadow Mobile Food Pantry

Help is needed on Friday, Aug. 22, to serve with Wilshire at the Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation's Mobile Food Pantry. Wilshire serves the fourth Friday each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. If you can help on Aug. 22, contact Charlie Estee at cesteedallas@gmail.com by Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Aug. 7 | Noon | 1205-L | *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Sept. 9 (no August meeting) | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will skip August and hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, to discuss *The Sverve* by Stephen Greenblatt. The group will meet in the Parlor at 7 p.m. Contact Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

Save the date for 75th anniversary

Wilshire will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2026, culminating with special events on Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14. Planning is underway, and you can learn more at lunch on Sunday, Aug. 17. For now, mark your calendars for next June 13 and 14, and plan your summer vacation accordingly.

Life Line Screenings here Sept. 4



Life Line Screenings will screen for stroke and cardiovascular disease risks at Wilshire on Thursday, Sept. 4. For \$129, Life Line will screen for carotid artery disease, atrial fibrillation, peripheral artery disease and abdominal aortic aneurysm. To make an appointment, call 800-324-9458 and use code HABC001 or visit lisa.social/habc.

Welcome, Y'ALL!

**SUNDAY
AUG. 17**

**We'll kick off a new Sunday
School year, a new school
year — and Wilshire's 75th**

Promotion Sunday

Preschoolers, children and youth will move to new Sunday School classes, and it's a great day for adults to try a new class or try Sunday School for the first time.

Blessing of the Backpacks

The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during worship on Aug. 17. Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks or school bags to church, and they'll be invited to the front to receive a blessing as the school year begins.



Lunch after church

Join us after worship for a BBQ lunch in Community Hall. Cost for the meal: adults, \$10; kids 4–9, \$5; free for 3 and under; household max: \$35. Cash/check/credit accepted at the door. No registration needed.

■ **Volunteers** eat for half price. Find a sign-up link at wilshirebc.org/events/welcome-yall.

Anniversary sneak peek

Come to lunch on Aug. 17 for a preview of our 75th anniversary celebration in 2026. There will be a short presentation featuring a few Wilshire folks, and you'll learn how you can get in on the planning for our special events next June 13 and 14.

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/realms.

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 Shaffon Alexander's attention at Wilshire.

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

DONATE STOCKS. Contact Shaffon 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, Aug. 3

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Building, Interior and Grounds Committee, 1205-L, noon
- IDAT Cohort Meeting, 1205-G, noon
- Pathways Lay Support Team Orientation, 2307 & 2312, noon
- WSM End-of-Year Slide Show, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 4

- Adventurers Trivia Night, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, 1205-G & 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

- New Song Community Choir Officers Meeting, 3301, 9 a.m.
- WSM Welcome Sixth Grade Pool Party, Howland Home, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 7

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 8

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 10

- Drop-In Choir Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Rising Sixth Grade Blessing Service & Breakfast, 2230, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Library Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Personnel Committee, 1205-L, noon

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- New Song Community Choir Social, Parlor, 10 a.m.
- Children's Teacher Training, Community Hall, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Resumes Aug. 20

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner for the whole family with kid-friendly options available. Cash/check/credit accepted at the door. Full Meal: \$10 for ages 10 and up; \$5 for kids 4 to 9; free for kids 3 and under; \$35 household max. Soup & Salad Meal: \$7.

Preschool Music & Missions

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

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. Each week is different! Activities include art, music, recreation, science and more. Kindergartners will have choir as part of KidConnect.

Bible Study or Vespers

6 p.m. | Adults will remain in Community Hall after dinner most weeks for Bible Study, a topical series or a one-off event. About once a month, our pastoral residents will lead a Vespers service in McIver Chapel.

■ **Aug. 20:** Get to Know the New Residents

■ **Aug. 27:** Vespers

■ **Sept. 3:** Bible Study series begins

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 | Wilshire's main adult choir resumes weekly rehearsals on Aug. 20. New singers are always welcome, and there's no audition.

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



Lunch & Learn returns Sept. 3

Lunch & Learn, held the first and third Wednesdays every month, resumes on Sept. 3. All are invited at 11:30 a.m. for a buffet lunch followed by minister-led Bible study. On Sept. 3, Minister to Senior Adults Katie Murray will lead an introduction to the book of Acts, and you'll have a chance to meet Wilshire's two new pastoral residents. Lunch costs \$10 each. No RSVP necessary. Pay at the door.

What Just Happened In The Texas Legislature?



**Come Listen & Learn with State
and Local Government Leaders**



Rep John Bryant
Texas Representative,
District 114



Almas Muscatwalla
Commissioner,
Dallas Housing Authority



Bee Moorhead
Executive Director,
Texas Impact

What decisions were made in the most recent Texas legislative session—and how do they impact people of faith committed to justice and public witness?

Join Texas Impact and fellow faith advocates from across the area for a powerful day of learning, reflection, and connection. Together, we'll unpack key legislation, explore its implications for our communities, and equip ourselves for faithful civic engagement moving forward.



A Texas Impact Event

Saturday, August 9 | 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Hosted at Arapaho United Methodist Church

\$15 per person (includes lunch)

Register at www.arapahoumc.org/texas