



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

Preparing for worship

It happened again the other week. I was going about my day with my kids when out of nowhere my mother's words came out of my mouth. I laughed recounting the event to my mom on the phone later that week: "It's like you were inside my head telling me what to say!" She responded, "Those weren't my words; those were your grandmother's."

My grandmother, Meemee, has been gone about 10 years now, but I can still bring to mind so much about her. The sound of her voice, the smell of her lotion, the feel of her hands rubbing my back. She died a few months before my oldest was born, so I never got the opportunity to talk to her about becoming a mother. Yet, as evidenced by the words that escaped my mouth the other week, I have (I pray!) inherited some of her maternal wisdom.

Through both nature and nurture, we are all products of generational inheritance. Eye color and back issues. Sports team loyalties and holiday traditions. Much of how we engage with the world has been learned — and at times unlearned — through our relationship to those who preceded us.

The same is true of this place as well, and it's front of mind as we are making plans for the church's upcoming 75th anniversary celebration. This community of faith has been shaped and molded by names and faces that have long passed, but whose lived expressions of faith in our Creator have left something for us to carry forward and build upon.

Today is All Saints Day, and we will take time during the service to read aloud the names of those in our congregation who have died within the last year. Women and men whose time among us, whether long or short, left an indelible mark on this community of faith. From musicians to Sunday School teachers, former staff members to those who grew up within these walls, those whose service among us was visible and those who preferred to serve behind the scenes.

Thanks be to God for the lives of these saints, and may their memory move us to live our lives in a way that leaves a rich inheritance of faith for the generations to come.

—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.

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November 2, 2025

11:00 a.m.

All Saints 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

Monica Mullins

Prelude

Our God Who Art in Heaven (from *Sonata No. 6*)

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Mary Skinner

One: Enter God's presence,
You who yearn for the day
When death is no more.

All: From age to age, God is with us.

One: Enter God's presence,
You who are filled with hope
And you who find it hard to hope.

All: From age to age, God is with us.

One: Enter God's presence,
Each of us who remember the cloud of witnesses,
In remembering them,
May we find ourselves re-membered.

**All: From age to age, God is with us.
Let us worship the Lord.**

+Congregational Song

For All the Saints
No. 567

SINE NOMINE

In Memoriam

Katie Murray and Ariel Merivil

We remember today those within the fellowship of the church who have died in the past year. With the reading of each name, a bell will toll. See listing of names on page 7.

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

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.**

Prayer Through Music

Come and Fill Our Hearts

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Alleluia.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Isaiah 25:6–10a

Michael Malcik

One: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of God's people God will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

**All: It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.”
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.**

Offertory

Kyrie (from Memorial)
Sanctuary Choir

René Clausen

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. Adonai.

Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!
Grant us peace.
Lord, Lord!

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

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

“Gaze Beneath the Mask”

Amanda Hines

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

We Are Loved
Darren DeMent

Scott Avett, Seth Avett,
Bob Crawford

Whether we speak up or we are silent
If we are willing or we are done
If we’re courageous or we are cowards
We may be burdened but we are loved

If you are standing or cannot stop moving
Whether you’re haunted or cannot remember
Over the gravestone, under the rainbow
Pain comes and pain goes and we are loved

Whether we stay true and do for another
If we are hidden or we’re discovered
If we’re forgiven or we’re forgotten
We may be lonely but we are loved

Every stitch and seam, every wish and dream
Even in tragedy there lies divinity
Even as hope seems lost it may be found again
I have felt alone but I have never been

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If we are spirit or we are human
Crossing the river or harboring change
If we deny it or if we face it
May we embrace it, we are loved

Passing of the Cup	<i>The Peace May Be Exchanged (from Rubrics)</i> Jeff Brummel	Dan Locklair
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Passing of the Peace	May the peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.	
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+Congregational Song	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i> No. 58	ST. DENIO
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Sharing of Decisions		Amanda Hines
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Benediction		Amanda Hines
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Postlude	<i>For All the Saints</i>	arr. Carolyn Hamlin
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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.

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*Those of the Wilshire community who have died in the Lord
from November 1, 2024, through November 1, 2025:*

George Anthony Gagliardi

June 1, 1947—November 14, 2024

Spencer Cole Mihm

October 26, 2000—November 17, 2024

Ferrell Jean Burns

September 17, 1931—December 12, 2024

Gloria Mae Maley

May 7, 1929—December 24, 2024

Richard Wayne Read

July 16, 1947—January 6, 2025

Michael Dean Diffie

June 2, 1954—January 10, 2025

Mark Charles Larson

November 21, 1945—February 2, 2025

Linda Marlene Almand Burrus

July 29, 1943—February 7, 2025

Carol Ann “Cissy” King

October 5, 1949—March 4, 2025

Mac Vernon Buchanan

December 9, 1936—March 20, 2025

Linda Gail Kirkham

June 23, 1949—March 23, 2025

Mary Ellen Smith Wentz

March 10, 1938—March 29, 2025

Johnny McGarity

March 31, 1933—March 31, 2025

Calla Jennatt Cook Havis

May 26, 1938—April 18, 2025

Patricia Ann Wallace

November 19, 1935—May 9, 2025

Sherman Allen Hope

February 23, 1932—May 12, 2025

Ethan Hawkins Heatly

January 15, 2002—July 16, 2025

Mary Lynn Luther

October 1, 1937—July 21, 2025

Robert Edward Drown

June 13, 1937—July 28, 2025

Charmaine Whitlow O’Brien

May 15, 1931—August 12, 2025

Carolyn LaVon Link

January 1, 1942—August 14, 2025

Sammie Jane Wester

January 4, 1940—August 30, 2025

Cathy Jones

October 7, 1949—September 23, 2025

RG Huff

October 21, 1949—October 8, 2025

James Monroe Spell Jr.

September 1, 1930—October 11, 2025

Donald Autry

October 12, 1945—October 15, 2025

Kathy Hatcher

July 7, 1958—October 25, 2025

Sue Evelyn Coffman

April 14, 1939—Oct. 29, 2025

Meet today's worship leaders

Andy Brookshire grew up at Wilshire. He and his wife, Jessica, are parents to Callum, who is 23 months old. Andy's parents are Gail and Steve Brookshire. Andy and Jessica attend Ithaka Class, and Andy is a deacon, a frequent Faith in 3D participant and a member of the lay support team for Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines. Andy is vice president of Atlantic Financial Managers.

Michael Malcik and his wife, Vy, joined Wilshire in 1974 and are members of Compass Class. Michael participated in Wilshire's recent mission trips to Puerto Rico and volunteers with Friday Friends and Spanish classes. He also works with Wilshire's Adam's Baskets ministry, which he and Vy founded in memory of their son.

Monica Mullins joined Wilshire in 2015. She is a deacon, plays in Carillon Ringers, sings in Sanctuary Choir, participates in Faith in 3D and serves on the Pathways to Ministry Committee and the lay support team for Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines. Monica has also participated in Wilshire's mission trips to Puerto Rico. She works as the senior manager of recruitment at Dallas College Richland Campus.

Mary Skinner and her husband, John, joined Wilshire in 2022. Their two daughters are Emily, a second grader, and Caroline, a kindergartner; both girls attend Hexter Elementary. Mary and John are members of Labyrinth Class, and Mary serves on the lay support team for Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines, sings in Sanctuary Choir and is helping plan this year's One Starry Night. Mary works as an account manager for a media company.

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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- 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
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

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- 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)

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- 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)

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- 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

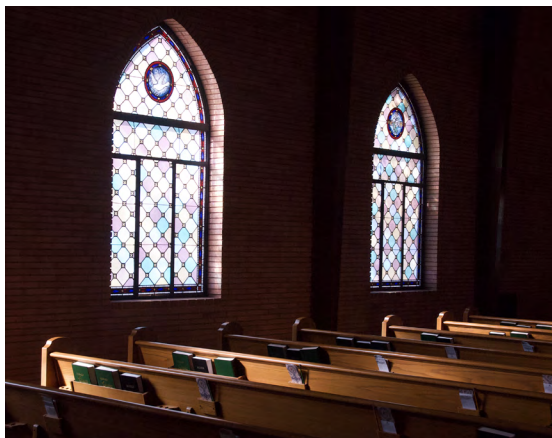
- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Carole McClung, Spiritual Formation Ministry Assistant (3130)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



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News & Announcements
November 2, 2025



9 a.m. Chapel Worship starts next Sunday

Starting Sunday, Nov. 9, Wilshire will offer a weekly 9 a.m. service in McIver Chapel focused on contemplative practices. The 30-to-45-minute service will include Scripture, music, a homily and prayer, with a different spiritual practice explored each month. “This new service,” Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said, “will provide a sacred space where we can step away from the busyness and noise of daily life to slow down, be still and cultivate a deeper connection with God.” The chapel service will be completely different from Wilshire’s 11 a.m. worship but will include Communion the first Sunday each month. Childcare for preschoolers will be offered.

Gift card drive for SNAP recipients

OVER 42 MILLION AMERICANS were expected to lose Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits this weekend due to the prolonged government shutdown. Over 40% of SNAP beneficiaries are children. This means many of our neighbors will have to rely on overwhelmed and under-resourced pantries to put food on their tables — or pick up another job or choose food over rent. We think this is wrong.

We have an audacious goal of distributing 65 grocery gift cards THIS WEEK to families we have assisted through our Rental and Utility Assistance Program who are also SNAP recipients. Will you join us?

Drop off a \$50 or \$100 Walmart or Aldi gift card at the church office through Thursday, Nov. 6. (These stores are preferred, but we will accept any.) We will notify our neighbors to pick them up on Friday.

If you cannot do that, think about doing one of these things:

- Support a local food pantry with a monetary donation or by giving of your time.

- If your child is in school, let your school counselor know you’d be willing to help pack the school pantry or assist a family in need.

- Call or write your members of Congress and ask them to fund SNAP immediately.

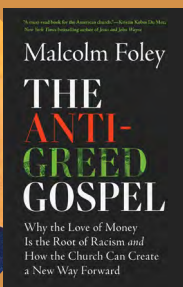
—Heather Mustain



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.

Malcolm Foley

**AUTHOR, PASTOR AND SPECIAL
ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT
OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**



Lunch talk after worship next Sunday, Nov. 9

Malcolm Foley, a pastor, author and special adviser to the president of Baylor University, will be at Wilshire for a talk over lunch on Sunday, Nov. 9. He will discuss his 2025 book, *The Anti-Greed Gospel: Why the Love of Money is the Root of Racism and How the Church Can Create a New Way Forward*. Foley holds a PhD in religion from Baylor and an MDiv from Yale Divinity School. In addition to his role at Baylor, he is co-pastor of Mosaic Waco, an intentionally multicultural, nondenominational church.

■ Lunch is free while supplies last; priority will be given to those who register. Childcare is available for preschoolers. Register for lunch and childcare by today, Nov. 2, at wilshirebc.org/events/foley or scan QR code.



New member

Robert Rollins

Condolences to

■ **Jane and Steve Melton** on the death of Jane's sister, Gloria Reid Gage, Oct. 21.

■ **Martha Hatcher** on the death of her daughter, **Kathy Hatcher**, Oct. 25.

■ Friends and family on the death of **Sue Coffman**, Oct. 29.

Poinsettia ordering is open

Help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the Dec. 7 worship folder. Each plant costs \$14, and donors may take them home after Christmas Eve services. Order forms are available in the office, or you can order and pay online at wilshirebc.org/poinsettias. Deadline to order: Nov. 30.

Active shooter training offered

All staff, deacons, fellowship of the ordained and volunteers in our preschool, children's and youth ministries have received an invitation to participate in a self-paced course called "Active Shooter Situations in Church Settings" through Congregation U, an online platform. This course is intended to help reinforce knowledge that could lead to quick and smart action when faced with this type of situation. While we pray this never happens, the Risk Management Committee feels it is important to equip as many as possible. If you did not receive an invitation to the course and would like to take it, please email Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

McKee ordination set for Nov. 30

All are invited to an ordination service for Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Georgia, who began her residency in August 2024, is a graduate of Wake Forest University School of Divinity and Belmont University.

Thanksgiving **FOOD DRIVES**

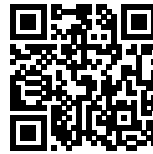
The Wilkinson Center



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

service opportunity for Sunday School classes, other groups or individuals. Scan the above QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives to sign up and see full instructions. Boxes should be brought to Wilshire's South Lobby on Sunday, Nov. 16, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or to the South Parking Lot on Monday, Nov. 17, between 8 and 9 a.m.

White Rock Center of Hope



Wilshire continues a long tradition of providing canned goods for families served by White Rock Center of Hope. Pick up the designated brown paper

bags and shopping list, then fill the bags and return them. Bags brought before Sunday, Nov. 16, can be placed on a table outside the church office. Bags brought on Nov. 16 should be taken to the Sanctuary chancel steps. You can also shop an Amazon wishlist and have items sent directly to WRCOH; scan QR code or find the link at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives.

Bags needed. We welcome your donations of handled brown paper grocery bags like those used at Central Market and Whole Foods.

Contact: Abbey Adcox (aadcox@wilshirebc.org)



Kids' Dance Party rescheduled

Friday, Nov. 14, is the new date for the Children's Ministry Light-Up Dance Party, originally scheduled for Oct. 24. Kids in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to enjoy glow-in-the-dark fun with friends from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Community Hall. There will be snacks, but eat dinner before you come. Please register by Nov. 12 at wilshirebc.org/events/dance-party. Friends are welcome but will need to register.

Marriage Connections is Nov. 14

Marriage Connections will be held Friday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Free childcare (infant-grade 5) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have until 9:30 to themselves. Registration is required for childcare by Nov. 9. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

■ The same childcare is available to **single, adoptive and foster parents**. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/pno by Nov. 9.

Free exercise classes continue

TWU physical therapy students are leading a series of free classes geared toward fall prevention at Wilshire. Classes will be held Mondays through Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. Covering balance, cardio, strength training and more, the classes are a great way to stay active and have fun in a supportive environment. Contact: Parish Nurse Linda Garner (lgarner@wilshirebc.org)



Fireside Chats

Sunday, Nov. 16

5–6:30 p.m. or
6:30–8 p.m.

Wilshire will host Fireside Chats at members' homes on Sunday evening, Nov. 16. This social event with fellowship and light refreshments will deepen connections and provide an intimate setting for us to express our collective gratitude. Sign up to attend at any of the host homes throughout the area. Some sites will start at 5 and end at 6:30, while others will run from 6:30 to 8.



To sign up, visit
wilshirebc.org/events/fireside-chats
or scan the QR code.

Time with Tim on Nov. 16

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to connect with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will meet on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Sign up for Nov. 19 Blood Drive



Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19. There is a critical need for several blood types, including A+, A-, O+, O- and B-.

Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive to make an appointment or scan the QR code.

Columbarium prices to rise Jan. 1

Since being dedicated in 2010, Wilshire's Columbarium has become the resting place for many Wilshire members and their loved ones. We are proud to house this space as a place to memorialize and remember those who have left us. Over the years, we have kept prices steady, but with rising maintenance costs and the necessity to hire a new engraver, we are going to raise the price of single and double niches as well as the price of remembrance markers. Prices will change as follows: a single niche, now \$1,500, will cost \$1,750; a double niche, now \$3,000, will cost \$3,500; a remembrance marker, now \$500, will cost \$750. New prices will take effect in January. Act soon to purchase a niche or marker at the current price. Contact: Chelsea Hopkins (chopkins@wilshirebc.org)

Next Lunch & Learn: Nov. 5



All are invited to Community Hall at 11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays every month for a buffet lunch (\$10) followed by Bible study. Pastoral Resident Amanda Hines will teach Nov. 5. No

RSVP needed; pay at the door.

Let's Organize! meets Nov. 5



The Wednesday Let's Organize! group has identified four advocacy areas of emphasis: gun violence, human rights, immigration and public education. Over the past four sessions, partici-

pants have been breaking these complex challenges into concrete, actionable goals. Together, they are co-creating a safe space to process our current political climate, cultivating hope and equipping one another to be agents of change. In November, the groups will move from discernment to action, finalizing next steps. You're invited to join for the final two sessions, Nov. 5 and 19 at 6 p.m. in the Parlor.

Texas constitutional amendments

On Nov. 4, Texans will vote on 17 amendments to the state constitution — the most at one time since 2003. The measures address issues like property taxes, education and workforce funding, public safety and judicial reform, parental and voting rules and health research. The constitution can only be changed again through another legislative supermajority and state-wide vote — making these decisions long-lasting. Learn about the proposals at texasimpact.org/2025-constitutional-amendments. Register, verify your registration and find polling locations at goelect.txelections.civixapps.com.

Youth Fall Retreat

Wilshire Student Ministry's Fall Retreat will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, to Sunday, Nov. 23, at Camp Copass in Denton. A cost of \$125 covers bus transportation, lodging, meals and a T-shirt. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/fall-retreat.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Nov. 5: New book study
on Living Resistance

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Nov. 5:** Chicken enchiladas, rice & beans, taco soup, chips & salsa, salad, tres leches, sugar cookies, jello. **Kids:** Cheese quesadilla, beans & rice.

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

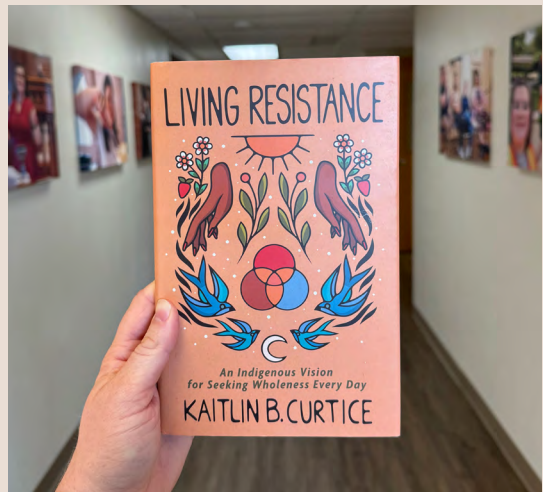
6 p.m. | K–Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others, plus Kindergarten choir.

Watershed

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

Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | Choral Hall | Wilshire's main adult choir rehearses weekly. New singers are always welcome, and there's no audition.



Book study: Living Resistance

6 p.m. | Community Hall | On Nov. 5, 12 and 19 we will study Kaitlin Curtice's *Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day*. In the book, Curtice reclaims resistance as a basic human calling for every human who longs to see their neighbors' holistic flourishing.

■ **Nov. 26:** No Wednesday night activities.

■ **Dec. 3:** Resident-led Vespers.

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



Register for 2026 WOW retreat

Registration is open for Women of Wilshire's 2026 retreat, set for Friday, Feb. 20, through Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Prothro Retreat Center at Lake Texoma. Get away and find community, encouragement and time with God through worship, art, learning and fun. Details and registration at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2026.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Nov. 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margo* by Marianne Cronin. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Nov. 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club

Nov. 18 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Book and Dagger* by Elyse Graham. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

Monthly service opportunities

■ A Wilshire group serves the fourth Friday morning each month at the **Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation's Mobile Food Pantry**. If you can help, contact Charlie Estee at csteedallas@gmail.com.

■ Cindy Estee coordinates volunteers to serve as food pantry assistants at the **Wilkinson Center** the third Tuesday afternoon each month. Contact Cindy at csteedallas@aol.com.

■ Wilshire volunteers serve lunch at the **Stewpot** the second Thursday every month. Contact David Cossum at dc@cossum.com.

This Week

Sunday, Nov. 2

- Service of Remembrance, Columbarium, 9:30 a.m.
- First Grade Sunday School Open House, 2228, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, 11:45 a.m.
- Deacon Nominating Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 3

- Exercise Class, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

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

Wednesday, Nov. 5

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Let's Organize!, Parlor, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6

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

Friday, Nov. 7

- MomCo, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8

- Nova, Choral Hall, 10 a.m.

Grant Stewart

Hometown: Dallas

Present City: Dallas

Education: BFA Wood from Tennessee Tech

Profession: Fine Furniture Maker

Tell us about your family.

My parents, Chris and Al Stewart, are both members at Wilshire. My twin brother Curtis works the cameras for the church's livestream. I have two sisters: Isla is pursuing her PhD in art history at Rutgers in New Jersey, and Emery is living and working in Kentucky with her husband, Nate, and their three amazing cats. I have the best cat in the world, kyonosuke (kyo).

How about your work or volunteer life?

I run a fine furniture studio located in Fair Park. I view my craft as part of my faith experience. Wood is unique in that it is the only craft medium that was fully alive, and its grain tells that story if you know how to read it. I think you can learn a great deal about our God from this great material he has made.

Any favorite hobbies?

I love backpacking and got really into it while living in Tennessee for school. Living so close to the Smoky Mountains was the best! I have been taking part in a regular D&D (Dungeons and Dragons) group since 2017, and I love it. I highly recommend.

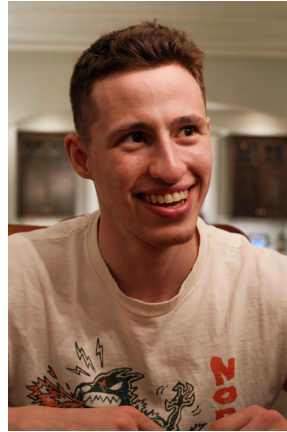
What are your favorite places to travel?

Pretty much anywhere with mountains and anywhere my family is. I recently had the opportunity

to go to Japan for World Wood Day, and I want to go back as soon as possible!

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I am part of the Intersection Class, and I currently teach in First Grade Sunday School.



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

God is telling me to be patient with where I am in life and thankful for the blessings I have in front of me.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I grew up in church but my faith life did not take off until my third attempt at recovery from my addiction to alcohol at the age of 18. As of Sept. 6, 2019, I am six years sober. This recovery journey is not possible without handing the struggle over to God every day.

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

I am red-green color blind. So when you see my hair dyed red, I see it as pink. Which is my favorite color — whatever I know pink to be.

What adjectives best describe you?

Fiercely passionate, protective.

A ministry of caring

New Stephen Ministers needed; training starts in January

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministries is an independent Christian organization founded in 1975 and based in St. Louis, Missouri. It draws its name from the book of Acts, where in chapter 6 Stephen is chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need.

The mission of Stephen Ministry is summed up in Ephesians 4:12-13: "To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

Stephen Ministry is found in congregations from more than 190 Christian denominations across the U.S., Canada and 30 other countries.

What is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are lay members trained to offer one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficulty such as grief, divorce, job loss, illness, aging, financial worries, issues with children or elderly parents or questions about spirituality. A Stephen Minister has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person, ideally once a week, to listen, care, pray, encourage and offer emotional and spiritual support.

New Stephen Ministers are well prepared through 20 weekly training sessions over five months. A few examples of the 25 training topics are: Distinctively Christian Caring, Listening, Feelings, Assertiveness, Boundaries, Crisis Theory and Practice, and Confidentiality. The communication skills learned are valuable for relationships in general, and the friendships that develop with other Stephen Ministers are priceless.

How does it work?

Potential care receivers first meet with our outreach coordinator, who assesses their needs



and matches them with a Stephen Minister. Care receivers must be 18 or older. If there is concern that the life difficulty falls outside our mission or ability to help, referrals to counseling or

other resources are given. Once a relationship is established, it lasts as long as the need persists. ALL communication between care receivers and care givers is confidential.

Another benefit of Stephen Ministry is that it supports our pastors by deepening and extending the caring capacity of our church. Stephen Ministers can provide ongoing care for more people than the pastors could provide alone.

Become a care receiver

We currently have capacity to assist more care receivers. We hope you'll remember Stephen Ministry as a resource for yourself or people you know. To inquire about receiving care, email stephenministry@wilshirebc.org or call our dedicated line, 214-452-3176.

Become a Stephen Minister

A training class for new Stephen Ministers begins in January. If you are looking for an opportunity to serve in a meaningful way, this could be the experience you are seeking.

To learn more, contact Linda Garner at 214-452-3151. You can also fill out our Stephen Minister application form, found at wilshirebc.org/stephen-ministry, and return it by mail to Linda's attention at Wilshire or by email to lgarner@wilshirebc.org.



One Starry Night takes a village

IMAGINE THE VILLAGE OF BETHLEHEM the night Jesus was born — bustling with merchants and artists, musicians and storytellers, beggars and royalty. Now imagine you are a baker, potter, weaver, carpenter, scribe or palace guard, and you're welcoming guests who have come to shop in the colorful tents, register for the census and hear the news about the baby.

You can do that and more on Dec. 19, when One Starry Night fills Community Hall with the sights and sounds of a first-century village. It's an interactive outreach event for the community and an intergenerational experience for church members and their families.

It takes a village to pull off a village such as this, and there are many ways to be involved. Volunteers are needed for a variety of booths and activities: census, palace, scribe, stargazing, Bible storytelling, the manger, musicians, Bethlehem Inn, baker, carpenter, weaver, painter, potter, jeweler, herbs and spices. Help is also needed to set up before and clean up afterward.

Will you consider joining the effort and joining the fun? You can volunteer as an individual, a family, a group of friends or a Sunday School class. If you're ready to sign up, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/osn-volunteer.



If you've already volunteered, watch the *Tapestry* and your email for more details. To learn more, contact LeAnn Hampton at kitel@tx.rr.com or 214-693-7335.

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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/realm.

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.



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