



Preparing for worship

It's Super Bowl Sunday. It's the last Sunday before Ariel, our new minister of music, starts. Timothy is back from preaching at St. Bart's Cathedral in New York, and it's Transfiguration Sunday in the lectionary. I have to admit: I understand the first three better than I understand the last one.

There is much discussion among theologians about the significance of the transfiguration event: What happened exactly? Why did it happen? What are we supposed to learn from it? Why did Jesus only share the event with three of the twelve? Were Moses and Elijah there because they represented the Law and the Prophets, or because neither of them experienced a common death but were ushered into heaven by God personally? Jesus wasn't changed by this event, was he?

We have a lot to think about as we encounter this New Testament lesson today. I'm counting on Timothy answering all these questions and then some! Not really, of course.

The transfiguration has been the subject of paintings for centuries. Almost all of the "greats" have taken on these few verses covered in all three Synoptic Gospels. One of the earliest was a mandorla (almond-shaped framing) at Egypt's St. Catherine's Monastery in the sixth century, and Raphael's 1520 "Transfiguration," now in the Vatican Museums, was his final piece and was

considered the greatest painting of all time until the end of the nineteenth century.

Take a look at the more modern interpretation by Kelly Latimore on the cover of today's worship folder. Peter, James and John are recoiled in fear; one covers his eyes, one covers his mouth and the other one plugs an ear as the radiant Christ is lifted above the earth with Elijah and Moses directing their attention toward the One to whom their lives and prophecies had pointed.

Whatever the true significance of this pre-Lenten event when the inner glory of Christ was revealed, the people whose lives had opportunity for change were Peter, James and John. Today as we worship and encounter again the glorified Christ, *we* have the opportunity to be changed by the experience. We can up-and-get-us-gone from this place different than when we came in. The inner Christ who dwells in us richly might be revealed more readily to our closest friends.

May we not cover our eyes and miss seeing the glory of Christ ... or plug our ears and miss what God may have to say ... or obstruct our mouths from praising the One who is lifted up before us. Let's open our mouths and sing with all our might, listen intently and turn our eyes upon Jesus and find ourselves if not transfigured, at least transformed.

—R.G. Huff



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February 11, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

The people of Wilshire gather this morning to worship God. In order for this service to be focused upon that purpose, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Julie Girards

Prelude

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Opening Sentences

Elle Sheaffer

For that one moment, ‘in and out of time,’
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

— “Transfiguration” by Malcolm Guite

+Congregational Song

See Our Lord in All His Glory
No. 161

CWM RHONDDA

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — 2 Kings 2:1-12

Michael Bufkin

When YHWH was about take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here. YHWH is sending me to Bethel.” “As YHWH lives, and you live,” said Elisha, “I will not leave you.” So they departed together for Bethel. The disciples of the prophets in Bethel approached Elisha, asking, “Do you know that YHWH is going to take Elijah from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “now be silent.” Then Elijah spoke, “Stay here, Elisha. YHWH is sending me to Jericho.” And Elisha replied, “As YHWH lives, and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. The disciples of prophets in Jericho approached Elisha, asking, “Do

+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

you know that YHWH is going to take Elijah from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he said, “now be silent.” Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here. YHWH is sending me to the Jordan.” “As YHWH lives and as you live,” said Elisha, “I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. Fifty disciples of prophets stood off at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry land. Once across, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” Elisha replied, “Let me inherit two-thirds of your spirit,” he said. “You ask a difficult thing,” Elijah said. “If you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.” As they were walking along and chatting with each other, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and cavalry of Israel!” And Elisha saw nothing more. Then he took hold of his clothes and tore them apart.

Anthem

Psalm 23: A Psalm of Hope
Sanctuary Choir

Heather Sorenson

The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want for more.
How could I ask for more?

He leads by still water, and I shall not want.
He leads by still water, and I shall not want for more.
How could I ask for more?

He is enough for ev'ry need.
He is enough for ev'ry broken dream.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

I'm satisfied with what he gives.
He will provide and faithfully supply.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I shall not want.

He leads through the valley, and I shall not want.
He leads through the valley, and I shall not want.

He is the night, he is the day.
He is the sun, he is the shade.
He is the ocean, he's the stream.
In ev'ry song, he is my theme.
And if we wander off alone, his mercy calls us back to home.

I feast at his table, and I shall not want.
I feast at his table, and I shall not want for more.

He is the strength to conquer sin.
He's faithful when my trust is thin.
I shall not want.

Prayers of the People

Collin Yarbrough

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Michael Burkhardt

+Gospel Reading — Mark 9:2-9

Cate Tabor

Six days after that, Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. And there Jesus was transfigured before their eyes; the clothes Jesus wore became dazzlingly white—whiter than any earthly bleach could make them. Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses, and the two were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “how wonderful it is for us to be here! Let us make three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!” Peter did not know what he was saying, so overcome were they all with awe. Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them; and there came a voice from out of the cloud: “This is my Beloved, my Own; listen to this One.” Then suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore—only Jesus. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Promised One had risen from the dead.

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!

Solo

My Morning Soul

Michael Capps

Brandon Gibson, baritone
Heather Sorenson, pianist

I cannot open mine eyes,
But thou art ready there to catch
My morning-soul and sacrifice:
Then we must needs for that day make a match.
My God, what is a heart?
Silver, or gold, or precious stone,
Or star, or rainbow, or a part
Of all these things, or all of them in one?
My God, what is a heart,
That thou shouldst it so eye, and woo,
Pouring upon it all thy art,
As if that thou hadst nothing else to do?
Indeed man's whole estate
Amounts (and richly) to serve thee:
He did not heav'n and earth create,
Yet studies them, not him by whom they be.
Teach me thy love to know;
That this new light, which now I see,
May both the work and workman show:
Then by a sunbeam I will climb to thee.

— George Herbert

Message

“Just Days Before”

Timothy Peoples

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

+Congregational Song

Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated
No. 490

HENDON

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

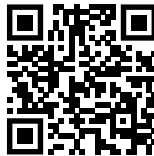
Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Ralph Manuel, music director

The flowers today are given in memory of Sheila Henning and in celebration of her birthday by the Dalhausser and Henning families and in celebration of Allene Jordan’s 100th birthday by her daughter, Bettye Collins.



Connect with Wilshire. Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to make a financial contribution, fill out our online guest card or submit a prayer request. You may also use the response card or offering envelope found in the pew rack. These items can be placed in the offering plate or in one of the secure offering boxes located near the Sanctuary exits.

Meet today's worship leaders

Michael Bufkin and his wife, Emily, joined Wilshire in March 2023. They are parents to Nate, age 3, and Mary Bryce, age 1. Michael and Emily are members of Labyrinth Class, and Michael is a leader in preschool missions on Wednesday nights and serves on the Weekday Education committee. He is a high school teacher at KIPP Oak Cliff Academy – Paul Quinn.

Guest soloist **Brandon Gibson** joins us today to sing a new piece written by Wilshire member Mike Capps. Brandon has been a concert soloist with the Dallas Bach Society, Irving Symphony, Voces Intimae, Lovers Lane United Methodist Church and the Plano Symphony and Civic Chorus. He has also performed with the Dallas Opera, the Amarillo Opera, South Texas Lyric Opera and Opera in the Heights. Brandon attended Rice University and Southern Methodist University, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, respectively, in vocal performance.

Elle Sheaffer is the daughter of Dawn and Michael Sheaffer. The family joined Wilshire in 2009. Elle is a sophomore at Woodrow Wilson High School, where she is active in cross country, student council and performing arts. Outside of school she is active in the Greater Dallas Choral Society, where she sings in the Mixed Youth Choir. At Wilshire, Elle is active in student ministry and sings in Youth Choir and Shekinah.

Guest pianist **Heather Sorenson** is an internationally known composer, arranger and orchestrator whose works are performed in churches, schools, universities, concerts and competitions worldwide. She is widely known for her choral and instrumental works, with hundreds of compositions in print through various publishers. Heather has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Constitution Hall in the roles of pianist, composer and conductor, but she feels that her greatest calling is using her music to connect people with God.

Cate Tabor is the daughter of Christy and Horace Tabor and sister to Holden. The family has attended Wilshire since 2005. Cate is a junior in the theatre program at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. She is also a member of DISD's Teen School Board. At Wilshire, Cate is active in student ministry and has participated in Faith in 3D.

Collin Yarbrough grew up at Wilshire. His partner is Lauren Anne Cove, and his parents are Charles and Judy Yarbrough. Collin is a deacon, a member of Ithaka Class and recently served on Wilshire's Pastor Search Committee. He is an author, engineer and doctoral student at Southern Methodist University studying infrastructure justice.

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Tapestry



News & Announcements
February 11, 2024

Two shows this week for Faith in 3D

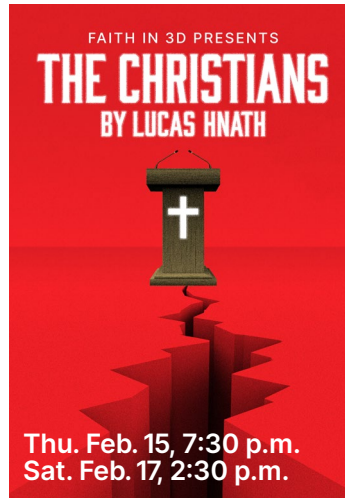
Wilshire's Faith in 3D initiative will present *The Christians*, a dramatic play by Lucas Hnath, on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Nancy Poynter is directing the cast of five Wilshire actors, and the show includes a 25-voice choir led by Ralph Manuel. The production marks the tenth anniversary for Faith in 3D.

The character-driven drama centers on Pastor Paul (Brad Russell), who walks to his megachurch pulpit and begins a sermon, as he does each week. Sitting attentively behind him are his wife, Elizabeth (Megan Wilson); Associate Pastor Johanna (Sally Gary); church elder Jay (Bob Coleman); and the "spirit-raising" choir. On this day, however, after some inner debate, Paul decides to share a viewpoint that runs contrary to traditional church wisdom, a decision that proves to have serious personal and professional implications for him and tests the bounds of faith and doubt along the members.

The Christians debuted at the Humana Festival of New American Plays (Louisville, Kentucky) in 2014. After its Off-Broadway premiere at Playwrights Horizons in 2015, Hnath won the award for playwriting excellence in 2016. That same year the play received the Outer Critics Circle Award for Most Outstanding New Off-Broadway Play.

When the Dallas Theater Center presented the play in 2017, Wilshire's George Mason,



Mark Wingfield and Timothy Peoples, then a pastoral resident, were among the local clergy who helped lead post-show discussions.

Performing as the choir in Wilshire's production are Chrissy Alvarez, Patsy Brooks, Joshua Brown, Lauren Anne

Cove, Kevin Cabaniss, Lynette DeBose, Laurie Diffe, David Duncan, George Gagliardi, Gary Griffith, Chelsea Hopkins, Bill Jernberg, Mike Korson, Ivan Martinez, Linda Martinez, Katherine McClellan, Candy McComb, Laura Mirochna, Meredith Mosley, Monica Mullins, David Nabors, Amy Pottkotter, Price Tinsley, Colman Vigil and Alison Wingfield

The 90-minute drama will be presented without intermission and will be followed by a brief discussion and dessert.

Childcare will be offered by reservation for the Saturday show only. Register by Feb. 11 here: wilshirebc.org/events/faith-in-3d-2024.



Sundays: Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist and at wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

Ash Wednesday at noon, 6 p.m.

Lunch and dinner as usual

Wilshire will offer two Ash Wednesday services on Feb. 14. The services are open to anyone and will include the imposition of ashes.

■ The first service will be held in Community Hall in conjunction with Lunch & Learn. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. as usual, and the service will take the place of Bible Study, starting at noon and ending by 12:45. Lunch costs \$10 each; no reservation needed. You can come for the service without eating lunch.

■ A second Ash Wednesday service will be held at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary in lieu of our usual 6 p.m. offerings. Children are encouraged to attend with parents; childcare will be available for preschoolers.

■ **Koinonia Café** will be offered at 5 p.m. in Community Hall. **Feb. 14 menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans with bacon and onions, gravy, rolls, butternut squash soup, chocolate-covered strawberries, M&M cookies, jello. **Kids:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes.



**Sign up for meal packing on
new date: Monday, Feb. 19**



Join us on Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 19, as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to pack healthy meals for those in need. The event (postponed from Jan. 15) will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in Community Hall. Our goal is to pack 15,120 meals, which is doable with Rise Against Hunger's fun assembly line method. This project is for everyone, with opportunities to serve while seated or standing. Children are a great help. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/meal-packing or via the QR code.

■ *If you signed up for Jan. 15 and plan to come Feb. 19, there's no need to sign up again.*

■ *If you signed up for Jan. 15 but can't make it on Feb. 19, please let Abbey Adcox know.*

Condolences to

Ann and David Cossum on the death of Ann's father, Joe Stephen Goodlett, Feb. 4. Granddaughter is **Andrea Cossum**.

Ariel Merivil starts Feb. 12

Ariel Merivil has arrived in Dallas and will start soon as Wilshire's minister of music. His first day in the office will be Monday, Feb. 12, and his first Sunday will be Feb. 18.

Timothy to speak at Baylor event

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will speak at a conference on racism in the church presented by Baylor University's Truett Seminary. Timothy's session, a panel discussion titled "Black Pastors in White Spaces," will take place Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. The Feb. 15-17 conference, hosted by Wilshire friend Greg Garrett, will be viewable online. To see the full schedule and register, visit truettseminary.baylor.edu and see the Events & Resources section.

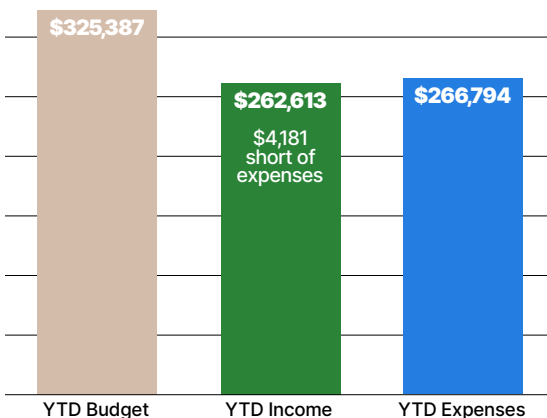
Volunteer opportunity at WRCH

Wilshire will staff mission partner White Rock Center of Hope's drive-thru food distribution on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:45. Ideal for those 14 and up; if you have younger kids, contact Abbey Adcox (aadcox@wilshirebc.org). Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/wrch-food.

Time with Tim next Sunday

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to meet and visit with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will be held Feb. 18 at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

Unified Budget Update



Pathways Endowment YTD gifts \$5,198
Pathways Endowment Jan. balance \$9,645,951

Children's class open houses

The final two in a series of Children's Sunday School open houses will be held today and next Sunday from 9:30 to 10 a.m. The Second Grade open house will be today, Feb. 11, in Room 2224, and the Third and Fourth Grade open house will be Feb. 18 in Room 2225.

Serve others on a Care Team

Wilshire's Care Teams ministry is holding an information session for potential volunteers on Sunday, March 10, at noon. Lunch will be provided but registration is required by March 3. Care Teams help those who have needs due to an accident, illness or other crisis. Examples include providing food or transportation, helping with pets, household chores or repairs, or sitting with a loved one to give respite to a caregiver. Lawyers and financial experts are needed to give pro bono advice to senior adults or others. Register for the information session at wilshirebc.org/events/care-teams-info. Contact: Linda Garner (l Garner@wilshirebc.org)

Marriage Connections is Feb. 23

There's no program for the next Marriage Connections on Friday, Feb. 23. Simply drop off your kids (infant-grade 6) at the church for free childcare starting at 6:30 p.m. and pick them up at 9:30. Registration is required by Feb. 18; visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, Feb. 23

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant-grade 6) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Feb. 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Sunday, Feb. 18; visit wilshirebc.org/events/pno.

Teacher training event offered

Spiritual formation ministers Darren DeMent and Katie Murray will lead a training event for adult Sunday School teachers on Feb. 25 after worship. Lunch will be provided. Several experienced Wilshire teachers representing various teaching styles will be featured in a panel discussion covering lesson planning methods, approaches to Scripture and more. This should be a great resource for current teachers and those who are considering it. Registration is requested. A registration link is available in the Events section of Realm (onrealm.org/wilshirebaptist/registrations).

Adventurers host jazz band

The Wilshire Adventurers will enjoy lunch and a performance from the Upswing Jazz Band on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall. The 18-piece Upswing plays big band swing, jazz and Latin music. Lunch costs \$10 each. No RSVP necessary. Adventurers is a fellowship group for those 60 and up.



Save the date! Auction items needed

The annual Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction will be held Sunday, March 3, in Community Hall after worship. This event will help fund the choir's summer trip to New Orleans to sing, serve and sightsee. If you'd like to donate items or services to the silent auction, contact Jason Woodbury at woodbury.jason@sbcglobal.net. Suggestions include restaurant gift cards, new household items and event tickets. Professional services make great donation items, so if you're a musician, tutor, photographer, baker, designer, accountant or have some other service to provide, consider donating a gift certificate of your time or service.

Sign up for Feb. 28 Blood Drive

The Carter BloodCare bus will be at Wilshire for a blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Find the appointment link at wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive.



Doing the work of Lent

Every year when Lent comes around, it is important to be reminded that Lent requires something of us. Lent is not passive. Lent does not simply happen to us; we have to make the conscious decision to engage ... to engage in the work of Lent. This year we invite you to discover what it means to do the work of Lent. We'll explore the spiritual practice of fasting and examine how our lifelong spiritual journeys inform the way we engage in the world around us.

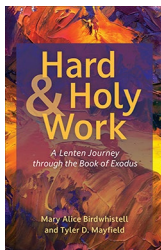
Sunday worship

Starting Feb. 18, Timothy's Lenten messages will focus on the spiritual practice of fasting. Often we think of fasting only as giving up food, or we see it as something other Christians do. Fasting is an intentional letting go to make space to hear sacred whispers or accept holy interruptions.

Wednesday Bible Study

On Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Community Hall, starting Feb. 21, Timothy will lead "talk-back" sessions that expand on his Sunday messages.

Spiritual formation book study



We will also engage our Lent theme through the new book *Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus* by Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Tyler Mayfield, which explores how Moses' spiritual awakening at the burning bush informed

his involvement in the hard and holy work of liberation — and what that can mean for us. The book is available to purchase from major book retailers. We encourage everyone to read along and participate with us.

■ **Discussion group.** On Sundays from 9 to 9:45 a.m., Darren DeMent and Katie Murray will lead a discussion group on the book in Room 1205-G. Starts Feb. 18.

■ **Sunday School.** Several classes, including Youth, will study the book during Lent.

■ **Family study guide.** Julie Girards is creating a guide for parents to use with children.

Mark your calendar

■ Lent begins on Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday. The first Sunday in Lent is Feb. 18.

■ Road to Resurrection interactive experience, Palm Sunday, March 24, 9–11 a.m.

■ Maundy Thursday service, March 28, 7 p.m.

■ Easter Sunday, March 31. Sunrise service, T&P Hill at White Rock Lake, 6:45 a.m.

Judy Coleman

Hometown: Abilene, Texas

Present city: Dallas

Education: Hardin Simmons University, B.S., Education; Southern Methodist University, M.L.A.

Tell us about your family.

I have two younger sisters and one brother, two grown children, Robert and Claire, and three grandchildren: Genevieve, a senior at Woodrow Wilson High School; Anson, a freshman at Woodrow; and Finnigan, a fifth grader. Bob and I met in high school in Abilene in 1959 and have been married for 60 years.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I put Bob through a year of graduate school and law school as an elementary school teacher in Austin. When he worked as a judicial law clerk, I taught another year in Montgomery, Alabama, before we moved to Atlanta, where Bob started his law practice and Robert was born. We moved to Dallas in 1975. I have volunteered at Children's Medical Center and Mockingbird Elementary School. At Wilshire I was involved with Family Pathfinders, working to help single moms find meaningful work, and with the Environmental Stewardship Committee in the 1980s.

Any favorite hobbies?

I love to read history, especially about the Civil War and World War II Germany. I also love roaming through antique malls and going to estate sales.

What are your favorite places to travel?

England, especially the Cotswolds, and Scotland. Santa Fe and Colorado here in the states.



What brought you to Wilshire and when?

Phil and Carolyn Strickland introduced us to Wilshire when we returned to Texas from Georgia in 1975.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I am a member of Compass Class and serve as a Stephen Minister. I am currently a Deacon Emeritus.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I made a profession of faith when I was 9 and was an active teenager and college student at First Baptist, Abilene. After having been away from church for a while, it has been very rewarding to be part of Wilshire for almost 50 years.

What's something interesting most people would not know about you?

I was part of the first integrated faculty at George Washington Carver Elementary School in Montgomery, Alabama. My fourth grade students, all African American, had never had a white teacher. The girls welcomed me immediately; the boys were skeptical, and their trust had to be earned.

What adjectives best describe you?

Serious, empathetic and a good listener.

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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, Feb. 11

- Art Exhibit, South Lobby, through Feb. 28
- Women's Retreat, Prothro Center
- Second Grade Open House, 2224, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Wilshire Bells, Handbell Room, 12:15 p.m.
- Children's Choirs, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 12

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

- Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.
- Faith in 3D Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, Community Hall, noon
- Adventurers Committee, 1205-L, 1 p.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary, 6 p.m.
- Faith in 3D Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 6:45 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.
- WOW Knitting Group, Tinsley Home, 6:30 p.m.
- Faith in 3D Performance, Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

- MOPS, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

- Service at White Rock Center of Hope, 9 a.m.
- Faith in 3D Performance, Sanctuary, 2:30 p.m.



SUMMER 2024

Children & Preschool Wilshire Baptist Church

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS

Monday-Friday, June 10-14, 9 a.m.-noon.

At VBS, kids will use their investigative skills to dig into the Bible and discover Jesus. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, sing fun songs, solve clue puzzles, do art projects and science explorations and play active games. For completed kindergartners through sixth graders. Limited to 15 per grade. **Cost:** Free. **Register by:** June 3.

COOKING CAMP

Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Completed first through sixth graders will learn about food safety and nutrition and prepare a three-course lunch, served daily. Bring an apron from a previous camp and get a \$5 refund on the first day. **Cost:** \$100. **Register by:** June 30.

LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 12:30-5 p.m.

Creative arts camp has something for everyone who has completed grades one through six: music, visual arts, drama, movement, crafts, a cool T-shirt and more! On Friday all kids will stay for dinner, and families are invited to a 6:30 p.m. performance and art showcase. Lunch not included; snacks provided. **Cost:** \$100. **Register by:** June 30.

FULL-DAY: COOKING CAMP AND LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

Monday-Friday, July 8-12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Completed second through sixth graders can register for Cooking Camp and Listen to Your Art! Lunch included with Cooking Camp. **Cost:** \$175. **Register by:** June 30.

PRETEEN CAMP

Saturday-Tuesday, July 27-30

Passport Kids! is for completed third through sixth graders. We'll travel by bus to the Heart of Texas Baptist Camp and Conference Center near Brownwood. Campers will experience high-energy worship, interactive Bible study, recreation, missions and more, led by camp staff with help from Wilshire chaperones. Chaperones needed. **Cost:** \$400. \$50 deposit guarantees a spot. **Full payment due:** June 30.

PRESCHOOL EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SEEKERS IN SNEAKERS

Monday-Friday, June 10-14, 9 a.m.-noon.

Preschool VBS is for those who turned 3 through 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2023, but have not completed kindergarten. Class sizes are limited. **Cost:** Free. **Register by:** June 3.

CREATION STATION

Monday-Thursday, July 22-25, 9 a.m.-noon

Creation Station includes art, music, movement, cooking and more! For preschoolers who were 3 by Sept. 1, 2023 up through children who have completed kindergarten. **Cost:** \$100. **Register by:** July 14.

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Registration opens Feb. 23 at wilshirebc.org/summer-camps

Cancellation Policy: Refunds minus a credit card processing fee are available with notice at least one week prior to camp start date. Within a week of camp, no refunds will be issued.