



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**January 11, 2026**  
*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

# Preparing for worship

This time of year is marked by New Year's resolutions that vary from things like living more healthy lifestyles through exercise and nutrition to reading more books and spending less time on screens or traveling more to experience new places. The sentiments around these types of activities and habits are not bad by any means, and yet, so many of them barely make it to the next month as life picks back up. I've even learned that the second Friday of January is unofficially referred to as "Quitter's Day," when many resolutions for the new year are abandoned as motivation dips.

A resolution simply means a firm decision to do or not to do something. Beyond creating and building new habits, the tone of resolution carries more weight to it than what we might first consider. A complex problem or issue is finally resolved; a long-standing dispute finally comes to a mutual understanding. This perspective of resolution leads me to wonder how God's resolution for a weary world was the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. And on this day, called Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus' act of baptism served as his resolution to accept and

begin his ministry and mission.

I invite you this morning to remember your own baptism or reflect on the baptism of another person you have witnessed. Baptism is a proclamation and promise that God loves you and created you uniquely. Through baptism you are welcomed into the big, beautiful, diverse family of God. Baptism symbolizes how we are joined together in Christ's life, death and resurrection. In baptism we are anointed with the Holy Spirit, who strengthens and comforts us. And baptism reminds us we are connected to each other and our journeys are never walked alone. I love how when Wilshire does a baptism we are all invited to stand together in commitment to pray, support and walk alongside the person being baptized. What a beautiful communal resolution!

As you prepare yourself for worship, may you rest in the resolution that you are invited to participate in God's ongoing work in the world. May today's music, prayer, Scripture and message be reminders that you are loved deeply, and you are never alone.

—Amanda Hines



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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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**On the cover:** *Baptism of Jesus*, Liz Valente, 2021. From Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville.

January 11, 2026  
11:00 a.m.  
Baptism of the Lord 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

Georgia McKee

## Prelude

*Down by the Riverside*

arr. Marianne Kim

## +Congregational Song

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
No. 58

ST. DENIO

## +Call to Worship

Elliana Mitchell

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

All: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

One: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: **May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless the people with peace!**

## +Response in Song

ST. DENIO

O Spirit, connect us in baptism free,  
Surprise and surround us, unite us to be  
One people of earth who respond to your call  
To go, as we've gathered, with Good News for all!

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

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** — Isaiah 42:1–9

Cindy Tibbals

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
    or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth,  
    and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the Lord,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
    I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
    a light to the nations,  
    to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord; that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
    I tell you of them.

**Interview** — Meredith Miller

Julie Girards

**Offertory**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Albert L. Travis

**+Gospel Reading** — Matthew 3:13–17

Alistair Jones

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?” Jesus answered, “Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness.” So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was

opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”

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**

*God's Highway*

Sandra McCracken

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear  
I cannot see the way from here  
But on we go, God knows the way  
And in God's arms, we are kept safe

**Fear not, keep on, watch and pray  
Walk in the light of God's highway**

The shadows flee, the valley is deep  
But evil cannot conquer me  
Your rod and staff, they protect me  
You give me rest, you give me peace

**Fear not, keep on, watch and pray  
Walk in the light of God's highway**

I see the shore, from troubled seas  
This tiny ship that carries me  
It is not yet, but it will be  
So heaven come, it's you we need

**Fear not, keep on, watch and pray  
Walk in the light of God's highway**

**I'm holding on to you, Lord  
You're holding on to me**

**Message**

“Community of Memory and Hope”

Timothy Peoples

**Music for Meditation**

*Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*  
Tanya Benson and Shana Gaines, flute duet

arr. Bronwyn Edwards

**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**

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*  
No. 236

ADORO TE DEVOTE  
arr. Jeffrey Brummel

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

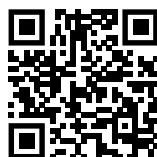
**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel



**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.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Tanya Benson** joined Wilshire in 1991. She serves as director of the Women's Bible Class, plays flute and piccolo in Wilshire Winds and volunteers with the Grief and Loss Center of North Texas. Tanya is a speech pathologist and is retired from Garland ISD.

**Shana Gaines** joined Wilshire in 2006. She is married to Ron, and they are the parents of Abigail, a fifth grader. Shana is a deacon, a member of Odyssey Class and the director of Wilshire Winds. She works as an assistant principal at W.R. Fort Elementary in Royse City ISD.

**Alistair Jones** joined Wilshire this year with his mom, Danielle Gerhart, sister, Eliza Jones and twin brother, Dane Jones. Alistair is a fifth grader at Hexter Elementary School and enjoys drawing and being outdoors. He competes in Academic UIL and recently played a Lost Boy in *Peter Pan* at Bryan Adams High School.

**Meredith Miller** is a pastor, speaker and the author of *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*. An expert on faith formation in children, she holds an M.Div. from Fuller Seminary and serves as co-pastor at Pomona Valley Church in California. All are invited to hear more from Meredith over lunch today in Community Hall.

**Elliana Mitchell** is a junior in the International Baccalaureate program at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she sings in the school choir. She is active in Wilshire's student ministry and sings in Youth Choir and Shekinah. Elliana and her family — parents Keri and Damien Mitchell, younger sister Everly Mitchell and grandfather Hank Mitchell — joined Wilshire in 2023.

**Cindy Tibbals** came to Wilshire in 2003 and met her husband, Fred, here. They attend Compass Class. Cindy is a regular volunteer in Wilshire's children's ministry, teaching Second Grade Sunday School and helping lead Kid-Connect, VBS, Listen to Your Art! Camp and other activities. She also volunteers with Friday Friends. Cindy is a retired science and math teacher.

# 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
- 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

- 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



Wilshire  
BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements  
Jan. 11, 2026

## Meredith Miller

Author, speaker, expert on  
faith formation in children



### Sunday, Jan. 11

**9:45 a.m.:** Adult Sunday School,  
McIver Chapel

**Noon:** Lunch Talk with Q&A,  
Community Hall.

Lunch is free. Priority will be given to those  
who registered in advance.



**Sundays:** Chapel Worship, 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages,  
9:45 a.m. Our 11 a.m. service livestreams at [youtube.com/wilshirebaptist](https://youtube.com/wilshirebaptist). Keep up with  
Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

### Annual Church Conference is next Sunday, Jan. 18

Make plans to attend our Annual Church Conference in Community Hall after 11 a.m. worship next Sunday, Jan. 18. In our only scheduled church conference of the year, we'll adopt a budget, elect deacons and committees and hear updates about the church from Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples and others. Lunch will be provided free of charge.

■ **Childcare** is available (infant-grade 5). Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/church-conference](https://wilshirebc.org/events/church-conference) to register by Wednesday, Jan. 14.

■ **Conference materials and Zoom information** will be available at the URL above closer to Jan. 18. Only in-person attendees will be able to vote.

### Family Day of Service on Jan. 19



Join us Monday, Jan. 19,  
MLK Day, as we partner with Rise Against  
Hunger to pack healthy  
meals from 10 a.m. to  
noon in Community

Hall. There are opportunities to serve while seated and opportunities for preschoolers and elementary age children to serve. Please register and complete a waiver at [events.riseagainsthunger.org/wilshirebaptist2026](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/wilshirebaptist2026). If you can help with setup or cleanup, contact Abbey Adcox ([aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org)).

## Condolences to

**Katie and Steven Murray** on the death of Katie's grandfather, James Isaacks, Jan. 5. Great-grandchildren are **Drew, Annie and James Murray**.

## New deacons recommended

The Deacon Nominating Committee has recommended seven Wilshire members to be ordained as new deacons: Christina Evans, Mike Korson, Patty Latham, Spencer Long, Sue McElveen, Rachel Murphy and Megan Willson. In addition, these deacons were recommended to return to active service: Andrew Burton, Diana Early, Mark Eggert, Larry Granberry, Gladys Kolenovsky, Mike McCullough, Debbie Meripolski, Monica Mullins, Dennis Smith, Hank Thompson and Trey Wilson. Recommendations will be voted on at the Annual Church Conference on Jan. 18, and new deacons will be ordained Jan. 25.

**■ Deacon officers** for 2026 will be: Rhonda Walton, chair; Rob Roden, chair-elect; and Laurie Diffee, vice-chair. Jenny Wolff will continue serving as deacon coordinator.

## Children's Choir starts Jan. 18

Children's Choir (Kindergarten through grade 5) will resume next Sunday, Jan. 18, after the 11 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided for the kids in Room 2223, and rehearsals will follow.

## Rental Assistance Program

 Wilshire's Rental and Utility Assistance Program will soon open for 2026. If you're interested in serving as an intake volunteer, scan the QR code and complete our online form. Join us for orientation on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m. in Room 1205-L.

## Water intrusion project

Be aware that work has begun on the north side of the Sanctuary to resolve our long-standing water intrusion issues. During the project, you will likely not be able to enter the building using the North Atrium doors. The doors from the Prayer Garden to James Gallery should not be impacted. Thank you for your patience.

## Sign up for Jan. 14 Blood Drive

Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14. There is a critical need for several blood types, including A+, A-, O+, O- and B-. To make an appointment, visit [wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive](http://wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive) or scan the QR code on the back cover.

## Adventurers movie on Jan. 20

The Wilshire Adventurers will watch a movie on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. in Community Hall. This free event includes snacks and a screening of *The River of No Return*, starring Marilyn Monroe and Robert Mitchum. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and up.

## Next Lunch & Learn is Jan. 21



Everyone is invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month at 11:30 a.m. for a buffet lunch (\$10) followed by Bible study. The next Lunch & Learn will be held Jan. 21.

## Historical photos, video wanted

Planners for Wilshire's 75th anniversary celebration are hoping church members, especially those who've been around a while, can help us gather Wilshire-related photos and video from bygone decades. If you have anything, even if it's not digitized, reach out to Communications Director Mark McKenzie at [mmckenzie@wilshirebc.org](mailto:mmckenzie@wilshirebc.org).

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE JANUARY 14

## Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit. Prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Jan. 14:** Chicken teriyaki, stir-fry noodles, vegetables, egg rolls, salad, egg drop soup, cheesecake, cookies, jello.

## 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

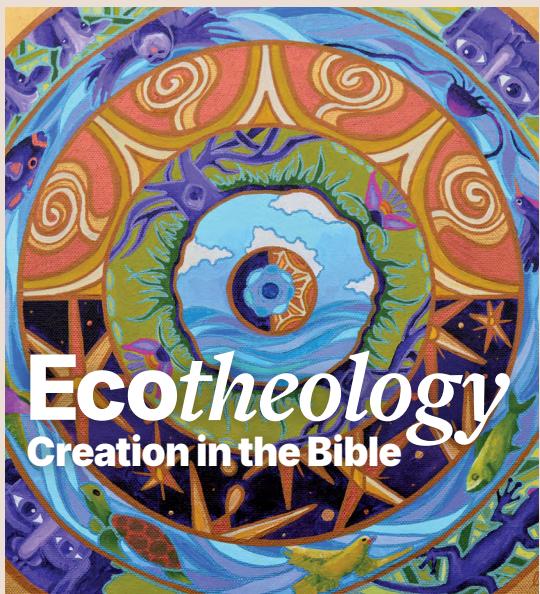
**6 p.m. | K-Grade 5** | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others.

## 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.



## Bible Study

**6 p.m. | Community Hall** | Genesis 1 and 2 are the only accounts of creation in the Bible, right? Well, maybe not. This winter, join Timothy and the residents for a study of creation accounts in Scripture from Genesis to John. This study will look at Scripture through the lens of ecotheology and consider what creation has to say about the Creator.

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

## Parish nurse encourages flu shots

Have you had your flu shot yet? It's not too late. Some people are hesitant because the vaccine doesn't always prevent the flu entirely, but research shows that getting the flu shot significantly reduces the severity of illness. Health officials report that this is the worst flu season in 25 years, making prevention especially important. People who are vaccinated and still get the flu are far less likely to require hospitalization, while those who are unvaccinated may experience more serious complications. COVID-19 is also still circulating, and it can be difficult to tell the difference between the flu, COVID and a common cold since symptoms are often similar. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home, get plenty of rest and drink fluids. Tests are available to help determine the cause of illness. Wearing a mask can help prevent the spread of illness to others. Masks are available at all Wilshire entrances.—*Linda Garner*

## Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Jan. 20 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Gabriel García Márquez. Contact: Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net))

## Women of Wilshire

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, Feb. 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Jan. 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Contact: Debby Burton ([debbyb0929@gmail.com](mailto:debbyb0929@gmail.com))

■ **WOW's 2026 retreat** will be held Feb. 20-22 at the Prothro Retreat Center at Lake Texoma. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2026](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wow-retreat-2026).

## Foundations of Faith 2026 Preview

Looking for a place to grow, ask questions and connect with others on the journey of faith? The Foundations of Faith Sunday School Class offers thoughtful, engaging studies for adults of all ages and backgrounds. Join them in Room 3303 as they explore Scripture, theology and Christian living in a welcoming, discussion-friendly environment. Here's a look at their curriculum for 2026.

### ■ **Christian Theology: The Essentials**

(Jan. 4-Feb. 15). The core doctrines that shape Christian belief: God, Scripture, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, salvation and the church.

### ■ **Faith for This Moment** (Feb. 22-May 10).

How does ancient faith speak to modern challenges? We'll consider culture, ethics and discipleship through a biblical lens.

■ **Bible Lists for Life** (May 17-July 5). We'll study well-known biblical lists to uncover practical wisdom for spiritual growth.

■ **Parables of Jesus** (July 12-Sept. 27). We'll explore Jesus' parables and their transformative vision of God's kingdom.

### ■ **Famously Twisted Verses** (Oct. 4-25).

Commonly misunderstood Scriptures and how to read them faithfully.

### ■ **Signs and Wonders** (Nov. 1-Dec. 13).

We'll close the year by studying Jesus' miracles with insights from Amy-Jill Levine.

## Annette Miller releases book



Wilshire member Annette Miller has published a book complied largely of blog posts she wrote for Wilshire's Facebook page. *Fireflies Dancing in the Dark*, which also includes Annette's poems and short stories, will provide encouragement and inspiration to readers in the face of life's challenges. A copy of the book will be available in the Wilshire Library. Learn more at [lifesyncleadership.com/books](http://lifesyncleadership.com/books).

# 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](http://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/realm](http://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.

# This Week

## Sunday, Jan. 11

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School with Meredith Miller, McIver Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, 1100-B, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Meredith Miller Lunch Talk, Community Hall, noon
- Personnel Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Finance Committee, 1205-L, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.

## Monday, Jan. 12

- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 13

- WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, Jan. 14

- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- History Committee, History Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Rental and Utility Assistance Program Orientation, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Sunday, Jan. 18

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Annual Church Conference, Community Hall, noon

# 2026 Committee on Committees Report

This report of the Committee on Committees will be presented at next week's Annual Church Conference. The committee was chaired by Rachel Murphy and included Ed Francis, Jill Granberry, Patty Latham, Steve Melton, Juliana Moore, John Skinner, Laura Smith, Price Tinsley and Carolyn Murray as staff liaison.

\* indicates chair, \*\* chair-elect

## Building, Interior & Grounds

### *Terms expiring January 2027*

Richard Luttrell  
Dirk Dalhausser\*  
Lee Terry  
Barbara Floyd

### *Terms expiring January 2028*

Sheri Brooks  
Bill Jernberg  
Grant Stewart

### *Terms expiring January 2029*

Gail Williams  
Michael Malcik  
Steve Hallman  
Chris Hines

*Staff Liaisons: Bryant Greer and Heather Mustain*

## Children's Education

### *Terms expiring January 2027*

Julian Vigil  
John Skinner\*  
Jennifer Lovejoy  
Joan Cullum

### *Terms expiring January 2028*

Adrienne McCann  
Drew Easley  
Kim Justice

### *Terms expiring January 2029*

Phillip Stegner  
Robin Pokladnik  
Courtney Carter

*Staff Liaison: Julie Girards*

## Deacon Nominating

### *Terms expiring January 2027*

Mark Eggert\*  
David Duncan  
Staci McNicholas

### *Terms expiring January 2028*

Julie Francis\*\*  
Bob Coleman  
Mary Lu Hare

### *Terms expiring January 2029*

Mike Meripolski  
Mary Skinner  
Tina Johnson

*Staff Liaisons: Timothy Peoples and Chelsea Hopkins*

## Finance

### *Terms expiring January 2027*

Rebecca Cole  
Noel Rivenes\*  
David Colmenero

### *Terms expiring January 2028*

Gabe Leal\*\*  
Gil Herrick  
Sarah Knabe

### *Terms expiring January 2029*

Yonic Medina  
Janet Stegner  
Chris Klemme

*Staff Liaison: Shaffon Alexander and Timothy Peoples*

## History

### *Terms expiring January 2027*

Barbara Peterson  
Steve Terry  
Sondra Wallis  
Max Post\*

### *Terms expiring January 2028*

James Steel  
Carter Adcox  
Randy Patterson

### *Terms expiring January 2029*

Teri Korson  
*Staff Liaisons: Chelsea Hopkins and Carolyn Murray*

## Library

### *Terms expiring January 2027*

Angela Brindle  
John Parnell

### *Terms expiring January 2028*

Ann Marie Mihm  
Amanda Upton  
Laura Smith\*

### *Terms expiring January 2029*

Glenda Shilling  
Ann Hill  
Susan Clarke

*Staff Liaison: Barbara Peterson*

*Youth Representative: Miriam McClung*

Missions and Christian Advocacy

*Terms expiring January 2027*

Julie Bartkoski  
Cindy Estee  
Shana Gaines  
Charlie Estee  
Leigh Ann Brown  
David McCoy  
Shelby Patterson\*  
David Beck

*Terms expiring January 2028*

Keri Mitchell  
Amy Dalhausser  
Bill Jones  
Judy Ward  
Vicki Carlisle  
Gil Brand  
Linda Sacco

*Terms expiring January 2029*

Chrissy Alvarez  
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