



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

August is a weird month. As many families round out their summer routines, college students head back to school, and the attention turns away from vacationing to the hustle and bustle of schedules, it can be difficult to be present. Our attention is focused on what will be.

Try not to let today slip past you. The conversations we will have, the songs we will sing, the Scripture we will read can be helpful along the journey. Our minds are often centered on the future. On the other hand, as we age, we start to orient our lives toward the past. We hold dear the memories of people, places and moments that meant so much to us.

It takes intentional courage to sit in the present. Our lives are lived in the ordinary. God works in ordinary people: lowly shepherds, imperfect families and those who worship, work and witness in plain ways on regular days.

During trips with Wilshire's youth group, Darren talks about how there will never again be this exact group gathered in this place in the same way ever again. The same can be said about a summer Sunday. Our gathering may look different this week from next week, and there is beauty in the mundane — in regularity

and consistency — in recognizing the need for community on significant days and on normal ones.

The ancient Greek word *kairos* points to this concept. It translates to “time,” but a kind of fleeting, opportune, appointed moment. What could change about our perspective if we viewed this “regular” Sunday as an appointed moment along the journey of our lives?

The anthem this morning, “The Impossible Dream,” carries this idea within its message. It takes countless normal days to reach impossible dreams. Faithfully choosing to be present in the moment allows us the space to rest, grow, learn and seek after God with our very lives. What a truly glorious quest it is to pursue calm and peace. It takes courage and can often feel impossible, but God promises to be with us as we go.

So, as you prepare for worship today, take a deep breath. Feel your lungs expand and contract. Smile at a neighbor. Check in with yourself and those around you. These routine practices matter. God is with us. Let us be present with ourselves and with one another.

—Jordann McMahan



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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.

On the cover: *Joseph and Brothers at the Well*, P. Solomon Raj, 2016 | Eyekons

August 9, 2026
11:00 a.m.
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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

Voluntary in G Major

John S. Dixon

+Congregational Song

How Firm a Foundation
No. 425
Stanzas 1–4

FOUNDATION

+Call to Worship

Harrison Litzell

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

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

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

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

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

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

+Response in Song

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.**

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

O give thanks to the LORD; call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing to the LORD, sing praises to the LORD;
tell of all God's wonderful works.
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice.
Seek the LORD and God's strength;
seek God's presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works God has done,
God's miracles and the judgments
God has uttered,
O offspring of the LORD's servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

...

When God summoned famine against the land
and cut off every supply of bread,

God had sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, who had been sold as a slave.
His feet were hurt with fetters;
his neck was put in a collar of iron;
until what he had said came to pass,
the word of the LORD kept testing him.
The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He made him lord of his house
and ruler of all his possessions,
to instruct his officials at his pleasure
and to teach his elders wisdom.
...
Praise the LORD!

Offertory

Pianosong

Paul Halley

Jeff Brummel, organ, and Ariel Merivil, piano

+Reading from Hebrew Scriptures — Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

James Dolph

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. ... Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to

them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

Speak, O Lord
 No. 280

SPEAK, O LORD

Message

“Killing Dreams”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

The Impossible Dream
 Audrey Pottkotter, soprano
 Amy Pottkotter, piano

Mitch Leigh

To dream the impossible dream, to fight the unbeatable foe,
 To bear with unbearable sorrow, to run where the brave dare not go,

To right the unrightable wrong, to love pure and chaste from afar,
 To try when your arms are too weary, to reach the unreachable star!

This is my quest, to follow that star,
 No matter how hopeless, no matter how far,
 To fight for the right without question or pause,
 To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!

And I know, if I'll only be true to this glorious quest,
 That my heart will lie peaceful and calm when I'm laid to my rest.

And the world will be better for this, that one man, scorned and covered with scars,
 Still strove with his last ounce of courage, to reach the unreachable stars.

Prayers of the People

Gina Biddle

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

To Worship, Work and Witness
No. 263

WEBB

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

**As your community of faith, we commit ourselves to be the family
of God for you; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our
hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you as
we are shaped together by the Spirit of Jesus Christ.**

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisations on themes from the day

Jeff Brummel

Flower dedications

In honor of Peggy and Sam Tinsley and in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary
by Steve and Angie, Price and Sara, Abigail and Jacob, Ryan, Gillian and Anabelle.

In memory of Glen Schmucker by his many Wilshire friends.

Meet today's worship leaders

Collin Adcox grew up at Wilshire. His parents are Chris and Abbey Adcox, and his siblings are Carter and Camryn. Collin is an accounting major at the University of Georgia in the Morehead Honors College. He is also active in the university's Atlas Business Society.

Gina Biddle joined Wilshire in 2014 and is a member of Discovery Class. Last year, Gina retired from her role as a palliative care chaplain at UT Southwestern Medical Center after 23 years. She now volunteers at UT Southwestern in the Spiritual Care Department, where she supports special projects. Gina also volunteers with VITAS Hospice.

Harrison Litzell is a special guest at Wilshire this weekend, leading sessions for parents and teachers on children's spiritual formation. As program coordinator for the Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology, Harrison works to support churches in the areas of neurodivergence and disability inclusion in children's ministry. He lives near Atlanta in a multigenerational home that includes his parents, his partner and their two children.

Audrey Pottkotter just completed her third straight summer as a music ministry intern at Wilshire. A 2023 graduate of Lake Highlands High School, Audrey is heading into her senior year at Oklahoma City University, where she is pursuing a bachelor of music in musical theater.



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.

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- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- Bryce Shelton, Pastoral Resident (3153)

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- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
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Tapestry



News & Announcements
August 9, 2026

FALL Kickoff

Here's our game plan
for next 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



Children are encouraged to bring their school bags to church, and they will be invited to the front for a back-to-school blessing during the 11 a.m. service.

In 11 a.m. Worship: Defining Our Purpose

Instead of a sermon, worship at 11 will feature a discussion among Wilshire ministers on the theme "Defining Our Purpose" — why we do the things we do and why they matter.

Kickoff Lunch after church



Join us at noon for 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-lunch.

Children's and Youth Choirs will begin rehearsals Aug. 23.



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.

New members

James Dolph
Bryce Shelton

Teacher training session today



Children's ministry expert Harrison Litzell (see worship leader bio) will lead a session for teachers today after worship in Community Hall. The training is open to anyone, whether you work with kids at Wilshire or somewhere

else or are simply interested in child development. Those who registered in advance will be given priority for lunch and childcare.

Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

Wilshire Welcome, an informal one-hour session to help guests and new members learn about the church, will meet Sunday, Aug. 16, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near McIver Chapel. No RSVP needed. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

WOW celebrates Abbey Adcox

All Women of Wilshire are invited to celebrate departing Wilshire staffer Abbey Adcox with a get-together at Cedar & Vine on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. Come for a nibble (light bites provided) or stay longer and have dinner. Abbey has served as a WOW ministry leader and is starting a new job at FaithWorks.

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, Sept. 3 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Sunday School session next week: Parenting in the Pew

PROMOTION SUNDAY on Aug. 16 marks an exciting milestone for Wilshire's kindergarten families as children begin attending worship with their parents for the first time.

To help make that transition a positive one, Minister to Children Julie Girards will host Parenting in the Pew, a special Sunday School conversation for parents on Aug. 16. While designed with kindergarten families in mind, the session is open to anyone who wants to think more intentionally about worshiping with children. The session will be held in the Preschool Multipurpose Room (1350) at 9:45 a.m.

The discussion will explore realistic expectations for having children in worship, practical ways to help kids engage in the service and ideas for making worship more meaningful for the whole family. An experienced parent panel will share what they've learned, offer encouragement and answer questions.

Parent partners sought

Julie is also looking for experienced parents, grandparents and others who would be willing to partner with a new kindergarten family during worship over the weeks and months ahead. Simply sitting together can provide a welcoming face, encouragement and support as families settle into this new rhythm of worship. This ministry is about more than easing a transition. It is an opportunity to build meaningful intergenerational relationships. Research consistently shows that children who develop connections with caring adults beyond their own parents at church are more likely to develop a lasting, mature faith.

■ If you're interested in partnering with a family, contact Julie at jgirards@wilshirebc.org.

WILSHIRE ADVENTURERS

Two Adventurers events

■ The Wilshire Adventurers will visit the Dallas **Holocaust and Human Rights Museum** on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 10:15 a.m. The group will see the museum's special exhibit, "The Walt Disney Studios and World War II." Admission is \$12 each, and registration is required. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/disney to sign up.

■ On Sunday, Oct. 4, Wilshire member Teri Walker will offer a **Tech Talk on AI** (artificial intelligence) over lunch in Community Hall. Teri will equip us to confidently navigate this quickly evolving phenomenon. This Adventurers-hosted event is open to anyone. Registration is not required, but you can make sure you get lunch by signing up at wilshirebc.org/events/ai.

Midday on Abrams starts Sept. 2

Starting Sept. 2, Wilshire will offer Midday on Abrams, a new monthly event with lunch, fellowship and informative guest speakers on a variety of topics. Midday on Abrams will be offered the first Wednesday every month. Lunch (\$10 ea.) will start at 11:30 a.m., and the program will run from noon to about 12:45 p.m.

All are welcome at Aug. 15 Sanctuary Choir retreat

Did you know Sanctuary Choir is open to anyone? There's no audition, and we'd love to have you. The choir will kick off the fall with a retreat on Saturday morning, Aug. 15. Regular rehearsals begin Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. in Choral Hall. Email Ariel Merivil or Carol Cabaniss to get started.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE Kicks off Aug. 19



Wear a shirt or jersey from your favorite team or school as we get into the fall spirit!

Family Dinner

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

Preschool Music & More

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, 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.



Youth and Children's Choirs

■ **Youth Choir** (grades 6–12) will resume rehearsals Sunday, Aug. 23, at 12:30 p.m. in Choral Hall after a provided lunch.

■ **Children's Choirs** (grades 1–5), will resume weekly rehearsals Sunday, Aug. 23, from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. after a provided lunch.

■ Starting Aug. 19, **Kindergarten Choir** will meet Wednesdays at 6 p.m. during KidConnect, and **Pre-K** and **3-year-olds** will have choir Wednesdays at 6 p.m. as part of Preschool Music & More.

■ Minister of Music Ariel Merivil said, “Our search for a new **children's choir coordinator** is going well, and we hope to have someone on board very soon. In the meantime, our committed volunteers are ready to lead your children starting Aug. 19. Thank you for believing in the importance of children in music and worship, and for entrusting them to us.”

Wilshire Winds starts Sept. 12

Wilshire Winds will kick off the fall with a Saturday morning workshop on Sept. 12. The group will then rehearse on select Monday nights through Dec. 7. Wilshire Winds is open to woodwind, brass and percussion players of all ages and skill levels. The church may have an instrument you can use. Contact: Shana Gaines (sgaines@wilshirebc.org)



BASEMENT JAM. *The Sanctuary was transformed (sort of) into the Youth Center last Sunday night for “Songs from the Basement,” a musical celebration of Associate Pastor Darren DeMent’s 30th anniversary at Wilshire. The program included songs with a full band and reflections by Darren and others. Youth group alum Molly Shepard said, “These songs have just been such a rare and beautiful constant in my life, just like the minister who introduced them to me. And together, the songs and Darren taught me that I belong to the youth group, to the church and to God.”*

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)

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

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

Action Alert

Tell Congress: Hold ICE Accountable & Protect Religious Freedom. Start by Passing the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act Into Law

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Freedom.
For All.

**CHRISTIANS
AGAINST
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NATIONALISM**

Two ways to take action today

Every person should be able to worship, learn, receive medical care and care for their children without fear of immigration enforcement. Yet over the past year, actions by ICE and the Trump administration have made that fear a reality for many. Wilshire and partner BJC invite you to urge Congress to pass the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which would protect houses of worship, schools, childcare centers and healthcare facilities from immigration enforcement actions. BJC

also encourages advocates to oppose legislation that would continue funding ICE in its current form. There are two ways to participate today:

■ **Write a postcard.** Stop by James Gallery or the Office to pick up postcards addressed to your members of Congress. Sample wording and help identifying your representatives will be provided.

■ **Send a letter online.** Use this link to send BJC's prewritten letter directly to your members of Congress: bit.ly/45DrWRw.

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.

Men's Book Club

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

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.

Someone to talk with.

If you are facing a life challenge and would like to have a spiritual friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry pairs trained lay people with individuals in need of Christian companionship during times of life crisis. Wilshire has trained Stephen Ministers available.

To learn more about receiving confidential care from a Stephen Minister, please reach out using our dedicated email address, stephenministry@wilshirebc.org, or call 214-452-3176.

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Contemplative Worship

9 a.m. | McIver Chapel
Resumes Sunday, Aug. 16



Childcare available for preschoolers



CUB CAMP. On Wednesday, Aug. 5, Wilshire staffers and family members handed out 500 pop-sicles at Cub Camp, Bryan Adams High School's orientation for incoming freshmen. Wilshire member Danielle Gerhart serves as an assistant principal at the DISD school in East Dallas.

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/realms.

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, Aug. 9

- Rising Sixth Grade Blessing Service, 2230, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- *Wired for Wonder* with Harrison Litzell: Teacher Training, Community Hall, noon
- Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room, noon
- WSM End-of-Year Slideshow Extravaganza, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 11

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

Wednesday, Aug. 12

- WOW Let's Do Dinner: Cheers to Abbey, Cedar & Vine (9661 Audelia Rd.), 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13

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

Friday, Aug. 14

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Social, Capps Home, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15

- WSM 101 for New Sixth Graders, Youth Center, 9 a.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Retreat, Choral Hall, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 16

- Chapel Worship, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Promotion Sunday
- Wilshire Welcome, 1100-B, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Fall Kickoff Lunch, Community Hall, noon

Tuesday, Aug. 18

- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

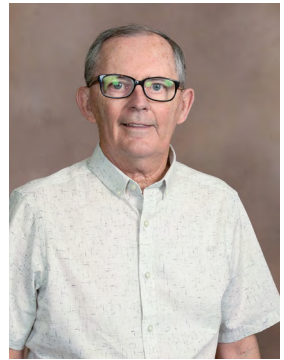
Sam Tinsley

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

After completing a stint in the Army and graduate school at Ole Miss in 1972, we moved to Dallas in August that year. I had taken a job teaching math at Eastfield College. We began trying to find a church to attend. Mike Moorhead's office was next to mine, and we started a friendship that continues today. He and Shaeron invited us to Wilshire, and here we are.

What ministries or staff members have impacted your life?

Bruce McIver was the pastor when we joined. Over the years there have been many ministries that made an impact. Our Sunday School class, Compass Class, started in 1973 under different names, one of which was Alternate Young Adult. We hardly fit that name now, but the class is still alive and well. The music at Wilshire has remained an important part of our lives here. Bill James was a wonderful example for all of us, not only with his musical talents but as a person of quality as well. George Mason has certainly shaped Wilshire into a church committed to doing the work of Christ in our time. Now Timothy leads us into the future with his unique gifts and talents. There are so many staff members to thank for the many ways they lovingly guide us. In our later years the Adventurers group has provided opportunities for enrichment and travel. As George once said, "Wilshire means something to people."



What are some favorite memories?

Fellowship Hall (now Community Hall) was a place we had meals on Wednesday nights. Our two boys would play on the stage at the back of the space while we ate and visited. I remember also a Sunday morning in worship when one of the large chandeliers dropped a bit. There was fear it would fall, so we left the Sanctuary. People and groups who came included Grady Nutt, Cynthia Clawson, the CenturyMen and Ken Medema. All these were things that made Wilshire such a unique place to belong.

Why have you stayed so long?

Our car knows the way here and refuses to go to any other church. Wilshire is home, a place where we worship, learn, minister and play. The people are a part of our family. I can't imagine our lives without them. It has been a glorious five decades in this special church. Amen.