

**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

March, 2019

Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30 pm Wed., March 13

Make your calendars and make every effort to attend our Quarterly Business Meeting on March 13 in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of our Business Meetings is to discuss church finances, activities, church business and other affairs. Every member's input is important and relevant for decisions that need to be made. Your attendance makes a difference.



Observance of The Lord's Supper Sunday, March 3

Join us for Morning Worship and participate in the Lord's Supper on March 3. Observance of the Lord's Supper is a way for us to renew our commitment to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Pastor's Pontifications

As Spring approaches, I have noticed a few brave fruit trees blooming and budding as if warm weather is here to stay. I have lived in West Texas long enough to know that we are not through with cold weather, no matter the ground hog has said. Keep your eye on the mesquite; it knows about spring.

Spring reminds me of new growth and new beginnings. As I have been surveying the congregation over the past few months, one glaring issue hits me. The glaring issue is empty pews. From my vantage point, the empty pew cushions vastly outnumber the bodies.

Now, I know that the winter and early spring has not be kind to many of us as far as health issues are concerned. But what concerns me is that we are not growing numerically. As a matter of fact, we are slowly settling into a decline.

Our neighborhood continues to grow at a fast clip. We must call our friends who are absent and check to see if we can aid them in any way. We must express our love and concern on an individual basis. The best approach to growth is one-on-one invitations. Have you invited anyone to church recently?

I have been doing some research on these matters and have some statistics to share with you. In 2017, 38% of U.S. adults said they attended religious services weekly or almost every week. In 2008, it was 42%. The slide is definitely occurring. In a ten-year period, there has been a noticeable decline in church attendance. Just look around the room next Sunday and you will see that these statistics are valid.

According to Barna Research, people don't talk about faith for a variety of reasons. 28% think that religious conversations always

seem to create tension or arguments. 23% are not religious and don't care about these topics. 17% are put off by how religion has been politicized. 17% don't feel they know enough to talk about religious or spiritual topics. 7% don't want to be known as a religious person.

The statistics are sad, but they are an accurate snapshot of our society today. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and we must join Him in that pursuit. A casual look around our community will open your eyes to how many people need Jesus. Over the next few months we will attempt to address these statistics and turn the tide as far as Wilshire Park is concerned.

Stay tuned for further information and challenges.

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. The study of Job is both timely and relevant to the world situation.

On Wednesdays, we always take time to lift our friends and family in intercessory prayer. Come join us for this time of prayer and study.

Sunday Sermon Series

As the news continues to roll out more and more negativism, I am more and more convicted that society 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.

Join us in our Morning Worship time as we seek to set the records straight as we continue our series called, "Finding Hope in a Hopeless World." Come hear about our hope whose name is Jesus.

During our Evening Worship time, we will

continue our study of the book of Mark. 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, March 24

Come join us on Sunday, March 24th 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, March 2

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, March 2nd at 7:30 am for a great breakfast and a time of prayer and devotion. And bring a friend!

5th Sunday Sing 6:30 pm Sunday, March 31



Our church is a talent-filled church, and what a blessing that is! So don't hide that wonderful talent; let your voice out for all to hear and enjoy.

We will have our 5th Sunday Sing at the end of March. Mark your calendars for a night of enjoyment and fellowship.

See Ron Ragland if you'd like to participate.

Dear Wilshire Park...

Wilshire Park,

The family of Geraldine 'Jerri' Kitchens acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. We really appreciate the meal for the family! It was such a blessing to us. Thank you so much!

God bless,
Michelle, Kerri & family

To the family of Wilshire Park,

Your prayers and gifts continue to bless us! We have a nephew marrying in March. Your gifts will make our attendance possible. Thank you very much. God has richly blessed us!

In His Service,
Lucy Lagrone-Long

Women on Mission

Operation Christmas Child

The monthly donation for Operation Christmas Child in March is “quality crafts.” If you make anything special like knitted caps, wooden toys, hair ribbons, jewelry, scarves - anything that will fit into a shoebox for children ages 4-14 years - bring them! OCC buckets are located at each Sanctuary door. Even if you don't have a craft, donations are greatly appreciated. AND, if you want to pack a box early, or even one each month, there are boxes available in the buckets for you to take. If anyone would like to buy in bulk, please visit with Dana Mizzles or LeeBell Ulvestad for ideas on where to order items.

WOM Meeting

5:00 pm

Sunday, March 10

We will be assembling Baby Bags for The Life Center. Come join us for this amazing ministry. Please bring travel size items that will fit in a gallon ziploc bag. You may drop off your donations in the baby strollers located at each Sanctuary door, or bring them with you to the meeting.

Ladies Quilting Day

3:00 pm

Sunday, March 24

We have LOTS of quilt tops to assemble this year and help is greatly appreciated. We have a great time of fellowship and a light meal afterwards. All you need to bring is YOU!

Women of Joy

September 6-8, 2019

San Antonio, TX

We still have some tickets available for the Women of Joy conference in San Antonio the first weekend of September. Cost is \$219.00 per person, which includes hotel accommodations for two nights and entrance to the conference. Plum will be the featured artist on Saturday evening and promises to be an outstanding concert! You may reserve your spot with a \$25.00 down payment. Please have all payments need turned in to LeeBell by July 28th.

Easter Lilies Available

Easter lilies are available again for dedication in honor or memory of your loved ones or friends for a \$15 donation.

Please note these two changes. First, the committee is asking you to place and pay for your order at the left front of the Sanctuary. Please mark your checks with 'Easter lilies'.

These orders will be gathered each Sunday after services. Secondly, the committee felt the lilies didn't last very long last year because of the weather. Therefore, they will only be displayed on Palm and Easter Sundays. This should ensure better lilies.



Orders may be placed from March 24th through Palm Sunday, April 14th. The list of dedications will be in the bulletin on both Palm and Easter Sundays.

Plants may be taken home after Easter morning services.

For more information or questions, please contact Carolee Carver at (432) 528-3060.

Easter Egg Hunt 12:00 pm Sunday, April 21

We will be having an Easter egg hunt immediately after Morning Worship on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

We need lots of individually-wrapped candies. Tubs will be placed around the church for your donations.

For more information, please contact Paula Chaffin at (432) 413-3857.



Hummer House

April 25 - 28

Mark your calendars for Hummer House! Cost is \$50 per night, with a \$50 deposit to hold your spot. We only have 18 spaces available so get your deposit to Janie or Paula early to reserve your bed.

This is a fun-filled, spirit renewing, great weekend of fellowship, shopping, relaxing, and of course, enjoying God's beauty while watching the gorgeous hummingbirds.

If you need more info or have questions, contact Janie Routh or Paula Chaffin.

WOMEN OF JOY

THE DEEPER THE ROOTS, THE DEEPER THE LOVE, THE DEEPER THE WALK.

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WITH SPEAKER
Lisa Harper

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SPEAKER

BIANCA OLTHOFF
SPEAKER

KATHERINE WOLF
SPEAKER

PLUMB
CONCERT ARTIST

CHARLES BILLINGSLEY
WORSHIP LEADER

Women of Joy

"Deeply Rooted"

September 6 - 8

San Antonio, TX

Ladies, plan on joining us for a delightful weekend in San Antonio for the Women of Joy conference. We have pre-purchased 25 tickets and only have 7 left.

Cost for the conference and hotel is \$219. Please give a \$25 deposit to LeeBell Ulvestad to reserve your spot. Everyone that has pre-registered needs to have their money in to LeeBell by the middle of July.

For questions, see LeeBell. Non-church members are welcome so feel free to invite your friends, family, church prospects. We can always get more tickets!



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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

February Statistics

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Designated</u>
2/3	\$ 4,179.00	\$ 22.00
2/10	\$ 4,615.00	\$ 212.00
2/17	\$ 7,693.00	\$ 42.00
2/24	\$ 2,611.50	\$ 7.00

ATTENDANCE REPORT:

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
2/3	58	78
2/10	58	81
2/17	50	79
2/24	64	73