



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**March 17, 2024**  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

# Preparing for worship

Back in August my daughter started kindergarten, which means she also started joining us in the Sanctuary for worship. She had spent the previous year watching her brother go to “big church” and was so excited when it was finally her turn. She was wide-eyed and a bit giddy that first Sunday, so imagine Steven’s and my surprise when, after the first hymn, we looked over at her and saw her crying. I leaned down to ask what was wrong, and she said, “I didn’t know that song, and I can’t read, so I couldn’t sing with you.” She was crushed, and so were we.

As all parents do, we tried to ease her pain by telling her that over time she would come to know and even memorize these hymns, and that a lot of kids learn to read in kindergarten, so she would soon be able to sing along. “When?” was her obvious reply. Realizing we couldn’t put a date on it, we responded, “When it’s time.” I don’t have to tell you that wasn’t the answer she wanted.

Slowly but surely, she has found her place on Sunday mornings. We encouraged her to stand

with us, and we pointed out the words to her in the hymnal so she could follow along. She noticed “sight words” she was learning in class. Then, sure enough, she started to recognize a few melodies, and this past month she started reading. Suddenly she is reaching for the hymnal in the back of the pew and using her index finger to follow along, no longer looking to her dad or me for assistance. The time finally came, and she was ready.

Like fruits that ripen on the vine at different times, so too is the life of faith. Our world loves the illusion of control, so we schedule and make plans instead of allowing, which is the posture needed for the transformative work of faith. What might happen in this next hour if we practiced the act of allowing? If we practiced unfolding instead of clenching to our own timelines of growth, trusting that God will work with what is already within us and holding a posture of curiosity for how it will grow in time? Let’s practice being malleable, my friends, and celebrate our growth together.

—Katie Murray



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**On the cover:** *Lenten Labyrinth*, Mike Moyers, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville. The artist writes, “This painting is a visual labyrinth containing many Lenten concepts. The labyrinth begins and ends with the dark path at the bottom — representing Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Some other themes depicted are: covenant relationship, Scripture, the law, discipleship, betrayal, servanthood, readiness, patience, Christ’s passion, deliverance, abundance, provision, sacrifice, new life and love.”

**March 17, 2024**  
11:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

## **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**

Al Stewart

## **Prelude**

*The Old Rugged Cross*  
Carla Siegesmund, harp

arr. Rhett Barnwell

## **Call to Worship**

*O Radiant Dawn*  
Nova  
Michael Capps, director; Bill Jernberg, accompanist

James MacMillan

O radiant dawn,  
Splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.  
Isaiah had prophesied, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.”

## **Opening Sentences**

Benjamin Standefer

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we welcome the holy distraction from our planning and deadlines. We embrace the unfolding and ripening of God’s call on our lives as we allow the unexpected to breathe new life into our being and allow a maturing of our faith and connection to God.

## **+Congregational Song**

*Like a River Glorious*  
No. 60

WYE VALLEY

## **Epistle Reading** — Hebrews 5:5–10

Debbie Meripolski

Even Christ didn’t presume to take on the office of high priest. Christ was appointed high priest by the One who said, “You are my Own; today I have begotten you”; and in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days when he was in the flesh, Jesus offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to God, who was able to save him from death, and Jesus was heard because of his reverence. Firstborn though he was, Jesus learned to obey through suffering. But having been made perfect, Jesus became, for all who obey, the source of eternal salvation, and he was designated by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

**Anthem**

*Take It to the Lord in Prayer*  
Sanctuary Choir

Nolan Williams

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.  
What a privilege it is to carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
Our precious Savior, he is still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Some things we have not because we ask not!  
When we have a friend who's there!

When we're weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care,  
We should never be discouraged when we take it to the Lord in Prayer.

Some things we have not because we ask not!  
When we have a friend who cares!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit! Oh, what needless pain we bear!  
We should never be discouraged when we take it to the Lord in prayer!

**Prayers of the People**

Gina Biddle

**+Congregational Song**

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*  
No. 631  
Stanza 1: choir only  
**Stanzas 2-4: all**

DONNA

**Offertory**

*Panis Angelicus (Bread of Heaven)*  
Carla Siegesmund, harp; Jeff Brummel, organ

Franck/arr. Burton

**+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Darren DeMent

“Behold, the days are coming, says YHWH, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt — a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse, says YHWH. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says YHWH: I will put my Law in their minds and on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they need to teach one another or remind one another to listen to YHWH. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me, says YHWH, for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.”

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!**

**Silent Reflection**

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

**+Congregational Song**

*We Will Walk with God*  
Joshua Brown and Katie Murray, percussion

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

Choir will sing once through.  
**All join in singing as invited.**

We will walk \_\_\_ with God, my broth - ers; we will walk \_\_\_ with God.

We will walk \_\_\_ with God, my sis - ters; we will walk \_\_\_ with God.

We will go re - joic - ing 'til the king - dom has come.

We will go re - joic - ing 'til the king - dom has come.

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

*Voluntary on WYE VALLEY*

arr. Ron Boud

The flowers today are given in honor and appreciation of the Wilshire staff and their families by Sally and Richard Luttrell.

# Meet today's worship leaders

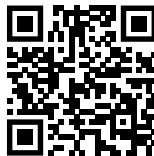
**Gina Biddle** joined Wilshire in 2014 and is a member of Discovery Class. She is a chaplain at the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Gina has worked at UT Southwestern for 21 years and is one of only a few board-certified palliative care chaplains in Texas.

**Debbie Meripolski** and her husband, Mike, joined Wilshire in 2004 and are members of Epiphany Class, which Debbie directs. Their daughter, Ann Meripolski, also attends Wilshire. Debbie is a deacon, a Stephen Minister and serves on the Personnel Committee. She works as a nonprofit development consultant.

**Carla Siegesmund** and her husband, Rudy, joined Wilshire in 2019. She attends Cord of Three Class, helps facilitate the WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club, sings in Sanctuary Choir and serves as a substitute in Carillon Ringers. Carla is a CPA by vocation and a harpist by avocation.

**Benjamin Standefer** is a sophomore at St. Mark's School of Texas and is active in Wilshire Student Ministry. He is the son of Melinda and Glenn Standefer and brother to William and Thomas. Benjamin enjoys rowing, working with AI and volunteering at Austin Street Shelter.

**Al Stewart** and his wife, Chris, joined Wilshire in 2020. They are parents to four adult children: Grant, Curtis, Emery and Isla. Al attends Epiphany Class and serves on the Pathways to Ministry Committee. He works as a trial attorney in his own firm.



**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.

# 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.

## Communications

- Mark McKenzie, Communications Director (3169)

## Congregational Care

- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Early Childhood Learning Center

- Kelly Akins, ECLC Assistant Director and Curriculum Specialist (3139)
- Carole McClung, ECLC Administrative Assistant (3115)
- Ramona Randle, ECLC Director (3140)

## Finance

- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

## Food Services

- Luke Munion, Food Service Staff
- Haley Robinson, Food Service Director (3117)
- Gillian Tinsley, Food Service Staff
- Elias Vasquez, Food Service Staff
- Leyvi Vasquez, Food Service Staff
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Food Service Staff

## Hospitality and Facilities

- Maricela Escutia, Facilities Supervisor
- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities

## Missions and Advocacy

- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

## Music and Worship

- 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)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

## Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Merik Gillett, Operations Director (3146)
- Eric Mirochna, IT Manager (3136)

## Pathways to Ministry

- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)

## Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Geri McKenzie, Executive Director of Administration (3159)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

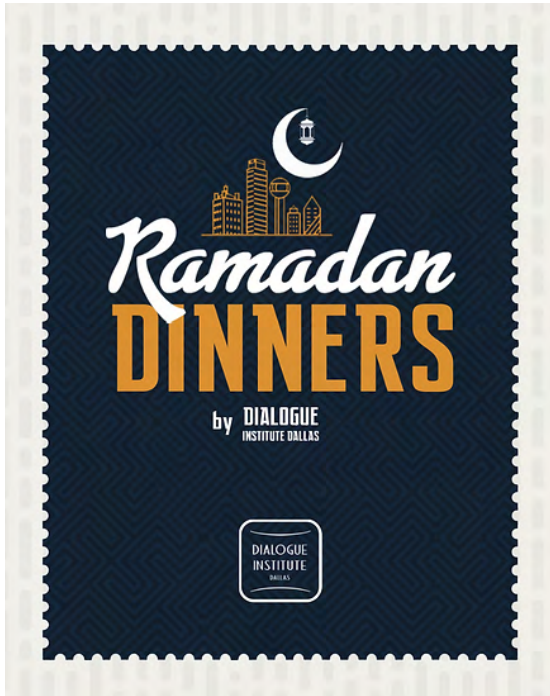
## Spiritual Formation

- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Staci Langley, Childcare Coordinator
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)
- Sarah Yodh, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)

# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
March 17, 2024



## Ramadan Dinner is Thursday

Wilshire will host Dialogue Institute Dallas for an interfaith Ramadan dinner on the evening of Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Communi-



ty Hall. The event will help us learn from our Muslim neighbors as we break bread together. Please RSVP; scan the QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/ramadan-dinner](http://wilshirebc.org/events/ramadan-dinner).



## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday March 24

- Road to Resurrection, 9–11 a.m., Community Hall
- 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday March 28

- 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Easter Sunday March 31

- 6:45 a.m., Sunrise Service at T.&P. Hill, White Rock Lake
- 9:30 a.m. Columbarium Service of Remembrance
- 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- Flowering Cross



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



## New members

- Cindy and Charlie Fuller
- Abigail (Abi) Hrbacek

## Congratulations to

Lindsey and James Michael Sobolik-Williams on the birth of their son, Shiloh River Sobolik-Williams, March 10.

## Adventurers to Fort Worth

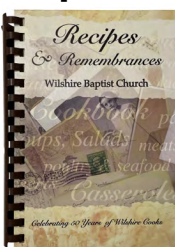
On Thursday, March 21, the Wilshire Adventurers will head to the Fort Worth Stockyards for shopping, dining and watching the cattle drive. The \$20 cost covers transportation by bus. Lunch is on your own. The bus will leave Wilshire at 9 a.m. and return at 2 p.m. Adventurers is a fellowship group for those 60 and above. Guests are welcome. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/stockyards](http://wilshirebc.org/events/stockyards).

## One more week for lily orders

Help beautify the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 31, by purchasing lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the worship folder on Easter. Each plant costs \$20. Order at [wilshirebc.org/easter-lilies](http://wilshirebc.org/easter-lilies) or in the church office. The deadline for inclusion in the listing is Palm Sunday, March 24.



## Request from History Committee



The History Committee is seeking a copy of *Recipes & Remembrances*, a Wilshire cookbook published in 2001 on the occasion of the church's 50th anniversary. If you have a copy and are willing to donate it to Wilshire's archives, please contact Janice Jernberg at [jnjernberg1@gmail.com](mailto:jmjernberg1@gmail.com) or Max Post at [mjpost77@yahoo.com](mailto:mjpost77@yahoo.com).



## Family Lenten Experience Next Sunday, March 24 9–11 a.m. Community Hall

Join us in traveling the path of Jesus during his last week on earth in this hour-long multigenerational event geared for all ages. We'll create and wave palm branches, taste the Passover meal, visit the Garden of Gethsemane and join in other engaging experiences by visiting five sequential stations, rotating every 10 minutes in small groups.

The event is open to everyone from 9 to 9:30 a.m. with one group starting at 9 and another group at 9:15. Please sign up for a time; use the QR code or find the link at [wilshirebc.org/events/road-to-resurrection](http://wilshirebc.org/events/road-to-resurrection).

Older preschoolers and children's kindergarten through 6th grade Sunday School classes will participate during Sunday School from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

If you're interested in playing a character or helping with setup (March 22 and 23) or cleanup, please contact Julie Girards at [jgirards@wilshirebc.org](mailto:jgirards@wilshirebc.org) or 214-452-3104.



Sign up to enter  
at 9 or 9:15 a.m.

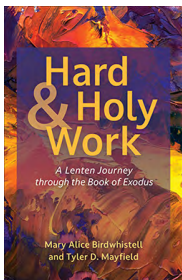
Older preschoolers and  
K–6 classes will visit  
during Sunday School.



# Doing the work of Lent

**E**very 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.

## Book study: Hard & Holy Work



We hope you'll join us this Lenten season in reading and studying *Hard & Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus*. This new book by Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Tyler Mayfield 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 from major book retailers.

■ **Discussion Group.** On Sundays from 9 to 9:45 a.m., Darren DeMent and Katie Murray are leading a discussion group on the book in Room 1205-G. Ends Palm Sunday, March 24.

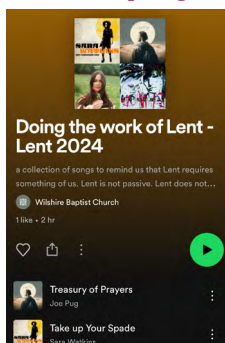
■ **Sunday School.** Several classes, including Youth, are studying the book during Lent.

■ **Family Study Guide.** A guide for parents to use with children is available in the church office and can be downloaded at [wilshirebc.org/lent](http://wilshirebc.org/lent).

## Sundays and Wednesdays

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples is focusing on the spiritual practice of fasting in his Lenten messages. While we often think of it only in terms of food, fasting is an intentional letting go to make space to hear sacred whispers or accept holy interruptions. Wednesday night Bible Study during Lent features dialogue and a deeper dive into the Sunday sermon.

## Lenten playlist on Spotify



Wilshire's eclectic Lenten playlist is available on the digital music service Spotify. Search for "Doing the work of Lent - Lent 2024" or find the link at [wilshirebc.org/lent](http://wilshirebc.org/lent). The basic version of Spotify is free to use.



**For everyone.  
Now every week.**

**Wednesdays  
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.  
Community Hall**

All ages are welcome for lunch (\$10 each) and minister-led Bible Study. Pay at the door. No RSVP needed. Contact: Barbara Clayton ([bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org))



■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | April 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org)).

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | April 4 | Noon | 1205-L | *Happiness: A Memoir: The Crooked Little Road to Semi-Ever After* by Heather Harpham. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)).

■ Join Women of Wilshire for **mahjong** the first Friday each month at 10 a.m. and the second Wednesday each month at 6 p.m. Please sign up at [wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong](http://wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong).

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

## MARCH 20

**Koinonia Café** | 5–6 p.m. | **Community Hall** | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Pricing at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **March 20:** Fried fish with tartar sauce, sautéed spinach, corn nuggets, baked potato soup, angel food cake with berries, jello. **Kids:** Corn dogs, fries.

**Music, Missions & More** | 6–7 p.m. | **Age 3–Pre-K** | Preschool choir, plus fun activities focused on God’s love.

**KidConnect** | 6–7 p.m. | **K–Grade 6** | A rotation of art, music and more to help kids learn how to love God and others.

**Lenten Bible Study** | **Feb. 21–March 27** | 6–7 p.m. | **Community Hall** | Wednesday night Bible Study during Lent will feature dialogue and a deeper dive into the Sunday morning sermon. Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will lead the final two sessions, March 20 and 27.

**Watershed** | 6:30–7:30 p.m. | **Grades 7–12** | Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

**Sanctuary Choir** | 7 p.m. | **Choral Hall** | No audition. New singers welcome.

**Childcare** for infants to 2-year-olds whose parents are involved in church activities is offered 6–7:15 p.m.

## Youth Spring Retreat

Wilshire Student Ministry will hold its Spring Retreat Friday, April 12, through Sunday, April 14, at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose. The \$100 registration fee covers transportation, lodging, meals and a T-shirt. The theme for this year's retreat is *Reel to Real: A Study of Christ Figures in Film*. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/spring-retreat](http://wilshirebc.org/events/spring-retreat).

## Photographers wanted

Wilshire Communications Director Mark McKenzie is seeking professional or hobbyist photographers to help document church events on a volunteer basis. Contact Mark at [mmckenzie@wilshirebc.org](mailto:mmckenzie@wilshirebc.org).



## MARRIAGE Connections

## Marriage Connections is April 12

In Marriage Connections, held on select Friday nights at 6:30, free childcare (infant – grade 6) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration is required by April 7; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections).

## Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, April 12

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 6) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, April 12, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes April 7; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno).



## Eclipse Party on April 8

Join Wilshire friends to view the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Prayer Garden and James Gallery. The church will provide viewing glasses, snacks and music. Bring your own lawn chair. The partial eclipse will start at 12:23 p.m., and the total eclipse will start at 1:40. Hosted by the Church-wide Social Committee and the Adventurers.

## Parenting and the Enneagram



Learn how the Enneagram can help with parenting at a seminar in Community Hall on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guest speakers Joey and Billy Schewee of the @enneagramparents Instagram account will lead us in exploring how your Enneagram type — and that of your child — informs your parenting style. Prior Enneagram knowledge is not required. Teachers, counselors and grandparents will also benefit. A \$10 per-person cost will cover lunch, snacks, water and coffee. Learn more and register at [wilshirebc.org/events/enneagram-parenting](http://wilshirebc.org/events/enneagram-parenting).

# Wilshire welcomes Robert P. Jones, Greg Garrett April 13–14

Robert P. Jones and Greg Garrett, both keen observers of religion and culture, will explore the topic “The Deep Roots of Racism in the Christian Church” at a series of events at Wilshire in April.

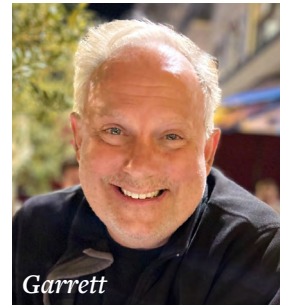
On Saturday, April 13, Jones and Garrett will be featured in dialogue at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Copies of their books will be available for purchase, and the first 25 people to arrive for the 3 p.m. session will receive one free book from each author.

Garrett will preach in worship Sunday, April 14, and after the service all are invited to Community Hall, where Jones, Garrett and Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will participate in a live Baptist News Global webinar hosted by BNG executive director Mark Wingfield. Lunch will be provided at no cost. The webinar will start at 12:30 p.m. and run 60 to 75 minutes.

Robert P. Jones is the president and founder of the Public Religion Research Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to driving conversations at the intersection of religion, culture and politics. He is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future* (2023), *White Too Long: The Legacy of*



Jones



Garrett

*White Supremacy in American Christianity* (a 2021 American Book Award winner) and *The End of White Christian America* (2016). Jones writes regularly for outlets such as *The Atlantic*, *Time* and Religion News Service.

Greg Garrett is the Carole McDaniel Hanks Professor of Literature and Culture at Baylor University. One of America’s leading voices on religion and culture, his most recent book is *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America’s Great Prophet Can Teach Us about Life, Love, and Identity*. Garrett is currently writing a book on racial mythologies for Oxford University Press. A seminary-trained Episcopal lay preacher, he is canon theologian in residence at the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris. Garrett preached at Wilshire in 2020 and 2022.

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## Chronic illness support group

Wilshire’s support group for those experiencing a chronic or undiagnosed illness meets on Zoom the second and fourth Tuesdays every month at 7:30 p.m. To learn more, contact Annette Miller at [annette.a.miller@gmail.com](mailto:annette.a.miller@gmail.com).

## Ushers and greeters needed

The Hospitality Ministry Team is seeking new ushers and greeters to serve on a rotational basis. Contact: Barbara Clayton at [bclayton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bclayton@wilshirebc.org) for more information.

## Evening knitting group

Anyone who enjoys knitting is invited to Peggy Tinsley’s Garland home one evening each month, usually the third Thursday, to work on their projects in fellowship with others. The group is open to knitters of all skill levels. Contact Sara Tinsley for more details at [saratinsley1@yahoo.com](mailto:saratinsley1@yahoo.com).

# How to Give

*Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially. Thanks for your generosity.*

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**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](http://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](http://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 Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

**TEXT.** Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

**DONATE STOCKS.** Contact Lori 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 QR code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution.**

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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, March 17

- Hard & Holy Work Discussion, 1205-G, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, 1100-B, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Missions Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Library Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Personnel Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- 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, March 18

- Wilshire Winds, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 19

- Computer Classes, 2305 & 2307, 9:30 a.m.
- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, March 20

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music, Missions and More, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, Children's Hallway, 6 p.m.
- Risk Management Committee, 1205-G, 6:30 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, March 21

- Adventurers to Fort Worth, 9 a.m.
- Stephen Ministry Training, 1100-B, 10 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.
- Knitting Group, Peggy Tinsley Home, 6:30 p.m.
- Ramadan Dinner, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Friday, March 22

- MOPS, James Gallery, 9 a.m.
- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.

## Saturday, March 23

- Sanctuary Choir Bonus Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.

# David Beck

**Hometown:** Paducah, Texas

**Present city:** Justin, Texas

**Education:** UT-Austin, Business

**Profession:** Business Management

## **Tell us about your work.**

For 26 years my family has operated a restoration service business, cleaning buildings after water and fire damage losses for commercial clients. We also provide specialized environmental and air quality testing.

## **How about your family?**

The love of my life for 34 years was Shelly Kay Miller. We married in 1989 and raised two daughters. Our older daughter, Sarah, married Cameron Wright and is the mother of Colton, 5, and Weston, 3. They live in Argyle. Our younger daughter, Madison, is engaged to be married to Jon-Luc and lives in Lewisville. Both daughters live 15 to 30 minutes away from Justin. Colton and Weston's Nana Shelly went home to live with Jesus on Sept. 25, 2023.

## **What are your hobbies?**

American history and classic literature interest me. I'll read anything authors H.W. Brands or Jon Meacham write, and I have read Shakespeare's *Macbeth* again. I am drawn to Isaiah. Sermons by John Claypool are worth rereading.

## **What are your favorite places to travel?**

I hope to take my grandsons to Europe and other foreign destinations so they can experience other cultures and develop a love for experiencing God everywhere.



## **What brought you to Wilshire and when?**

Great preaching, wonderful organ pieces and a congregation who truly cares about and engages in social justice were the reasons Shelly and I joined during COVID in summer 2020. We felt at home even though we were members from a distance due to Shelly's illness.

## **Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

I'm a member of Compass Class and the Christian Advocacy Committee. I'm part of the Wilshire team that went to Puerto Rico in February.

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

At age 9 I asked Jesus into my heart. Reliance on Christ developed during high school. I discovered walks at night to be meditative and soul-renewing. I've found Jesus to be a true friend and our Heavenly Father to be gracious and generous. The greatest gifts have been my wife, daughters, their families and friends at Wilshire. Bringing honor to these bestowed gifts is life for me.

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

I'm engaged in city government and serve as chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Justin. I volunteer during election seasons and have found public service rewarding. In 1975, I met actor Roy Rogers while he was filming the movie *Mackintosh and T.J.* on the Four Sixes Ranch near Guthrie, a few miles south of my hometown.



# 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:** \$80. **Register by:** July 14.

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## Register at [wilshirebc.org/summer-camps](http://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.