

**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**August 10, 2025**

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

# Preparing for worship

As I sit here this morning waiting for worship to begin, I have the strange sensation that somewhere between Sunday School and the Sanctuary, I passed through a time warp and now find myself back in 1958.

I'm timid "Little Scotty," sitting breathlessly in Mrs. Berger's third-grade classroom, having just returned from our first fire drill of the year. Or it's the previous Sunday and I'm sitting in the dank basement of the Jetmore Presbyterian Church, listening to Lillian Billings preside over Junior Missionary Society, drilling us on our biblical knowledge and warning us how easy we could fall into the gates of Hell if, God forbid, we drank or smoked or did some things I'd never heard of.

I'm not sure what triggered these seven-decade-old flashbacks. Maybe it was today's fire drill, which I found much less exciting than when I was 8. Or perhaps it's today's reading from Psalms, which, despite ending well, is laced with threats from Miss Lillian's vengeful, mad-as-hell God who haunted me well into adulthood.

But today, as we prepare for a new season of study both at church and school, rather than reflect on the past, perhaps we should look to the future. As we worship, let us pray for our Sunday School teachers and aides who volunteer their time and effort week after week to introduce,

instill and refine our faith. Whether we're young or old, these weekly conversations can have a profound impact on our lives. Miss Lillian aside (God bless her — her heart was in the right place even as her message missed its mark), I still carry with me powerful lessons learned long ago that continue to shape my life.

Let us also pray for our public schools, for the teachers and administrators who face challenges unheard of when I was a kid — everything from low pay and limited funding to societal shifts that often make education a daunting profession.

Lastly, let us pray for our children and grandchildren as they head back to the classroom. With active-shooter drills replacing the "duck-and-cover" drills of my Cold War youth, the emergence of AI and the constant distractions of the digital world, and a continually shifting culture, they too face a world far different than the one we grew up in. Let us pray that they be blessed with a fear-free, engaging, supportive learning environment that will shape their lives in a positive way for years to come.

And then, let us all take a deep breath and remember those words from that old favorite we sing again today ... we are all "Standing on the Promises of God."

—Scott Spreier



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

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**On the cover:** *Sunset*, Edward Mitchell Bannister, oil on canvas, ca. 1875–1880, Smithsonian American Art Museum.

**August 10, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**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**

Charlie Fuller

**Prelude**

*Where the Soul Never Dies*  
Darren DeMent, Michael Sheaffer

William M. Golden

To Canaan's land, I'm on my way  
Where the soul (of man) never dies  
My darkest night will turn to day  
Where the soul (of man) never dies

No sad farewells (Dear friends there'll be no sad farewells)  
No tear dimmed eyes (There'll be no tear dimmed eyes)  
Where all is love (Where all is peace and joy and love)  
And the soul never dies (And the soul of man never dies)

The rose is blooming there for me  
Where the soul (of man) never dies  
And I will spend eternity  
Where the soul (of man) never dies

The love light beams across the foam  
Where the soul (of man) never dies  
It shines and lights the way to home  
Where the soul (of man) never dies

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

## +Call to Worship

Ann Hamm

One: Come, let us worship the Lord,  
whose love never fails and whose mercy has no end.

**All: We come with grateful hearts,  
drawn by the power of God's unfailing love.**

One: God's love is deeper than the oceans,  
stronger than the mountains,  
and closer than our very breath.

**All: We rest in that love,  
we rise in that love,  
we stand in the promises of that love.**

One: So come — bring your joy, your sorrow,  
your hopes and your doubts.

**All: We come as we are,  
held in the arms of God's everlasting love.  
We lift our voices, lift our lives, and lift our hearts.**

## +Congregational Song

*Standing on the Promises*  
No. 625

PROMISES

## Psalm Reading — Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23

Chrissy Alvarez

The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silent;  
before God is a devouring fire  
and a mighty tempest all around God.

Our God calls to the heavens above and  
to the earth, that God may judge God's people:

“Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare God's righteousness,  
for God is judge.

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your  
burnt offerings are continually before me.

...

Mark this, then, you who forget God,  
or I will tear you apart, and there will be no  
one to deliver.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice  
honor me; to those who go the right way,  
I will show the salvation of God.”

**Offertory**

*By the Mark*  
Elle Sheaffer, Michael Sheaffer, Darren DeMent

Gillian Welch/  
David Rawlings

When I cross over I will shout and sing  
I will know my savior by the mark where the nails have been

By the mark where the nails have been  
By the sign upon his precious skin  
I will know my savior when I come to him  
By the mark where the nails have been

A man of riches may claim a crown of jewels  
But the king of heaven can be told from the prince of fools

On Calvary Mountain where they made him suffer so  
All my sin was paid for a long, long time ago

**+Gospel Reading** — Luke 12:32-40

Ariel Merivil

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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**

*There’s a Land That Is Fairer Than Day*  
*(In the Sweet By and By)*  
No. 551

SWEET BY AND BY

**Message**

“Keep Watch”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*Down to the River to Pray/Shall We Gather*  
Summer Drop-In Choir  
Bluegrass Band

arr. Ariel Merivil

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way

Oh, sisters (brothers), let's go down, let's go down, come on down  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray  
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down  
Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way

Oh, sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down  
Oh, sinners, let's go down, down the river to pray

**Prayers of the People**

Georgia McKee

**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**

*Higher Ground*  
No. 641

HIGHER GROUND

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Recognition of Geri McKenzie**

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

*I'll Fly Away*  
Bluegrass Band

Alfred E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

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The flowers today are given by LeAnn and Jeff Hampton  
in gratitude to members of the Wilshire community who work in education.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Chrissy Alvarez** joined Wilshire in 2024 with their wife, Abigail. Chrissy and Abigail attend Shiloh Class, and Chrissy sings in Sanctuary Choir and participated in last year's Faith in 3D production, *The Christians*. They are a mental health counselor at Dallas Therapy Collective.

**Ann Hamm** joined Wilshire in 2008. She attends the Women's Bible Sunday School Class, sings in New Song Community Choir and has been involved with various committees and advocacy work at Wilshire. She is a retired R.N. and now works as a licensed massage therapist.

**Elle Sheaffer** is a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she is active in student council and performing arts. She also sings in the Mixed Youth Choir of the Greater Dallas Choral Society and will serve as president of Wilshire's Youth Choir this school year.

**Michael Sheaffer** and his wife, Dawn, joined Wilshire in 2009. They are the parents of Elle, who is a high school senior. Michael works as senior director of client services at Yardi Systems.



**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)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)

## 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)
- 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 of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)



## Staffers take on new areas

**Katie Murray to lead pastoral care; Heather Mustain adds more administrative oversight as Geri McKenzie departs**

SOME WILSHIRE STAFF MEMBERS are taking on new responsibilities and areas of supervision with the departure of Geri McKenzie, who officially vacates the position of executive director of administration this month.

Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will now oversee finance and hospitality, including building operations, food services, facilities and information technology. Heather will still lead Wilshire's missions and advocacy efforts, and she will continue supervising Missions and Advocacy Coordinator Abbey Adcox, Communications Director Mark McKenzie and Coordinator of Congregational Life Carolyn Murray.

Pastoral care leadership will move from Heather to Katie Murray, who will get a new title, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults. Katie will add hours but will still be classified as part-time. Parish Nurse Linda Garner, who previously reported to Heather, will now report to Katie.

Holly Irvin, director of hospitality, will take on some operations and building tasks formerly handled by Geri. Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will oversee human resources with administrative help from Chelsea Hopkins, who will also be the first point of contact for IT matters.

### Gerri to be recognized in worship today



Geri McKenzie will be honored in today's service as she departs the Wilshire staff after 20 years. She served as executive director of administration since 2023 and before that was associate director of Pathways to Ministry.

Geri will soon start a new job at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore. Her husband, Mark, will continue as Wilshire's communications director and will remain in Dallas temporarily to deal with logistics as he and Geri prepare to relocate.

Administrative staffers who reported to Geri will now report directly to the lead minister in their respective areas. This includes Carol Cabaniss, music and worship; Carole McClung, spiritual formation; Barbara Clayton, pastoral care; and Chelsea Hopkins, executive assistant to Timothy Peoples.



**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.

# 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](http://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.

**New members**

- Amanda and Chris Hines
- Jordann McMahan
- Cameron Wilson

**Condolences to**

Family and friends on the death of **Bobby Drown**, July 28.

**Adcox begins Wilshire internship**



Don't be surprised if you see longtime staff member Abbey Adcox in new roles this academic year. In addition to her regular duties as missions and advocacy coordinator, Abbey will be serving an internship at

Wilshire as part of her studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology, where she is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. Abbey will take on additional experiences and responsibilities in pastoral care, including hospital visits and home-centered ministry, teaching adult Sunday School and participating in worship planning.

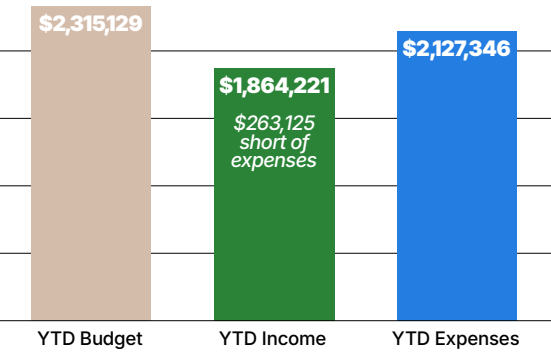
**Calling all Wilshire authors**

Have you written and published a book? If the answer is yes, we need you for the Wilshire Author Fair on Sunday, Sept. 14, from noon to 2 p.m. in Community Hall. Hosted by the Library Committee, this is an opportunity to show and sell your books to the Wilshire community and beyond. We've already compiled a list of amazing Wilshire authors, but we're looking for anyone we may have missed. If you haven't been contacted, email Jeff Hampton at [jefton@aol.com](mailto:jefton@aol.com) so you can get all the details.

**Wilshire Welcome next Sunday**

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](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

**Unified Budget Update**



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts.....\$14,185  
Pathways Endowment July balance ..... \$10,456,959



**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.



## IDAT team seeks feedback

The racial justice timeline created by our In Deed and Truth team is still on display in James Gallery and the South Lobby. Our new land acknowledgment has been added, and you'll find space in the exhibit to contribute your own stories or reflections. You can also scan the QR code to access the timeline and send thoughts via an online form. The display traces Wilshire's engagement with racial justice over the decades.



## Children's and Youth Choirs

■ **Children's Choirs** (grades 1–5), will resume rehearsals Sunday, Aug. 24. Rehearsals will be held Sundays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. after a snack lunch. Unlike last year's approach, rehearsals will be held weekly unless otherwise noted. The fall schedule will be shared when rehearsals begin.

■ **Kindergarten Choir** will meet on Wednesday at 6 p.m. as part of KidConnect. **Pre-K and 3-year-olds** will have choir during Pre-school Music & Missions, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Wednesday night activities resume Aug. 20.

■ **Youth Choir** (grades 6–12) will resume rehearsals Sunday, Aug. 24, at 12:30 p.m. in Choral Hall after a snack lunch.

## Firearm disposal event: Sept. 7



Wilshire is co-hosting a “Guns to Gardens” safe disposal event on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (14115 Hillcrest). This is an

opportunity for anyone with unwanted firearms in their households to safely dispose of them. Each gun will be used to create garden tools that the participant will receive at a later date. Guns to Gardens is a national movement working to reduce gun violence, and Wilshire is among several churches forming a local chapter. Find more details about the event at [wilshirebc.org/events/guns-to-gardens](http://wilshirebc.org/events/guns-to-gardens).

## 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](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org)). We are gathering interest and will then select a date to serve.

■ Visit [wilshirebc.org/flood-relief](http://wilshirebc.org/flood-relief) to find donation links.

## Coming in September

*More information is coming soon about these events happening next month.*

■ **Sept. 7:** Betsy Shirley, editor in chief of *Sojourners* magazine, will be our guest for worship and lunch.

■ **Sept. 14:** Drop-In Winds

■ **Sept. 14:** Wilshire Author Fair

■ **Sept. 14:** Our second Songwriter Vespers will feature the music of Townes Van Zandt.

■ **Sept. 28:** Drop-In Bells



## 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](mailto:cesteedallas@gmail.com) by Tuesday, Aug. 19.

## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Sept. 4 | Noon | 1205-L | *Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Sept. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

## Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss *The Swerve* by Stephen Greenblatt. Contact Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net)).

## 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](https://lisa.social/habc).



### BIOGRAPHY

■ *Mark Twain* by Ron Chernow

### CHILDREN'S

■ *Swim School: a Bluey Storybook*

■ *Who Is My Neighbor?* by Amy-Jill Levine

### FICTION

■ *An Inside Job* by Daniel Silva

■ *The Woman in Suite 11* by Ruth Ware

■ *The Quiet Librarian* by Allen Eskens

■ *The Underground Library* by Jennifer Ryan

### NONFICTION

■ *The Didache: Text, Translation, Analysis, and Commentary* by Aaron Milavec

■ *The Didache: A Window on the Earliest Christians* by Thomas O'Loughlin

■ *The Didache with Commentary* by Douglas Michalak

■ *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt

## Search Library from home

Did you know the Wilshire Library has more than 15,000 items, has weekday hours and is open to the public? You can search the collection from home and even reserve a book and pick it up at the church. Learn more and find the search link at [wilshirebc.org/resources/library](https://wilshirebc.org/resources/library).

## Subscribe to sermon podcast

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# 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, 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.

# 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.*

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**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](http://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 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.

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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. 10**

- Drop-In Choir Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Rising 6th 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.

### **Thursday, Aug. 14**

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

### **Saturday, Aug. 16**

- Sanctuary Choir Retreat, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.

### **Sunday, Aug. 17**

- Drop-In Choir Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. (Promotion Sunday)
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Welcome, Y'all! Lunch, Community Hall, noon

### **Monday, Aug. 18**

- Rental Assistance Meeting, 1205-L, 2:30 p.m.
- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Aug. 19**

- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, Aug. 20**

- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.