



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

“Did your pastor push you under the water when you were a little kid?”

If you haven’t had a kindergartner sit next to you in church in a while, you may have forgotten the types of questions that are likely to come your way every few minutes from our newest worshippers. Truth be told I’m not sure what the sermons have been about in recent weeks (sorry, Timothy!), but I have answered my fair share of questions from my youngest about when they will pass out the snacks (Lord’s Supper), how much longer worship is going to be, why we cannot say hi to Mr. J.V. in the choir loft until worship is over and the aforementioned question about baptism.

Each fall our kindergartners spend a few Sundays with Courtney Leal learning all about the different elements of worship, from weekly practices like singing, praying and the offering to monthly or occasional practices like the Lord’s Supper, family dedications and baptisms.

I’ve found myself with a renewed sense of appreciation for our weekly corporate responses of “Thanks be to God” after we read the primary Scripture, reciting the Lord’s Prayer and our new practice of passing the peace each week followed

by singing “God Welcomes All.” The repetition of these practices provides moments for our children to confidently participate in worship while also teaching them how to listen for the voice of God in Scripture, prayer and in community.

Our theme for today is holiness, and it is sprinkled throughout the many elements of our service. Perhaps we can glean something from the experience of our kindergartners as we consider how we too can continue to grow in our ability to recognize the holy in our midst. The work of noticing holiness takes practice and intention. It takes the discipline of setting aside time to turn aside as Moses will do in today’s Scripture reading. Encounters with the holy are full-bodied, as we will experience in our prayer led by Mary Lu, and can lead us to respond “yes” to a life of faith as we will witness today in Eliza and Molly’s baptisms.

And we may even notice that those wiggles and seemingly unending questions from the youngest among us today are also infused with their own type of holiness, for indeed we gather together on sacred ground.

—Katie Murray



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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: *Burning Bush*, Joe Schumacher, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville.

August 30, 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

James Dolph

Prelude

Cantad al Señor

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Baptism — Eliza Jones, Molly Ward

Timothy Peoples

+Call to Worship

Kathryn Woodbury

One: Living Flame, we feel our feet upon the ground and recognize this is holy ground.

All: We are standing in your presence.

One: May we push aside the mundane and make room for your holiness to be revealed.
Open our eyes to see you and our hearts to receive you, God.

All: We are standing in your presence.

One: As the fire blazes before our eyes, may we not simply stand in awe of the burning bush, but seek your face, listen for your voice and respond to your call.

All: We are standing in your presence.

One: May we walk each day, in every way, praying with our feet. Carrying your presence wherever you lead us.

All: We are standing in your presence, for this is holy ground.

+Congregational Song

Holy, Holy, Holy!
No. 1

NICAEA

+Passing of the Peace

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

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

+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!

The image shows two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with a repeat sign at the end. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, also with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Epistle Reading — Romans 12:9–21

David Parrish

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Offertory*Come to Me*

Dan Forrest/arr. Tom Fletcher

Brass Ensemble

Jeff Brummel, piano; Chelsea Hopkins, horn; Amy Lee, horn

Thomas Lee, bass trombone; Daniel McAnallen, trombone

+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Exodus 3:1–15

Bryce Shelton

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their

taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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!

Anthem

Sacred Ground
 Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Harlan

To wonder, Lord, awake my sight,
 To see that Christ is all around,
 So fill my gaze with heavenly light,
 'Til common things are sacred ground.

You gift us, Lord, the world you own,
 To mirror here your grace above.
 A child's embrace, the neighbor known,
 In simple signs we see your love.

Come now to us in stranger, in friend;
 In daily meals, on table shared;
 In simple cup, in common bread,
 Renew our vision to see your care.

All earth is filled with heaven's light,
 Bid wondering eyes to see all around;
 When Christ, diffused in all our sight:
 The common things are sacred ground.

Message

“I Yam What I Yam”

Timothy Peoples

+Congregational Song

God Is Here Today
Choir sings the first time.
Please join in singing twice as invited.

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

God is here to - day; as cer - tain as the air I
breathe, as cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris -
es, as cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

Prayers of the People

Mary Lu Hare

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

The God of Abraham Praise
No. 45

LEONI

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

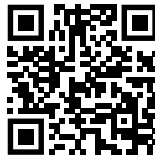
Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Mary Lu Hare grew up at Wilshire and is married to Thomas. Her parents are Scott and Jeanne Spreier. Mary Lu is a deacon, serves on the Deacon Nominating Committee and is a member of Ithaka Class. She volunteers with Wilshire's youth ministry, teaching Sunday School and serving as a leader for Youth Choir tour and Youth Camp. Mary Lu works as an education manager for the American Heart Association.

David Parrish and his wife, Adrienne, joined Wilshire last year. Both retired from careers as elementary school music teachers in Richardson ISD and have been active in church music over the years. In semi-retirement, they enjoy music, travel, tea, education and their miniature schnauzers. David also works at a local tea shop. The Parrishes are the parents of adult twin daughters.

Kathryn Woodbury is a senior at Lake Highlands High School, where she is involved with theatre and choir, including the show choir Espree. She also participates in National Charity League and is an Eagle Scout. At Wilshire, Kathryn is active in student ministry, sings in Youth Choir and recently served on the Lay Support Team for Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey. Kathryn's parents are Paula and Jason Woodbury, and her siblings are Garrett Woodbury and Sher Moo Ku.



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.

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- 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)

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- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
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- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
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- 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)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
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- James Dolph, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)
- Bryce Shelton, Pastoral Resident (3153)

Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

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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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- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)



Visioning Team to launch survey

Visioning Day set for Sept. 13

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, Wilshire's Visioning Team has been prayerfully and thoughtfully working on how to answer one of the first questions in this process: who are we as a church? Our congregation is continually evolving, and rather than assuming we know everything there is to know, we want to hear directly from you.

On Friday, Sept. 4, we will launch a Visioning Survey. You will receive a link via email to take the survey online, and paper copies will be available in the church office.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, we will host Visioning Day at Wilshire. There will be opportunities that morning and after church for you to participate in focus group discussions about Wilshire. For those who can't be here that day or who attend virtually, we are planning details for virtual participation.

We have also launched a new web page at wilshirebc.org/visioning. We hope you'll visit this page to better understand our team's purpose and explore information on our process. We'll post updates along the way, and there will also be a place for you to submit questions and ideas. You can also email us anytime at visioning@wilshirebc.org.



New monthly lunch event starts this Wednesday

All are welcome this Wednesday, Sept. 2, for the first edition of Midday on Abrams, a new monthly event with lunch, fellowship and informative speakers on a variety of topics. Midday on Abrams will be offered the first Wednesday every month. Lunch (\$10) starts at 11:30 a.m., and the program will run from noon to 12:45.

■ On Sept. 2 we'll hear from Wilshire's new pastoral residents, James Dolph and Bryce Shelton, along with new Pathways to Ministry Director Annette Owen.



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.

New members

Jim Ball, Eliza Jones, Molly Ward

Songwriter Vespers: Dolly Parton set for Sept. 27

Dolly Parton, the iconic songwriter and performer who died this week at age 80, will be the focus of the next Songwriter Vespers, set for Sunday, Sept. 27, at 4:30 p.m. in Choral Hall. Wilshire's Songwriter Vespers series blends elements of a coffeehouse performance and a worship service, with music from a full band and various singers. Songwriters featured in the past include John Prine and Townes Van Zandt. Coffee and light snacks will be served.

Youth Choir headed to D.C. in 2027

The Wilshire Youth Choir will travel to Washington, D.C., next summer for its annual tour. Singers who earn enough Frequent Singer Points through their participation during the year will be eligible to go on tour, and points are already being tracked. Open to all students in grades 6 through 12, Youth Choir rehearses Sundays at 12:30 p.m. after a quick lunch provided by the church. Contact: Ariel Merivil (amerivil@wilshirebc.org)

New Song choir resumes Sept. 2



Are you passionate about singing or do you simply love making music with others? New Song Community Choir invites you to join them when rehearsals resume

Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 9:30 a.m. in Choral Hall. No audition or musical experience required. Directed by Sarah Stafford, New Song is a group of senior adults that performs sacred and secular music in the community. Members come from Wilshire and other churches and denominations. The rehearsal on Sept. 2 will begin with treats in the Parlor at 9 a.m. Learn more at newsongchoir.org.

CenterPeace conference help

Wilshire is a sponsor of the CenterPeace conference, set for Oct. 15–17 at First United Methodist Church in Dallas, and volunteers are needed for various roles. Founded by Wilshire member Sally Gary, CenterPeace is a fully affirming, Christ-centered ministry that cultivates spiritual community for LGBTQ+ people. If you can serve during the conference, contact Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

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)

Preschool Playdate on Sept. 12

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a science-themed playdate on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The event will be held in the Multipurpose Room at Wilshire. Contact: Kelly Akins (kakins@wilshirebc.org)

Next blood drive is Sept. 20



Carter Blood Care will hold a blood drive at Wilshire on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are recommended. Scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Sept. 2: new adult series

Family Dinner

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Sept. 2 menu:** Chicken and cheese enchiladas, street corn, Spanish rice, chips and salsa, house salad with cilantro pepita dressing, tortilla soup, tres leches cake.

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.

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

PRAYING WITH OUR FEET

The Gospel and the March on Selma



New series begins

Sept. 2, 9 and 16 | “I felt like my feet were praying,” Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote after marching from Selma to Montgomery with other civil rights leaders in 1965. Our three-week study will explore the lives and work of those leaders, considering how the pursuit of justice is also a pursuit of the good news, the gospel. We’ll reflect on what it means to embody our faith, seek justice and allow our lives to become a prayer in action.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE Starts Sept. 11

New this fall, Friday Night Live is an evening built around connection, fun and making time for what matters.

Marriage Connections

6:30–9 p.m. | Marriage Connections begins in James Gallery with a brief presentation with ideas and insights couples can put to work in their relationship. Then the evening is yours. Go to dinner, grab coffee, run errands — or find a quiet place to talk. Open to married, partnered and dating couples with or without kids. Please register by Sunday, Sept. 6.

■ Children can attend free Preschool or Kids Night Out.

Kids Night Out

6:30–9 p.m. | All kindergartners through fifth graders are invited to the church for a fun evening with friends. Free with registration by Sunday, Sept. 6.

Preschool Night Out

6:30–9 p.m. | Fun activities and play time for preschoolers from birth to pre-K. Free with registration by Sunday, Sept. 6.



Register by Sept. 6 at
wilshirebc.org/events/fnl

*Other dates: Oct. 9, Nov. 13,
Jan. 15, Feb. 12, April 9.*

Adventurers A.I. talk is open to all

On Sunday, Oct. 4, Wilshire member Teri Walker will offer a Tech Talk on A.I. (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 it's the best way to make sure you get lunch. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/ai.

Library Adopt-a-Book is Oct. 11



At the Wilshire Library's Adopt-a-Book event on Sunday morning, Oct. 11, you can help the Library defray the cost of new books by purchasing a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be printed on plaques placed inside the books, which will then be available to be checked out. Monetary donations are also welcome to help the Library build its collection. Stop by the South Atrium from 9 to 10:45 a.m. or after worship.

Wilshire Library open to public

Did you know the Wilshire Library has more than 15,000 items, has weekday hours and is open to the public? You can search the collection from home and even reserve a book and pick it up at the church. Learn more and find the search link at wilshirebc.org/resources/library.

■ **Library hours:** Sundays, 9–10:45 a.m.; Wednesdays, 2–7 p.m.; other weekdays: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.; Saturdays, closed.

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.

Québec City

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ADVENTURERS



To learn about the trip and express your interest, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/adventurers-trip by Oct. 2. Brochures are available in the office.



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)

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 15 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Fire on the Mountain* by Edward Abbey. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)



WOW Book Clubs

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

■ **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)



Contemplative Worship

**WEEKLY AT 9 A.M.
MCIVER CHAPEL**



Childcare available for preschoolers

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. 30

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Lunch, 2223, noon
- Youth Choir Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, 1205-G, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

- New Song Kickoff Fellowship, Parlor, 9 a.m.
- New Song Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Midday on Abrams, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Family Dinner, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music and More, 6 p.m.
- Adult Spiritual Formation, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Boston Adventurers Zoom Call with Road Scholar, 2202, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 3

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, 1205-G, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 6

- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 7

- Building closed; staff holiday (Labor Day)

Peggy Tinsley

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

In 1972, we had just moved to Dallas with baby Steve for Sam to take his first full-time job. We erroneously assumed we could go to whatever Baptist church was nearest our apartment. When that clearly wasn't working out, Mike and Shaeron Moorhead invited us to a church they had just found, Wilshire, and we have been here ever since.

Who was pastor when you joined?

Bruce McIver was our pastor.

What was the building like back then?

There was no third floor. The Young Adult III Sunday School department was on the second floor.

What ministries or staff members have impacted your life?

James Smith was minister of education, so we asked him if we could combine our men's and women's classes and if we could develop our own curriculum instead of using standard Baptist Broadman Press literature — revolutionary ideas in those days. He was reluctant, but now that is the norm in adult classes. Merle Harrell and Lois Harper were impactful; they coordinated the pre-school and children's Sunday School for our sons.

What are some favorite memories?

Most who were present will remember the Sunday when one of the Sanctuary chandeliers slipped during worship. Those were some tense moments as we scrambled to get out of its way in case it fell. It did not, but the service ended immediately.



What's something from the early days that might be surprising to newer members?

Wilshire is a forward-thinking church, but there was a time when women had the traditional roles of teaching in the children's department or as a staff member in administrative roles, but never in leadership. That has changed in recent decades at Wilshire, but not in all Baptist churches.

What things are different and what has stayed the same?

In the early years, people dressed up to come to church, ladies and girls in dresses, men and boys often in suits. Today, everything is casual as the church strives to engage all people. What has stayed the same is the friendliness of the people.

Why have you stayed so long?

We are completely invested in inclusivity. Were it not for Wilshire's acceptance of all Christians, we wouldn't be here.