

**WPBC
Members...**

- Got an activity or event you need on the Church Calendar? Contact the Church Office at 694-7787.
- If you have changed your address or phone number, please give that new info to the Church Office.

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from our hearts to yours...

News from Wilshire Park

September, 2018

Back to Church Sunday Sunday, September 16



National Back to Church Sunday started as a call to action and invitation - action for the church, invitation for the world. A single day event focused on extending the invitation of love, peace and hope to our friends and neighbors. A single day to reclaim the true nature of Church - exactly as Christ commanded.

The "You Belong Here" message is designed to encourage the "never-churched" and "de-churched" people in your community to come to church to find a community of people who are growing together spiritually, applying their faith to everyday challenges, and who help and support one another as well as the community around them.

Invite your neighbors, coworkers and friends that you know aren't regularly attending church to join you on September 16th. Let's reach out with the love of Christ and bring them 'back to church!'

The Pastor's Pontifications

It's that time again. What time? It is time for Back to Church Sunday on September 16, 2018. In case you may have forgotten, Back to Church Sunday is a nationwide emphasis on filling our sanctuaries and worship centers with people eager to hear about Jesus.

Just in case you are not aware, our nation needs Jesus more than anything these days. Each year we set aside a specific weekend in September to reach out to our friends and neighbors who are not attending church on a regular basis and invite them to come worship with us. School is back in session, vacations have come to an end, and the routine of fall has set in. Why not make church attendance a part of the routine?

Every week, I am furnished with surveys, statistics and research that are painting a bleak picture for churches in America. Last year we studied a book by Thom Rainer called "The Autopsy of a Deceased

Church." The number of churches that are closing their doors these days is staggering and we should be vigilant and proactive in our steadfast determination to keep the doors open and the lights glowing here at Wilshire Park. The Lord has blessed us and will continue to bless us if we reach out and spread His love.

The best way to spread the love of God is to invite someone to church on the 16th. How hard is it to invite a friend or neighbor to church? Research tells us that fully 2/3 of the people asked will accept the invitation and come to church. The first step is just a humble, heartfelt invitation.

Visitors have been coming in our doors on a regular basis over the past few months. These visitors have, by large, found us accidentally. How much more exciting it will be when people that we know and love join us for worship and fellowship.

I am always amazed when

I read about the fastest growing segment in America. They are called "religiously unaffiliated." They don't go to church and aren't interested in hearing about our Lord and Savior. These people need prayer and loving kindness spread all around them. The other group that concerns me are called "unchurched." They know about church but seem too busy to be bothered. You and I know these people. We work with them, live next door to them, see them at the store, speak to them during the day. We must develop a burden for these people and take the step to befriend them and pray about their eternal destiny.

My challenge to you is to invite people to come to church. Press the flesh, shake some hands, call and talk, post a Facebook invite, and generally open your heart for the lost sheep in our community. If you will step out in faith, God will reward!

Whatever it takes!

~ Bro. Glenn

Wednesday Night Prayer Force

Each Wednesday we gather for a time of intercessory prayer and Bible Study. Join us as we seek to bombard the throne room with prayers and petitions for our church, our community, our country, and our loved ones.



During the Bible study time, we will continue to study the book of Proverbs. I hope many have taken the challenge to read one chapter of Proverbs each day. If you will read the chapter number that corresponds to the day of the month, you will read the entire book in a month. Each month that you do that, you will find gems and words of wisdom that will get you through the day.

Sunday Sermon Series

During our Morning Worship time, we will come to the end of our in-depth study of Romans. The journey has been rewarding and challenging. As we close out this study, Paul will recognize some

heroes of the faith and challenge us for the future.

In our Evening Worship, we have been studying Dr. David Jeremiah's book, "What Are You Afraid Of?" Each of us has

various phobias and fears. When we learn to apply biblical solutions to the realities of daily life, joy and peace will ensue.

Invite a friend to join us for these great studies!

Quilting Day

3:00 pm

Sunday, Sep. 16

Come join us on Sunday, September 16th at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for quilting fun.

Bring your quilting supplies and enjoy a time of fellowship with your friends while we make some quilts.

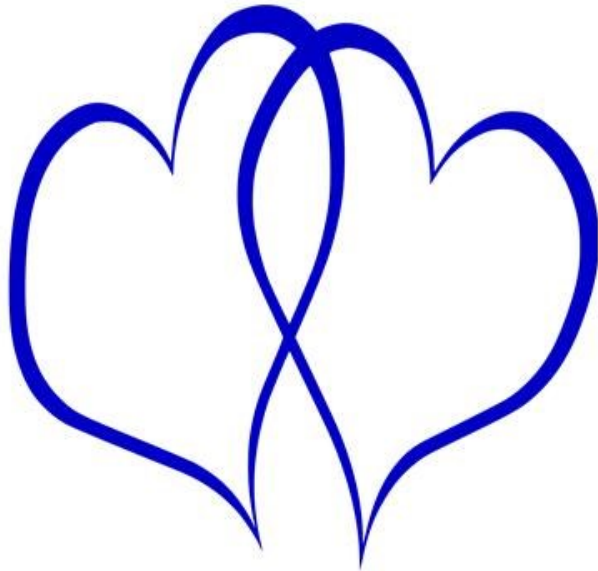
Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:30 am

Saturday, Oct. 6

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Men's Prayer Breakfast has been canceled for September.

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, October 6th at 7:30 am for a great breakfast and a time of prayer and devotion. And bring a friend!



*You are invited to a
Wedding Shower honoring
Ashley Plunk and Coby Trolinder*

Sunday, September 9, 2018

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

*Wilshire Park Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
801 S. Bentwood Drive*

*The couple's selections are at Target, Amazon,
and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Color choices are navy and teal.*

**5th Sunday Sing &
Ice Cream Fellowship
6:30 pm
Sunday, Sep. 30**

Clear your evening and come join us for a night
of talent at our 5th Sunday Sing.

Stay after the Sing for an Ice Cream Fellowship
and visit with everyone.

See Ron Ragland to participate in the Sing and
Janie Routh to help with the Fellowship.

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**Observance of the
Lord's Supper
Sunday, Sep. 9th**

We will be observing the Lord's Supper
on Sunday, September 9th.

Please join us during Morning Worship
service for this time of reflection and
commitment to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Women on Mission

WOM Meeting

5:00 pm

Sunday, September 9

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at 5:00pm. Any woman is welcome to attend and bring ideas God has placed on your heart for outreach. Invite a friend or two to join you!

Ladies Quilting Day

3:00 pm

Sunday, September 16

Many hands make light work and we need MANY hands!! We only have a couple of months to finish quilts for the Christmas auction and we really need help finishing them. The task is simple and the fellowship is great; and supper is provided. Please come help us with this ministry to raise money for missions.

Anniversary/Birthday Donations

The donations for August were \$271. John and Lucy are extremely thankful and grateful for these donations from you. They help to make ends meet, provide gas for visits, and much more. Thank you for all of your love and support for these wonderful people!

Operation Christmas Child

Donations for OCC for the month of September are games (ie. small puzzles, travel size etch-a-sketch, pegs, jacks, marbles, jump ropes, travel size games, etc.)

Baby Bags

We will be compiling Baby Bags for The Life Center at the October Women on Mission meeting. Please be collecting items that can fit into a gallon-size Ziploc bag for a newborn. Some suggested items include bibs, onesies, pacifiers, small blankets, travel size baby powder/lotion/ointment/shampoo, newborn diapers, socks, caps, mittens, etc. This is a valuable ministry for young mothers who have chosen birth over abortion and need a little help and encouragement getting basic needs met at the very beginning. Thank you for any and all donations. They are greatly appreciated!



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Sunday Services:
 Bible Study 9:50 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday Activities:
 Youth Group 6:15 pm
 TeamKID 6:30 pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

August Statistics

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Designated</u>
8/5	\$ 4,676.50	\$ 818.00
8/12	\$ 9,873.06	\$ 664.00
8/19	\$ 4,026.00	\$ 167.00
8/26	\$ 3,070.00	\$ 21.00

ATTENDANCE REPORT:

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
8/5	57	76
8/12	71	79
8/19	70	90
8/26	57	88