



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

Around here, today is Promotion Sunday. For preschoolers, children and youth moving into new Sunday School classes, that means something very specific. For the rest of us, it may not affect us directly. But it is a useful marker: Summer is winding down, fall is beginning (in programming if not temperature), and we're finding our way back into the rhythms and places that make up our community.

And as we find our way back, it's worth remembering what makes this community special: the way we welcome one another and make room for one another.

You are welcome here — not just as someone sitting in a pew, but as someone whose presence matters. One of the best ways to experience that today is to join us for our tailgate luncheon following worship in Community Hall. There will be good food and good conversation.

But I also hope you'll take a few minutes to look around. Maybe you'll reconnect with someone you've known for years, introduce yourself to someone whose name you've never learned or make a new friend. There is always more community here than we realize until we take the time to notice it.

And welcome means everyone — including our youngest worshippers. At Wilshire, we cherish being an intergenerational community. That means worship sometimes comes with a little

movement, a few giggles, a snack wrapper or the occasional emergency trip to the bathroom. And honestly, we wouldn't have it any other way.

So when you hear whispers or see a child squirming in the pew, remember that this is what a living community sounds like. A smile, a little encouragement or a simple "You're doing great" to a parent can be a profound gift. We make room for one another here.

Because we don't just want you to be welcome at Wilshire. We want you to know that you belong.

Belonging happens when we share our lives with one another — sometimes by receiving, sometimes by giving and often by doing both.

This Wednesday, we begin another season of family dinners and spiritual formation opportunities for children, students and adults. Wilshire has musical ensembles, Mahjong and book groups, service opportunities, hospitality teams and countless other ways to connect. You don't have to do everything or have it all figured out. There is a place for you exactly as you are.

So whether you're moving into a new class, returning after a summer away or simply finding your way through another season of life, we're glad you're here.

We always are.

—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.

On the cover: *Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love and Peace*, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville.

August 16, 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

Timothy Peoples

Prelude

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

+Call to Worship

Heather Mustain

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

One: The God of the Heavens meets us in this place

All: In the singing of songs, the reading of Scripture and in the faces beside us.

One: May the Lord bless our coming together in this hour

All: And renew us for the daily walk of faith in the week ahead.

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

+Congregational Song

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O Church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

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

+Passing of the Peace

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

+Response in Song

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

1-2 God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

+Reading from Acts — Acts 2:42-47

Katie Murray

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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!

Children's Moment and Blessing of the Backpacks

Julie Girards

One: As we begin a new school year, may you remember that God is with you.
May God bless your minds as you learn new things.

All: God is with us.

One: May God bless your hearts as you make new friends, try new things,
and learn from your mistakes. May God help you be brave
when things are hard and kind when someone needs a friend.

All: God is with us.

One: May God remind you that you are loved just as you are. You are wonderfully
made by God, and you have gifts that only you can share with the world.

All: Thank you, God, for making each of us special.

One: May God bless your teachers. May God give them patience when the days are hard, joy when the days are good, and wisdom as they help you learn and grow.

All: God, bless our teachers.

One: May God bless your parents, grandparents, and all the people who love and care for you. When they worry about you, may they remember that you are never alone.

All: God, bless the people who love us.

One: And when the school year feels busy or hard, may you stop and remember:
God is beside you.
God is behind you.
God is ahead of you.
And God's love is always around you.

All: God is with us wherever we go!

One: So go into this new school year with curious minds, kind hearts, brave spirits, and joyful hearts. Learn. Grow. Laugh. Make mistakes. Try again. And remember that you are loved by God every step of the way.

All: God is with us. God loves us. And God will be with us all year long. Amen.

Offertory

They'll Know We Are Christians
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Michael E. Akers

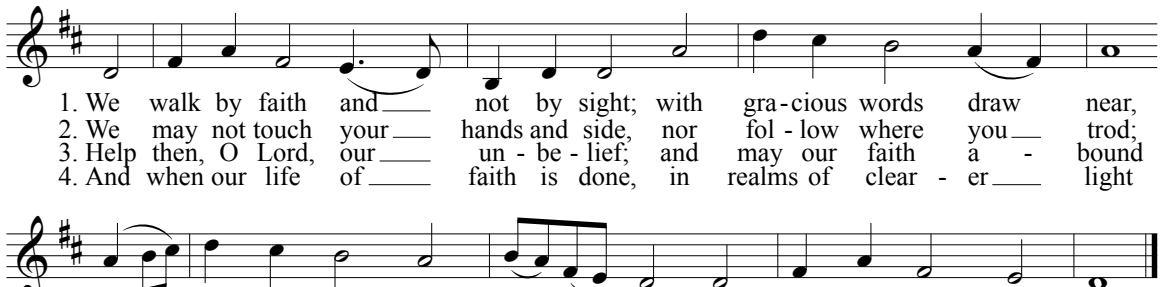
Defining Our Purpose

Timothy Peoples, Heather Mustain,
Darren DeMent, Ariel Merivil

+Congregational Song

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK



1. We walk by faith and ___ not by sight; with gra-cious words draw near,
2. We may not touch your ___ hands and side, nor fol-low where you ___ trod;
3. Help then, O Lord, our ___ un-be-lief; and may our faith a-bound
4. And when our life of ___ faith is done, in realms of clear-er ___ light

O ___ Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
but ___ in your prom-ise we re-joice and cry, "my Lord and God!"
to ___ call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
may ___ we be-hold you as ___ you are, with full and end-less sight.

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

Will You Come and Follow Me
No. 473

KELVINGROVE

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisations on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Handbell Ensemble

Kevin Cabaniss, Kendra Campbell, Shana Gaines, Monica Mullins
Price Tinsley, Vanessa Vaughter, Rachel Woods

The flowers today are given in memory of
E. Maxey Abernathy on the occasion of his 88th birthday
and Julian Kampfschulte on the occasion of his 18th birthday
by the Woodbury family.



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

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Tapestry



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News & Announcements
August 16, 2026

FALL Kickoff

Lunch today in
Community Hall



Join us at noon today for a churchwide tailgate lunch. You can even design your own Wilshire pennant!

■ **Menu:** Golden roasted chicken quarters, classic Southern style potato salad, confetti bean medley, French onion dip, house salad, sweet rolls, mini “nana puddin” cups, cookies.

■ **Adults, \$10; kids 4–9, \$5; free for 3 and under; household max: \$35. Cash/check/credit accepted at the door.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Children, whether they brought their backpack or not, will be invited to the front for a back-to-school blessing during today’s 11 a.m. service.

Defining Our Purpose

Instead of a sermon, worship at 11 today will feature a discussion among four Wilshire ministers about why church matters and why we do the things we do.

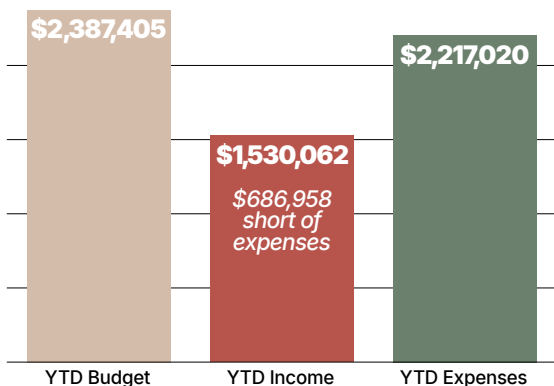
Contemplative service is back

Our weekly 9 a.m. contemplative service in McIver Chapel is back after a summer break. The service focuses on a different spiritual practice each month.



Sundays: Chapel Worship, 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.

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts..... \$15,940
Pathways Endowment June balance\$11,508,349

Condolences to

James Steel on the death of his brother-in-law, Wayne Power, Aug. 9.

Wilshire Welcome today

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)

Parenting in the Pew today



Today, Aug. 16, Minister to Children Julie Girards will host Parenting in the Pew, a special Sunday School conversation about children and worship. While designed with kindergarten families in mind, the session is open to anyone who wants to think more intentionally about this topic. The session will be held in the Preschool Multipurpose Room (1350) at 9:45 a.m.

Parent partners sought

With kindergartners attending worship for the first time today, Wilshire is looking for experienced parents, grandparents and others who would be willing to partner with a 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. Contact: Minister to Children Julie Girards (jgirards@wilshirebc.org)

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.”



Adventurers outing this Thursday

The Wilshire Adventurers will visit the **Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum** this 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; register by tomorrow, Aug. 17, at wilshirebc.org/events/disney to sign up.

■ You can also sign up for an Adventurers-hosted **Tech Talk on AI**, set for noon on Sunday, Oct. 4. Registration is not required, but it's the best way to make sure you get lunch. Visit 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. Join us Sept. 2 as we welcome our new pastoral residents, James Dolph and Bryce Shelton.

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)

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)

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.

WOW Book Clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Sept. 8 | 6:30 p.m. | 1205-G | *The King of Diamonds* by Rena Pederson. 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)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

WILSHIRE

Our Fall Kickoff continues 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 with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. **Aug. 19 menu:** Smash burger and hot dog bar, roasted vegetables, tater tots, turkey chili, garden salad, pound cake and berries.

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.

Watershed

6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12 | Wilshire Student Ministry's midweek gathering in the Youth Center.

Sanctuary Choir

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



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.

■ **Aug. 19:** After a brief introduction of our new pastoral residents, Bryce Shelton and James Dolph, we'll move into a study of church and community based on Acts 2.

■ **Aug. 26:** Vespers in McIver Chapel.

■ **Sept. 2, 9 and 16:** Praying With Our Feet: The Gospel and the March on Selma.

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

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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Men's Book Club

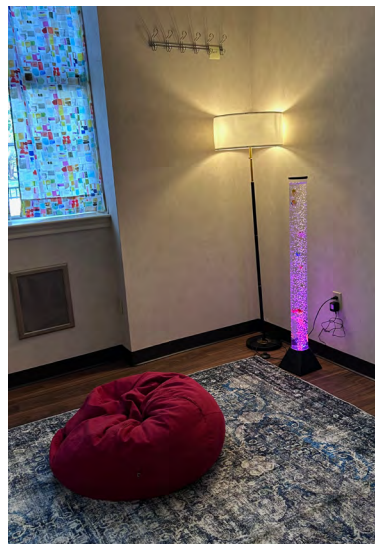
Tuesday, Aug. 18 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Superbloom* by Nicholas Carr. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

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.



LET THERE BE LIGHT. Wilshire member Lee Terry snapped this photo Tuesday as he volunteered his services to improve lighting in the Sanctuary. Lee, who is head electrician at the Winspear Opera House, cleaned lights, replaced bulbs and re-aimed the chancel and choir loft lighting.



New Preschool Sensory Room: a calming space built with care

BY KELLY AKINS

WHEN WE STARTED renovating Wilshire's preschool space, I knew we needed a sensory room.

Some of you may not know what a sensory room is or why it would be useful to us. The Preschool Sensory Room exists to help children calm and regulate their bodies and emotions when they are unable to do so in a regular classroom setting. Access is limited to children who need a calming break, accompanied by a trusted adult. Every visit is purposeful — never a reward, punishment or a place for free play — so it stays a reliable, calming resource for the kids who need it most.

The Sensory Room came together in a beautiful way, showing how God works best.

When we started the preschool renovation, I mentioned the need of a sensory room. Shana Gaines commented that I needed to find an Eagle Scout candidate who needed a project. En-

ter Lee Terry, a Wilshire member who still has ties to troop 890 because he is an Eagle Scout himself. He connected me with Lucy Boyd, a freshman who attends Classical School of Dallas and was looking for an Eagle Scout project. She and her brother have been to Camp Barnabas, a specialized camp in Missouri for children with disabilities and their siblings. Lucy's passion for neurodivergent children was perfect for this project.

Lucy researched what would be appropriate for preschool children and came up with so many wonderful ideas. She built a set of shelves that match what we have in the preschool area, made a texture wall, installed a lava lamp with floating fish, created a Lego wall, helped her grandmother make curtains and also added lamps, rugs and beanbag chairs to the room.

These things enhanced what we already had and made a warm, inviting space that children will enjoy for many years. Well done, Lucy! We are grateful for your hard work.

When you bring a child to Wilshire...

He's going to be dedicated as a baby.

She's going to make lifelong friends.

They're going to learn that Jesus loves them.

He's going to have fun playing with trucks, magnets, baby dolls, puzzles and dress-up.

She's going to come to Preschool Choir, Children's Choir and then Youth Choir.

They're going to learn about missionaries everywhere in the world and how to help others.

He's going to come to VBS and make new friends.

She's going to find out it's OK to ask questions.

They're going to discover that they are loved, they are really, really loved.

He's going to grow bigger and participate in worship.

She's going to go to camp and make memories that last a long time.

They're going to be taught by some amazing teachers.

He's going to come to Cooking Camp and gain useful skills.

She's going to see women in the pulpit and know that she can be a preacher too.

They're going to explore their faith in creative, meaningful ways, and learn about justice and advocacy for others.

He's going to hang out with his buddies and have fun experiences.

She's going to realize that she is enough just as she is.

They're going to go out on their own, leave home, question, explore, give and serve more because they have a firm foundation.

That foundation is Wilshire Baptist Church, and we are here to help you raise your child, nurture their faith and guide them into a good life, not an easy life — one that will, hopefully, even bring them home occasionally!

—Kelly Akins

Wade Griffin

Hometown: Fort Worth

Present City: Dallas

Education: University of Texas at Austin
(BBA '89, JD '93, MBA '04)

Profession: Chief Financial Officer, YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas

Tell us about your family.

My wife Allison and I were married in 1994. We've lived in Lake Highlands since moving to Dallas in 2004. Our two young adult kids, Scott and Caroline, both live and work in Dallas.

How about your work or volunteer life?

After working at Texas Instruments for 20 years in various finance, operations and treasury roles, I left in 2024 to take the CFO role at the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas. For someone who grew up as a "Y kid," it is a happy culmination of a finance career and a desire to serve others. I am proud to work for an organization that puts Christian values into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Any favorite hobbies?

I am a middling golfer and a fantastic fan of all things Longhorn.

Where are your favorite places to travel?

I like traveling to places with unique historical stories to tell. When I worked at TI, I traveled throughout Asia, and I especially enjoyed Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia. More recently, we've traveled to Europe on vacation, spending time in the UK, France and Italy.



Wilshire seemed like a natural fit.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

In 2019, our former church had an unexpected change in leadership, so we began looking for a new church home. Allison was familiar with George's sermons from radio and YouTube, and Caroline had friends in the youth group, so

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

We are members of the Journey Class.

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

I don't presume to know, but I do think God has given me the ability to put myself in a position where I am able to serve — indirectly — hundreds of thousands of people in Metropolitan Dallas through my stewardship of the YMCA.

Tell us about your faith journey.

Growing up Methodist, I learned at an early age that it's OK to ask questions and to face your doubts directly. I think that has served me well as an adult, as a husband and as a father.

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

Matthew McConaughey is my fraternity brother.

What adjectives best describe you?

Hard-working, well-meaning, and honest.

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. 16

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

Monday, Aug. 17

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

Tuesday, Aug. 18

- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, Wilkinson Center, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

- Family Dinner, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- KidConnect, Children's Classrooms, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music and More, Preschool Classrooms, 6 p.m.
- Spiritual Formation for Adults, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 20

- Adventurers Outing to Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, 10:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, 1205-G, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 22

- WSM Parent and Youth Fall Gathering, Mitchell Home, 6 p.m.