

**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

January, 2019



*May the Lord bless  
you and your family  
in the new year!*



## The Pastor's Pontifications

By the time you get around to reading this January newsletter, the reality of the New Year will be upon us. All in all, Wilshire Park has experienced a good year in 2018. We finished ahead of our operating budget goals, we exceeded our World Mission Offering goal and we continued to have visitors and new faces appear every Sunday. God has been good to Wilshire Park in 2018.

As your Pastor, I continue to be concerned that the population of Midland is exploding while most churches (including Wilshire Park) are not expanding as fast as the population. Have you noticed this trend? When I look out over the audience on Sundays, I see the same faithful, familiar faces. As I was scratching my head and pondering these facts, I began to search for some revelations about the future of Wilshire Park and the future of Christianity in general.

In case you may have forgotten, Christianity and the church are under attack around the world as well as here at home. I picked up a little book at Mardel's the other day that seemed to put all of these issues in perspective. Dr. Thom Rainer has written a new book called, "Scrappy Church." The title caught my attention. If there is anything that we need at Wilshire, it would start with being "scrappy" in our approach to keeping God's Word relevant. We need a determined persistence in our approach.

As I have stated before, 100 to 150 churches are closing every week in our country. When you couple that statistic with the fact that at least two-thirds of all churches are declining, then I believe we may have trouble brewing.

Dr. Rainer says that scrappy churches replace busyness with effectiveness, they love their community and they believe God is not done

with them. When I read those words, I was convinced that Wilshire Park is indeed a scrappy church. Our tenacious spirit is a trait that we can be proud of. God is not through with Wilshire Park Baptist Church!

My pledge for 2019 is to love our church and church family, love our community, and to focus more on our neighborhood and the needs of the people who live all around us. Join me in prayer and petition as we continue to spread God's love around our community and among each other. Never forget the song by Rich Mullins which says, "faith without works is like a screen door on a submarine." So, roll up your sleeves and prepare to labor for the Lord. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel as we move forward in 2019.

Whatever it takes!

~ Bro. Glenn

## Wednesday Night Prayer Force



Our Wednesday night Bible study will continue in the book of Job. Join us as we seek to grasp how suffering can be overcome with steady faith in God.

On Wednesdays, we always take time to lift our friends and family in intercessory prayer. All are welcome for this time of prayer and study.

## Sunday Sermon Series

As we begin the new year, I am more and more convicted that the world wants us to believe that we are living in a hopeless world. Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica destroys the idea that we are living in a hopeless world. Come join us in our

Morning Worship time as we seek to set the records straight as we launch a series called, "Finding Hope in a Hopeless World."

During our Evening Worship time, we will continue our study of the book of Mark that we launched in November.

Mark has a great manner of explaining the life of Jesus from a point of view that shows the heart of a servant that the Savior had for all. Join us for this expository study of this Gospel according to Mark.

## Quilting Day

**3:00 pm**

**Sunday, Jan. 27**

Come join us on Sunday, January 27th at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for quilting fun.

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

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**7:30 am**

**Saturday, January 5**

Come and share a time of food and fellowship with men who want to make an impact on their families and the community.

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, January 5th at 7:30 am for a great breakfast and a time of prayer and devotion. And bring a friend!



## **Deacon Ordination**

### **6:30 pm**

## **Sunday, January 13**

Please join us during the Evening Service on Sunday, January 13th as we have a Deacon Ordination for Peter Rushing. Peter serves our church tirelessly and he will be a great addition as an 'official' Deacon.

We will have a Fellowship with refreshments following the ordination in the Gym.

## **Reminders for 2019**

Sometimes we forget things and that's okay. Who doesn't? Listed below are just a couple of reminders to help keep things running smoothly in 2019:

### **Expense Requests:**

If you have a need for funds from your budget area, please turn in an Expenditure Request two weeks prior to the time a check is needed. It takes this long to have the request approved and a check written.

### **Activities Involving the Church Building:**

Dawn has the main calendar for all activities taking place at the church. Please contact her as soon as possible if you need to use the building for a function. This will help to avoid any conflicts with other events and ensures that all needs for the activity will be met.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, contact Dawn at 694-7787.

## Women on Mission

### World Mission Auction

Our World Mission Auction on December 8th was a rousing success! Our goal for World Missions was \$10,000 and by the end of Sunday morning service on December 9 we had already reached our goal!! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity and love for reaching the world for Christ. The grand total will not be calculated until December 30, which is too late for this newsletter, but we know it will be well above our goal!



### WOM Meeting

**5:00 pm**

**Sunday, January 13**

All ladies are invited to come and pray for missionaries around the world and plan mission emphasis for the church in the new year.

### Ladies Quilting Day

**3:00 pm**

**Sunday, January 27**

The quilts were a major draw for our World Mission Auction. Come join us as we put together a few more quilts in 2019. Bring your sewing supplies and a friend.

### Financial Peace University

**6:30 pm**

**Starts January 8, 2019**



It's not too late to sign up for Financial Peace University. To register go to [DaveRamsey.com](http://DaveRamsey.com), choose Financial Peace University, enter 79703 as the zip code. Our church should pop-up. Or go to <http://www.fpu.com/1076204>. Share this information with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers - anyone you know who could use help getting finances under control (especially after Christmas) and wants to plan for their future. Childcare provided, but a head count is needed. For more info, see the Ulvestad's or the Mizzles'.



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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

# December Statistics

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Designated</u>
12/2	\$ 6,520.21	\$ 333.00
12/9	\$ 3,497.00	\$ 1,844.00
12/16	\$ 6,373.00	\$ 802.00

## ATTENDANCE REPORT:

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
12/2	52	72
12/9	59	90
12/16	68	109