



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**February 8, 2026**  
*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

# Preparing for worship

Today is Wilshire's annual Souper Bowl of Caring. For nearly 30 years, Wilshire has offered a soup luncheon on Super Bowl Sunday that benefits hunger and poverty alleviation efforts all over the world. Historically these funds were given to the World Hunger Offering through the Baptist General Convention of Texas, an offering established by the late Wilshire member Phil Strickland, a Baptist giant in both faith and deed. The BGCT would disperse these funds to ministries focused on eradicating hunger and poverty in many different communities all over the world.

When Wilshire was asked to leave the BGCT in 2016, our World Hunger Offering dollars were no longer accepted. So in 2017, Wilshire's Missions Committee immediately voted to rename our offering the Phil Strickland World Hunger Offering, and we became, for the first time, responsible in dispersing all funds raised.

Over the years we've helped build a dormitory for 100 girls in Tanzania, helped a Tanzanian nonprofit buy land for a farm school, supported South Point Market run by Cornerstone Baptist Church in South Dallas, funded a DISD after-school program and supported Delta Hands for Hope, a partner in the Mississippi Delta, among others.

This year's Souper Bowl of Caring provides us the opportunity to practice care and solidarity with our neighbors by supporting grassroots

partners involved in immigration court observation training as well as clergy support and accompaniment at the Dallas ICE field office. These ministries rely on shared generosity to provide office supplies, books and stickers for children, snacks and mutual aid for families whose loved ones have been detained.

Today our communal worship provides us the sacred space to reflect on both our own physical and spiritual hunger; we gather at a table that offers us the nourishment our bodies and souls need, reminding us that we find God in the most mysterious of ways. In her memoir, author Sara Miles recounts her first experience at the table as a then self-proclaimed atheist: "And then we gathered around that table. And there was more singing and standing, and someone was putting a fresh, crumbly bread in my hands, saying 'the body of Christ,' and handing me the goblet of sweet wine, saying 'the blood of Christ,' and then something outrageous and terrifying happened. Jesus happened to me."

I hope that as a community of faith we too will find the outrageous and terrifying love in the generous and outpouring love of God and find the courage to do and be likewise in our giving today.

Go Seahawks.

—Heather Mustain



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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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**February 8, 2026**  
11:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**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**

Heather Mustain

**Prelude**

*Blessed Be the Name of the Lord*

Dale Grotenhuis

Nova

Candy McComb, director; Bill Jernberg, piano

Praise ye the Lord. Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.  
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.  
The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.  
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.  
Praise ye the Lord. Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

**+Congregational Song**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
No. 33

CWM RHONDDA

**+Call to Worship**

Yvette Medina

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Light for my darkness.**

One: Open unto me  
**All: Wisdom for my confusion.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Courage for my fear.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Forgiveness for my sins.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Hope for my despair.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Tenderness for my toughness.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Peace for my turmoil.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Love for my hate.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Joy for my sorrow.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Thy Self for myself.**

One: Open unto me,  
**All: Strength for my weakness.**

One: Lord, Lord,  
**All: Open unto me.**

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

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Isaiah 58:1–12**

Christy Tabor

Shout out; do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced  
righteousness and did not forsake the  
ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
they want God on their side.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not  
notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your  
fast day and oppress all your workers.  
You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and the LORD will say,  
“Here I am.”  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking  
of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of  
many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

**Silence**

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Offertory**

*On Joyful Wing*  
Wilshire Winds  
Shana Gaines, director

Michael Sweeney

**+Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 2:1–12**

Brian Moore

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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**

"Rooted Wisdom"

Maggie Morey

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Maggie Morey

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

*Come Thou Fount*  
Wilshire Winds

arr. Randall Standridge

### Passing of the Cup

*The Road Home*  
Shekinah and Nova

Stephen Paulus

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost so long ago?  
All these years I have wandered, oh, when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,  
Through the air there's a calling from far away,  
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song;  
There is no such beauty as where you belong;  
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

### Passing of the Peace

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

### +Congregational Song

*Christ Be My Leader*  
No. 682

SLANE

### Sharing of Decisions

Maggie Morey

### Benediction

Maggie Morey

### Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

The flowers today are given in memory of Sheila Henning on what would have been her 90th birthday from the Dalhausser and Henning families.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Abbey Adcox** and her husband, Chris, joined Wilshire in 1999 and are parents to three young adults, Carter, Camryn and Collin. Abbey attends Journey Class, serves as a deacon and is co-coordinator of Women of Wilshire. She serves on Wilshire's staff as missions and advocacy coordinator and is serving an internship here as part of her studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology, where she is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

**Yvette Medina** and her husband, Yonic, joined Wilshire last August and attend Ithaka Class. They are parents to Carmen, a young adult, and Mateo, who is 2. Yvette serves on the Missions and Christian Advocacy Committee and on the steering committee for Wilshire's Mom-Co group. She works for USAA in intelligent automation and is active in the Junior League of Dallas and the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

**Brian Moore** and his wife, Allison, joined Wilshire in 2004. Their daughter, Amory, is a sophomore at the University of Missouri. Brian and Allison are members of Journey Class, and Brian recently served on the Building, Interior and Grounds Committee. He is an architect and urban planner.

**Noemi Rios** founded Vecinos Unidos DFW (Neighbors United) last year in response to abuses by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers in immigration courts and during routine check-ins. The organization trains and mobilizes court observers to provide care to those appearing in court and to document potential abuses. Vecinos Unidos DFW was honored as the 2025 Justice Organization of the Year by the Dallas Peace and Justice Center.

**Christy Tabor** joined Wilshire in 2007 and is married to Horace. They are parents to Cate, a freshman at the University of Missouri, and Holden, a ninth grader at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Christy and Horace attend Avodah Class, and Christy recently served on the One Starry Night planning committee. An attorney, Christy is a senior vice president at Selene Title and volunteers with the SPCA.



**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
- 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

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- 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)
- 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  
Feb. 8, 2026



## Lunch today in Community Hall

*Donate or shop Amazon list to support immigration-focused partners*

**T**HIS YEAR'S SOUPER BOWL OF CARING provides us the opportunity to practice care and solidarity with our neighbors by supporting grassroots partners involved in immigration court observation, as well as clergy support at the Dallas ICE field office. These ministries rely on shared generosity to provide office supplies, snacks, books and stickers for children and mutual aid for families whose loved ones have been detained.

Today, Feb. 8, we'll gather in Community Hall at noon for soup and all the fixings. As always, we invite you to donate the amount

you'd spend eating lunch out. Can't stay? Scan the QR code below to give online.

You can also use an Amazon wishlist to provide needed items for our grassroots partners. Monetary gifts will help buy more supplies and sustain the work.

During lunch we'll hear firsthand about how Wilshire is working alongside these partners in faithful presence.



**To access the Amazon wishlist or make an online donation, scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/souper-bowl](https://wilshirebc.org/events/souper-bowl).**



**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.

## Congratulations to

■ Leigh and Keith Curl-Dove on the birth of their daughter, Mia Kathryn, Jan. 28. Leigh is a pastoral residency alum.

## Condolences to

■ Charles Swift, Brian Bunch, David and Dana Bunch and Jeff and Betsy Bunch on the death of their sister and mother, Deanna Bunch, Jan. 23. Grandchildren are Betty Sue, Bobby, Charlie and Cooper and Avery Bunch.

■ Susannah Wisenbaker on the death of her husband, Michael Wisenbaker, Jan. 30.

## Baptism Team seeks larger pool of volunteers

Looking for an easy way to serve? The Baptism Ministry Team is seeking volunteers. Team members are contacted as baptisms are scheduled and may serve as a baptism host — meeting with the individual being baptized, showing them to the baptistry and lighting the candle — or by helping with robe and towel laundry afterward. These roles require minimal time but offer meaningful support to those being baptized. For more information or to sign up, contact Chelsea Hopkins at [chopkins@wilshirebc.org](mailto:chopkins@wilshirebc.org).

## Register by today for Feb. 13 Marriage Connections

Marriage Connections will be held Friday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Free childcare (infant-grade 5) will be provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration is required for childcare by Feb. 8. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections).

■ The same childcare is available to **single, adoptive and foster parents**. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno) by Feb. 8.



## Youth Choir fundraiser is March 1; auction items needed by Feb. 15

The annual Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction will be held Sunday, March 1, in Community Hall after the 11 a.m. service. This event will help fund the group's summer mission tour to Kansas City to sing, serve and sightsee.

■ **Your donated items and services are needed for the silent auction.** Suggestions include restaurant gift cards, new household items, sporting equipment and event tickets. Professional services make great donation items, so if you're a musician, tutor, photographer, baker, designer, accountant or have a service to provide, consider donating a gift certificate of your time or service. Donations are kindly requested by Sunday, Feb. 15. Scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/slsa](http://wilshirebc.org/events/slsa) for donation information and contribution forms, or email [wyc auction@gmail.com](mailto:wyc auction@gmail.com).



## Adventurers Boston trip has room

Sign-ups are underway for the Adventurers' Sept. 20–25 trip to Boston, and we still have room for a few more travelers. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/boston-trip](http://wilshirebc.org/events/boston-trip) to learn more and email Barbara Clayton ([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org)) to learn how to register through our travel partner, Road Scholar. Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and above.

## Lunch & Learn is Feb. 18

Everyone is invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (\$10) and Bible study. On Feb. 18, we'll serve lunch a few minutes early and attend the noon Ash Wednesday service together.

## Faithworks conference discount

Advocacy partner FaithWorks (formerly Fellowship Southwest) will hold its Compassion and Justice Conference on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21, in Austin. Racial justice will be the focus, and speakers will include Malcolm Foley, Agustín Quiles and Robert P. Jones. Wilshire members can use the code "FWChurch" to get 40% off the registration fee. Learn more and register at [faithworks.com](http://faithworks.com).

## Preschool Playdate on Feb. 28

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a Preschool Playdate on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the home of Jessica and Andy Brookshire. Contact: Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins ([kakins@wilshirebc.org](mailto:kakins@wilshirebc.org))

## Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Feb. 17 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *New Seeds of Contemplation* by Thomas Merton. Contact: Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net))



## Two Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 18

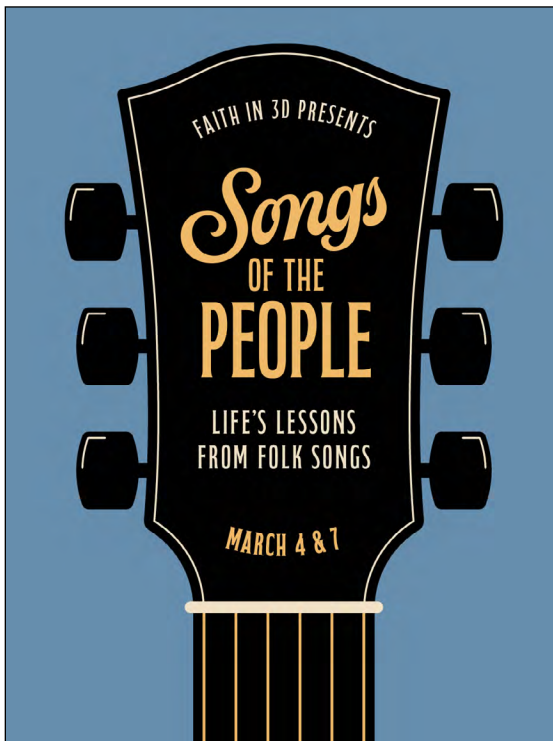
Noon | McIver Chapel  
6 p.m. | Sanctuary

Wilshire will offer Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 p.m. on Feb. 18. Both will include the imposition of ashes. The 6 p.m. service will be held in lieu of regular faith formation offerings; children and youth are encouraged to attend the service. Childcare will be available for preschoolers. Koinonia Café will be offered at 5 p.m.

## Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Feb. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. Contact: Debby Burton ([debbyb0929@gmail.com](mailto:debbyb0929@gmail.com))

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, March 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Fifth Avenue Story Society* by Rachel Hauck. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))



## Faith in 3D is coming March 4 & 7

**W**ILSHIRE'S FAITH IN 3D TEAM will present *Songs of the People: Life's Lessons from Folk Songs* on March 4 and 7. The show will include a wide array of songs, from the lighthearted to the intense, the obvious to the symbolic, the personal to the universal, and the secular to the sacred.

Nancy Poynter and Ralph Manuel return as director and musical director, respectively, with musical help from Jeff Brummel, Darren DeMent, Ariel Merivil and Amy Pottkotter.

*Songs of the People* will be presented Wednesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. The three Ds in Faith in 3D stand for drama, dialogue and dessert.

## Monthly service opportunities

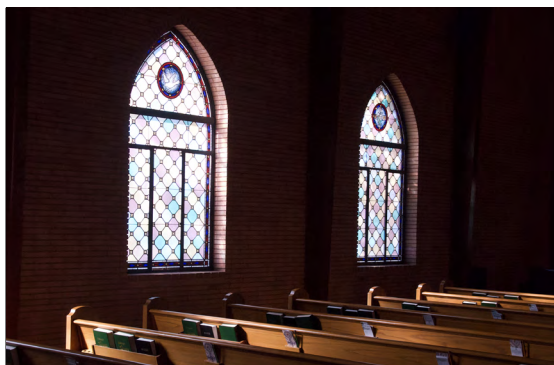
■ A Wilshire group serves the fourth Friday morning each month at the **Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation Mobile Food Pantry**. Contact: Charlie Estee ([cesteedallas@gmail.com](mailto:cesteedallas@gmail.com))

■ Wilshire volunteers serve as food pantry assistants at the **Wilkinson Center** the third Tuesday afternoon each month. Contact: Cindy Estee ([cesteedallas@aol.com](mailto:cesteedallas@aol.com))

■ Wilshire volunteers serve lunch at the **Stewpot** the second Thursday every month. Contact: David Cossum ([dc@cossum.com](mailto:dc@cossum.com))

## Hospitality Team seeks new faces

It takes 20 people each Sunday to staff our Hospitality Ministry Team, and we're looking for additional greeters and ushers to join the team. Serve on your own schedule — often when you'd already be at church. Contact: Barbara Clayton ([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org))



## 9 a.m. Worship

Weekly | McIver Chapel



Childcare available for preschoolers

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FEBRUARY 11

## 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). **Feb. 11 menu:** Chili bar with toppings, buttered corn, cornbread, salad, chocolate cake, 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

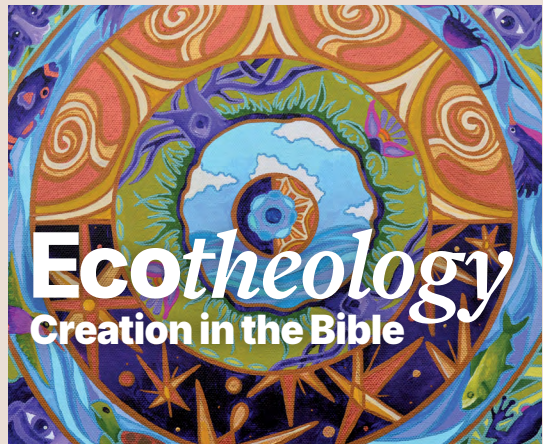
**6 p.m. | K–Grade 5** | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others.

## 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 series concludes

**6 p.m. | Community Hall** | Genesis 1 and 2 are the only accounts of creation in the Bible, right? Well, maybe not. Join Timothy and the residents for a study of creation accounts in Scripture from Genesis to John.

## Looking ahead

Wednesday Feb. 18, will include Koinonia Café at 5 p.m. followed by an Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. See page 11 for more details.

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



# Charlotte Barker

**Present City:** Dallas

**Education:** I am in 6th Grade at Berry Middle School in Mesquite ISD.

**Tell us about your family.**

I am 11 years old and will turn 12 in March. I have two sisters, Alison, 15, and Randi, 33. My dad is Chris, and my mom is Rachel. My grandma is Barbara Baker. I have three cats and a dog.

**What do you like to do for fun?**

I love to draw and play video games on my Virtual Reality headset. I enjoy being with my friends at church and school.

**What aspirations do you have for the future?**

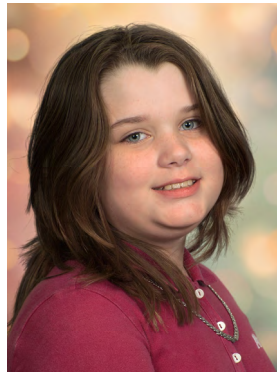
I want to go to Vanguard High School and become a dentist.

**What is your favorite subject at school?**

At school, I enjoy my math and science classes and am in the Battle of the Books Club. However, art is my favorite class.

**Where would you like to travel?**

I love to go to East Texas in the summer. If I could go anywhere, I would like to go to Hawaii or Disney World.



**Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

I joined Wilshire with my family, including my grandma, in February 2025. I am active in the Wilshire Student Ministry youth group and the Youth

Choir. I am looking forward to the choir tour to Kansas City and returning to Youth Camp this summer.

**Tell us about your faith journey.**

I am not embarrassed about my faith in God and tell my classmates how God sent Jesus to die for our sins. I was baptized in September 2021.

**What's something interesting most people wouldn't know about you?**

I love to cook, go to the mall and shop on Shein. I enjoy listening to my Spotify playlist, smelling new and favorite scents at Bath and Body Works, skin care and makeup.

■ If you'd like to be featured in I Am Wilshire, contact Carolyn Murray at [cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

# 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, Feb. 8**

- Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Time with Tim, Pastor's Office, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Souper Bowl of Caring, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2223, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Pathways to Ministry Committee, 2312, 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, Feb. 9**

- Wilshire Winds, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

## **Tuesday, Feb. 10**

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

## **Wednesday, Feb. 11**

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 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.

## **Thursday, Feb. 12**

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## **Friday, Feb. 13**

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.

## **Saturday, Feb. 14**

- Memorial Service for Deanna Bunch, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

# 2026 Summer

## CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

Registration opens for Wilshire members Feb. 15. Grab your spots before public registration starts Feb. 23!

### VBS: #KIDSCONNECT

**Mon.-Thu., June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon.**

Older preschool through completed grade 5. Free.

### KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 9 a.m.-noon**

Older preschool through completed Kindergarten. \$50.

### COOKING CAMP

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Completed grades 1 through 5. \$125.

### LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 12:30-5 p.m.**

Completed grades 1 through 5. \$125.

### FULL-DAY COOKING & ART

**Mon.-Fri., July 6-10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Full-day for grades 2 through 5. \$225.

### PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

**Sun.-Wed., July 19-22.**

Overnight camp for completed grades 3 through 5. \$450.

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## Get in on the 75th anniversary fun

Wilshire will mark its 75th anniversary this year, culminating in a festive June weekend, and we need your help! From planning to hosting, there are lots of ways you can be



involved in our milestone celebration. Scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/75](http://wilshirebc.org/75) to check out our SignUpGenius and see where you can plug in.

## Save these dates

**Saturday, June 13 | 4:45-7:30 p.m.** | The church will be open for you to come, see and gather. At 6 we'll meet in the Sanctuary for reflections and remembrances.

**Sunday, June 14 | 11 a.m.** | 75-Minute Worship Celebration.

**[wilshirebc.org/75](http://wilshirebc.org/75)**