



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

She asked, “Do you have nightmares?”

I paused before answering. “Not particularly.”

“What about dreams?” she asked almost immediately. “Uh ... not very vivid dreams,” I replied.

I love my therapist. She’s perceptive enough to ask questions I don’t expect and patient enough to sit with the silence that follows them. But the moment I answered, I knew I hadn’t told the whole truth. It wasn’t exactly a lie. My nights are often quiet. But my waking hours are not. The truth is, I have nightmares all the time.

I carry the nightmare of a world where inequity has become so ordinary that many people no longer notice it. A world where systems designed to serve people instead protect power, and where those with the loudest voices often choose silence when it matters most.

I watch giant institutions and empires cast shadows over ordinary people — people who work tirelessly, who do everything they were told would lead to stability and yet find themselves one missed paycheck, one medical emergency or one unexpected expense away from losing everything. There is something haunting about watching hardworking families fight uphill battles every day while knowing the climb never seems to end.

Another is watching people become numb to suffering. We scroll past stories of injustice until they become background noise. We convince ourselves someone else will speak up, some-

one else will intervene, someone else will care enough to make a difference.

Perhaps the nightmare that weighs most heavily on my heart is the Church. Not because I’ve lost faith in Christ, but because I have seen too many expressions of Christianity lose sight of Christ. I grieve when the Church bows to power instead of standing beside the vulnerable. When comfort becomes more important than compassion. When preserving influence takes precedence over pursuing justice.

These are the nightmares I live with. But they are not the whole story.

I dream of communities that choose courage over comfort. I dream of neighbors who refuse to let injustice become ordinary. I dream of churches that resemble Jesus more than politics, where love is measured not by words but by sacrifice, humility and action.

I dream of a world where a person’s dignity is never determined by their race, income, immigration status or ZIP code. A world where children inherit opportunity instead of obstacles, and where compassion is not viewed as weakness but as strength.

The nightmares remind me what is broken.

The dreams remind me what is possible.

And maybe that’s the tension we are all called to live in, not pretending the darkness isn’t there but refusing to stop imagining the light.

—Timothy Peoples



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

4316 Abrams Road | Dallas, Texas 75214 | 214-452-3100 | wilshirebc.org

Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship | Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

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

On the cover: *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*, Kelly Latimore.

July 26, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Rob Roden

Prelude

Prelude on FOREST GREEN

arr. Ron Boud

+Congregational Song

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us

CWM RHONDDA

1. God, our mo - ther, you have led us to this mo - ment in this place.
2. God, our fa - ther, your son taught us our lives lost for him are gain.
3. God, the Spir - it, ev - er lead us from this mo - ment in this place.

Fo - cused here, with - in and 'round us, dreams and hopes u -
Help us, then, re - joice in chal - lenge 'til our lives your
Help us see di - vine po - ten - tial in each chal - lenge,

nite with grace. God, our mo - ther, you have led us.
goals at - tain. God, our fa - ther, your son taught us.
in each face. God, the Spir - it, you have led us.

Through your spir - it lead us still. Through your spir - it lead us still.
Through your spir - it lead us still. Through your spir - it lead us still.
Through your spir - it lead us still. Through your spir - it lead us still.

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

+Call to Worship

Lauren Anne Cove

One: Loving God, you have led us to this moment in this place

All: So let us trust we are exactly where we are meant to be.

One: Come now, all who thirst

All: And drink the water of life.

One: Come now, all who hunger

All: And be filled with good things.

One: Come now, all who seek

All: And be warmed by the fire of love.

+Response in Song

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.**

Psalm Reading — Psalm 119:129–136

Cate Tabor

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.
With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.
Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept.

Children's Moment

Felix Guthrie

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
Sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure,
Touch in me grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God.
Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

+Gospel Reading — Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Christina Evans

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ... “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Here I Am, Lord
No. 482

HERE I AM, LORD

Message

“Kingdom Comparisons”

Katie Murray

Anthem

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Summer Drop-In Choir

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man that you are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia.
The majesty and glory of your name.
Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

Heather Mustain

Silence

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

+Congregational Song

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
No. 438

EBENEZER

Sharing of Decisions

Katie Murray

Benediction

Katie Murray

Postlude

Fanfare on AUSTRIAN HYMN

Gordon Young

Cindy Fuller, guest organist

Meet today's worship leaders

Lauren Anne Cove joined Wilshire in 2020 and attends Ithaka Class along with her partner, Collin Yarbrough. Lauren is a deacon and sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova. She works as a learning and development professional and is completing her doctorate in education from the University of Southern California.

Christina Evans and her husband, Mark, joined Wilshire in 2024 with their two kids, Liam, 7, and Eliana, 5. Christina and Mark are members of Labyrinth Class, which Christina co-directs. She is also a deacon and serves on the Visioning Team and the Preschool Education Committee.

Felix Guthrie is a rising sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, where he studies education. He is currently serving a summer internship here in children's ministry and attended Passport Kids! Camp last week. Felix grew up at Wilshire and is a 2025 graduate of DISD's School for the Talented and Gifted. His mother is Emily Muscarella, and his two siblings are Joseph and Judith.

Ava McClung, Miriam McClung and Ruby McClung are the three daughters of Carole and Britt McClung. The family joined Wilshire in 2010. Ava is a recent graduate of Rice University and will begin work on a Master of Divinity degree at Yale Divinity School this fall. Miriam graduated from Lake Highlands High School in May and is headed to Carleton College in Minnesota. Ruby is a rising sophomore at Lake Highlands High School.

Rob Roden has been a Wilshire member since 1998. He and his wife, Michelle, attend Journey Class and are parents to two adult children, Henry and Emma. Rob is chair-elect of deacons and serves on the Lord's Supper and Hospitality Ministry Teams. He works as an executive recruiter at Alvarez and Marsal.

Cate Tabor will soon start her second year at the University of Missouri, where she studies journalism with a sports broadcasting focus. A 2025 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Cate grew up at Wilshire and was involved in Wilshire Student Ministry. Her parents are Christy and Horace Tabor, and she has one brother, Holden.



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, submit a prayer request or join Wilshire as a member. 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)
- Charlie Fuller, Coach in Residence (3123)
- 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 McCrae, Director of Finance (3131)

Food Services

- Diego Arreguin, Steward
- Heather Bruhn, Sous Chef
- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- 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)
- 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

- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)

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
July 26, 2026

SONGS FROM THE BASEMENT



SUN | AUG 2 | 5 PM

Musical celebration will mark Darren's 30th anniversary next Sunday

Associate Pastor Darren DeMent will be honored on Sunday, Aug. 2, for his 30th anniversary of ministry at Wilshire. He will be recognized in worship, and then everyone is invited back at 5 p.m. for a musical celebration in the Sanctuary.

Themed “Songs From the Basement,” the singalong event will feature Darren and others leading songs beloved by generations of Wilshire youth. This body of songs has become familiar to the wider church through their use in worship in recent years.

Darren said, “Whether you know the songs or not, I think it’s going to be good because we’re putting some really good singers and musicians on stage. If you’ve been to one of our Songwriter Vespers, it’ll be a similar cast of characters.”

A reception will follow the evening event in James Gallery.

Darren came to Wilshire as a student ministry intern in 1996, was named minister to students in 1999 and became associate pastor in 2020.



Sundays: Chapel Worship (currently on break), 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. worship livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

Dynamic speaker coming for parent and teacher events

BY KELLY AKINS

I MET HARRISON LITZELL in Vancouver, Canada, at the Godly Play Gathering, and then again when a group of us traveled to Waco for a conference on children's spirituality and neurodivergence in the church.



Harrison is a dynamic speaker and is extremely knowledgeable about several subjects: parenting, because he has two children of his own; children's spiritual formation, because he has a theology background; and neurodivergence, because of extensive research and hands-on experiences.

Every time I hear him, I learn something new and come away with things to ponder. He gives practical tips on ways to deal with children and invites interaction in his presentations.

We have two opportunities to hear him, and you will not want to miss this, I promise!

On Saturday, Aug. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m., parents, grandparents or anyone who deals with children are invited to come to the home of Gail and Steve Brookshire for heavy hors d'oeuvres, fellowship and a time of conversation and learning with Harrison. Childcare will be provided, and registration is required.

On Sunday, Aug. 9, from noon to 2:30 p.m. in Community Hall, we will offer a time of training for our teachers. This event will be different from the Saturday session and is highly recommended for anyone who teaches children of any age. Lunch will be provided, childcare is available and registration is required.

Come join us for these exciting events! Register at wilshirebc.org/events/litzell.

Condolences to

Gerald and Glenda Shilling on the death of their grandson, Ezra Shilling, July 20.

Blood Drive going on now

Carter BloodCare is holding a blood drive at Wilshire this morning, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome; look for the Carter bus on Ravendale near the porte cochere. With fewer people giving blood during summer, there is an urgent local need for certain blood types. All donors during July will receive a stainless steel canteen bottle; type O negative and O positive donors will receive a \$50 e-gift card.

Teach children or preschoolers to connect across generations

Being an intergenerational church is one of Wilshire's greatest strengths, and one of the best ways to live that out is by serving in Sunday School with our children or preschoolers. You'll build relationships with kids, get to know their families and play an important role in nurturing the faith of the next generation. Contact Minister to Children Julie Girards or Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins to learn more.

Sanctuary Choir is open to all

Did you know Sanctuary Choir is open to anyone who would like to sing? There's no audition, and we'd love to have you join. The choir will start a new year with a retreat on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, and its first regular rehearsal this fall will take place Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. in Choral Hall. If you're interested, email Ariel Merivil or Carol Cabaniss to get started.

75th anniversary booklet

Many of the 75th anniversary features that ran in *Tapestry* have been compiled into a keepsake booklet. You can pick up a copy in the office and other locations around the building.

Annette Thornburg Owen named Pathways to Ministry director

ANNETTE THORNBURG OWEN, a Wilshire pastoral residency alum with experience in local church ministry and theological education, has been named director of Wilshire's Pathways to Ministry program. She will start Aug. 31.

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said, "We were fortunate to have an outstanding group of applicants, and Annette stood out from the very first interview. It is a true joy to welcome her back to Wilshire. Her gifts and vision are tailor-made for our residency program, and I look forward to working alongside her!"

Annette has been a chaplain at TCU's Brite Divinity School for the last year. She previously worked three years as coordinator for the Baptist House of Studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. From 2017 to 2022, Annette was pastor of Community Baptist Church in Warrenville, Illinois.

"Because the Pathways program was such a formative part of my own ministerial journey," Annette said, "I'm very excited and deeply honored to be part of it again to help the next generation of leaders discern their call, discover their gifts and find their voice."

After serving as a Wilshire resident from 2011 to 2013, Annette completed a CPE chaplain residency at Methodist Hospital in Dallas, worked as a hospice chaplain and co-pastored Church in the Cliff.

Originally from Ohio, Annette earned a BA in English and religion at Denison University, served with AmeriCorps in West Virginia and earned a Master of Divinity degree at the University of Chicago Divinity School. She is ordained in the American Baptist tradition.

The Pathways to Ministry Committee worked with Timothy to screen and interview candidates. Committee chair Rick Hibbs said, "In her conversations with the committee, Annette led



Annette Thornburg Owen with her husband, David Owen, and their two-year-old son, Conrad.

with empathy and curiosity. She has valuable insight from her time as a resident but no preconceptions for the program. Instead, she shares our values and expectations and our hopes and dreams. We are thrilled for her and for Wilshire as she takes this important position."

Annette lives in Oak Cliff with her husband, David Owen, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, and their son Conrad, who is two.

Annette follows Charlie Fuller, who retired from the Pathways director role in May. A new class of pastoral residents, James Dolph and Bryce Shelton, will begin work Aug. 3.

FALL Kickoff

KIDCONNECT

FAMILY DINNER

MUSIC

MISSIONS

WORSHIP

WATERSHED

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

9 a.m. Worship resumes

Our weekly contemplative service in McIver Chapel explores spiritual practices and includes music, Scripture, prayer and a message.

Promotion Sunday

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during 11 a.m. worship on Aug. 16. Children can bring their school bags to church and will be invited to the front to receive a back-to-school blessing.

Kickoff Lunch

Join us at noon for a BBQ lunch in Community Hall. Adults, \$10; kids 4–9, \$5; free for 3 and under; household max: \$35. Cash/check/credit accepted at the door.

■ **Volunteers eat free.** Find a sign-up link at wilshirebc.org/events/fall-kickoff.

Children's and Youth Choirs will begin rehearsals after church on Sunday, Aug. 23.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

Family Dinner

5 p.m. | **Community Hall** | New name, same great buffet dinner. Kid-friendly options available. Cash/check/credit accepted.

Preschool Music & Missions

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

KidConnect

6 p.m. | **K– Grade 5** | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves. Includes choir for Kindergartners.

Spiritual Formation

6 p.m. | Our lineup for adults will include a variety of opportunities to help you grow in your faith: Bible and book studies, topical series, missions activities, resident-led Vespers and more.

Watershed

6:30 p.m. | **Grades 6–12** | Wilshire Student Ministry's midweek gathering.

Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | **Choral Hall** | New singers are always welcome. No audition.

Wilshire seeks music educator for children's choir role

Wilshire is looking for a children's choir coordinator to help shape the next generation of musicians and worshipers in our community. This part-time position is an ideal fit for a current or former music educator who is looking for a church home that welcomes all people and takes both music and formation seriously. Learn more at wilshirebc.org/employment.

Ways to serve with our partners



To see how you can serve alongside other Wilshire members with one of our mission or advocacy partners, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/serve.

College class ends Aug. 9

A Sunday School class for college students will meet through Aug. 9 in Room 2202. All college students are welcome, whether they're around all summer or can only pop in a few times.

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Aug. 18 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Superbloom: How Technologies of Connection Tear Us Apart* by Nicholas Carr. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

WOW Book Clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Aug. 11 | 6:30 p.m. | 1205-G | *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Contact: Debby Burton (debbyb0929@gmail.com)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, Aug. 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Wired for Wonder

Helping Children Grow in Faith, Connection and Wholeness



Saturday, Aug. 8

Parent Session 6–9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 9

Teacher Training
Noon–2:30 p.m.

Wired for Wonder: Helping Children Grow in Faith, Connection and Wholeness will be the theme when Wilshire welcomes Harrison Litzell on Aug. 8 and 9. A children's ministry expert, Litzell helps churches engage with issues of inclusion, childhood spirituality and neurodiversity through Mercer University's Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership. On Saturday, Aug. 8, Litzell will meet with parents from 6 to 9 p.m. at the home of Gail and Steve Brookshire. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dessert will be served. On Sunday, Aug. 9, Litzell will offer a teacher training from noon to 2:30 p.m. with lunch provided. Childcare will be available for both events. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/litzell.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Here are some ways to make a financial contribution to Wilshire.

ONLINE. Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at wilshirebc.org/give.

REALM CONNECT APP. Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/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 McCrae'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, July 26

- Drop-In Choir, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- First Grade Sunday School Family Lunch, 2202, noon

Wednesday, July 29

- WSM Study-n-Ping Pong, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.
- WSM Girls Night In, Youth Center, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 2

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Songs from the Basement, Sanctuary, 5 p.m.
- Darren DeMent 30th Anniversary Reception, James Gallery, 6 p.m.

Subscribe to sermon podcast

Sermons from Timothy Peoples and other Wilshire preachers are available as a weekly audio podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and other podcast platforms. Search for "Wilshire Baptist Church" on your platform of choice.

Counseling on-site at Wilshire

The Center for Integrative Counseling and Psychology provides therapy and psychological assessments for kids, teens and adults. The Center has offices across the Dallas area, including at Wilshire. They take insurance and offer a wide variety of services. Schedule an appointment at thecentercounseling.org or by calling 214-526-4525.



BLOOD *Drive*



Receive a
**Stainless-Steel
Canteen***



Amanda from **Van, TX**
Blood Recipient

Sunday, July 26, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Wilshire Baptist Church
Carter BloodCare Bus
4316 Abrams
Dallas, TX 75214

**Schedule an
appointment**



CarterBloodCare.org
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

*While supplies last. Appreciation gifts may be substituted for a different gift.

207134

Kristin Cabaniss

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

In 1961, my parents were married at Wilshire in a ceremony officiated by Bruce McIver. When I was born in December 1965, I became an instantaneous member of the cradle roll department led by Nina Knox.

What ministries or staff members have impacted your life?

I often refer to Wilshire as the village that raised me. It is the place I first encountered Jesus, grew in my understanding of the depth of his love for me and committed to a lifelong relationship with him. I was baptized by Bruce McIver in the summer following my 5th-grade year. As my pastor from birth through young adulthood, Bruce perhaps influenced my faith journey more than any other person. As a child I was at Wilshire every time the doors were open, and so many people poured into me during that time. My favorite and most formative years were my time in the youth group. Both my youth director, Neal Jeffrey, and our choir director, Bill James, played huge roles in my spiritual growth and preparing me to serve and minister as I transitioned into adulthood.

What are some favorite memories?

My favorite memories center around the music ministry and camp experiences. I loved the musicals we performed in Young Musicians and Youth Choir. I also loved escaping the chaos of “real life” with my church friends, whether that was preteen camp, Disciple Now retreats,



youth camps, or the opportunity I had to travel all over the country with Youth Choir. I feel incredibly blessed that growing up at Wilshire afforded me so many amazing opportunities, yet even more so connected me with so many lifelong friends.

Why have you stayed for so long?

While I’ve remained connected to Wilshire through my family for the past 60 years, when I graduated from Baylor in 1989, I began attending another church in the area with friends. In 2014, I decided it was time to come “home.” I was drawn to George Mason’s vision and passion for those populations that had been pushed to the margins and often out of the church for way too long. I believed in the mission of Wilshire and moreover that Jesus calls us to build bridges, not walls. In September 2014, I joined Wilshire once again, and as they say, the rest is history.