



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Preparing for worship

Breathe in ... breathe out

If you've come to worship this morning under a dark cloud, you're not alone.

'Tis the season of scapegoating; a season in which we twist Christ's assertion that it's "more blessed to give ..." and anoint evil and blame on others in order to make ourselves feel better — even holier — than them.

Be it religion or race, politics or global conflict, even March Madness, we just can't help but demonize those we disagree with, those we see as different from us.

It's habit forming. Even before our morning coffee we turn to our favorite media outlet to see who's trashing whom. No wonder the U.S. is ranked the second most depressed nation globally, just behind — surprise — Ukraine.

So where can we find hope and joy in these troubled times? For me, the first is easy: worshiping at Wilshire. I continually find joy and hope in our community — in its people and the message of hope I hear through word and song.

Finding it elsewhere is trickier. We must seek it out, sometimes in unusual places.

Like prison.

Recently I started spending an afternoon every week or so at a state correctional facility, discussing life with a group of young felons.

On returning home after one session, my wife, Jeanne, asked why I was always so happy when I came home from prison.

Good question. It wasn't that I was doing "good work." Rather, it was discussing everyday life with a community of incarcerated men who seemed happier and more positive than most of us on the outside. After much study and self-reflection, these men have taken full responsibility for their pre-prison life. There is no finger pointing, no scapegoating, but rather an atmosphere of hope and joy.

Intentionally or not, they have discovered something we often overlook: We are all God's children. As the Trappist monk Thomas Merton observed, just as a tree gives glory to God by being a tree, we give glory to God by being the humans God created us to be.

These men also reminded me, again to quote Merton, that "we should not be too sure of having found Christ in ourselves until we have found Him also in that part of humanity that is most remote from our own."

As God's children, perhaps it's time we all stopped scapegoating and started listening to and understanding one another.

Breathe in ... breathe out ... and be at peace.

—Scott Spreier



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April 14, 2024
11:00 a.m.
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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

Timothy Peoples

Prelude

American Hymn Tune Sketches
Wilshire Winds
Shana Gaines, director

arr. John Prescott

Opening Sentences

Laura Cordell

We come this morning to worship the risen Lord. We come with our faith and our doubts, our strengths and our weaknesses, our hopes and our fears. We come as individuals and we come together as a community to proclaim that Christ is alive.

+Congregational Song

Christ is Alive
No. 205

TRURO

Anthem

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel
Broadway Baptist Church Concord Choir
Amber Bowen, director; Jane Andrews, piano

arr. Roger Emerson

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not everyone?
He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not everyone?
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not everyone?
I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship began to sail;
It landed me over on Canaan's shore, and I'll never come back no more.
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel!

Epistle Reading — 1 John 3:1-3

Anna Hines

See what love Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God. My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is. All who keep this hope keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

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

Anthem

I Am His Lamb
Broadway Baptist Church Concord Choir

Lloyd Larson

The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb,
He leads me and keeps me wherever I am,
Through valleys of darkness, to green meadowland;
The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb.
His rod and his staff are wherever I am.
Surrounded by enemies, I'm held in his hand.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb.

Prayers of the People

Brad Russell

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Wilshire Winds

arr. Frank Ticheli

+Gospel Reading — Luke 24:36b-48

Gail Ashby

Jesus actually stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, “Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? Look at my hands and my feet; it is I, really. Touch me and see — a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones as I do.” After saying this, Jesus showed them the wounds. They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so Jesus said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” After being given a piece of cooked fish, the savior ate in their presence. Then Jesus said to them, “Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled.” Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, “That is why the scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Messiah’s name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this.

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!

Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
 At blessings without number and mercies without end:
 For Christ your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
 And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
 That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
 And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
 We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
 To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
 And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

— Michael Perry

Message

“You Are Witnesses of These Things”

Greg Garrett

Silent Reflection

+Congregational Song

He Came Down
 Katie Murray, percussion

Traditional Cameroon

He came down that we may have love; light; peace; joy; he came down that we may have love; light; peace; joy; he came down that we may have love; light; peace; joy; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Benediction

Greg Garrett

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

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Meet today's worship leaders

Gail Ashby and her husband, Walter, joined Wilshire in 2022 and participate in worship and the Discovery Class virtually from their home in McKinney. Gail, a retired teacher, chairs the Academic Committee for Central Baptist Theological Seminary and serves on Wilshire's Library Committee. She and Walter have two adult daughters and four grandchildren.

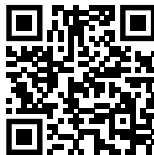
The **Broadway Baptist Church Concord Choir** from Fort Worth joins us today as the last stop on their Music and Missions Mini-Tour. This weekend, the group of 5th and 6th graders served at Mission Arlington, sang at Belmont Village Senior Living and visited the Dallas World Aquarium. Director Amber Bowen is a senior music education major at TCU and a choral scholar at Broadway.

Laura Cordell joined Wilshire in 2019. Her son, Barron, is 3 and attends Wilshire's Early Childhood Learning Center. Laura is a member of Labyrinth Class, serves on the Preschool Education Committee and is involved with advocacy work through Wilshire. She has worked for Sanofi Vaccines in multiple roles for over 20 years.

Greg Garrett is with us this weekend for a series of events also featuring author Robert P. Jones (see page 8). Greg is the Carole McDaniel Hanks Professor of Literature and Culture at Baylor University and a leading voice on religion and culture. His newest book is *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us about Life, Love, and Identity*.

Anna Hines joined Wilshire in 2009. She is a deacon, attends Foundations of Faith Class and serves on the Belong Team, the Lord's Supper Ministry Team and the Hospitality Team. A retired human resources professional, Anna volunteers for Dallas CASA and the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.

Brad Russell and his wife, Kenda, joined Wilshire and the Epiphany Class in 2017. Brad teaches in Epiphany and other adult Sunday School classes, serves as a deacon and acted in this year's Faith in 3D production. He has backgrounds in both vocational ministry and marketing and currently works as an independent consulting analyst in market research and strategy for consumer technology.



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.

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Tapestry



News & Announcements
April 14, 2024

Robert P. Jones
Greg Garrett

The Deep Roots of Racism in the Christian Church



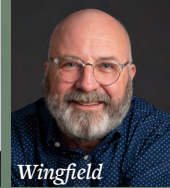
Jones



Garrett



Peoples



Wingfield

Lunch and BNG webinar after worship today

Head to Community Hall after worship for a free lunch and a live Baptist News Global webinar with authors Robert P. Jones and Greg Garrett, Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples and BNG Executive Director Mark Wingfield. The webinar will start at 12:30 p.m. and run 60 to 75 minutes, with time for questions from the live audience and online participants.

Robert P. Jones is the president and founder of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Public Religion Research Institute and 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 White Su-*

premacy in American Christianity (2021) and *The End of White Christian America* (2016). He 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*. A seminary-trained Episcopal lay preacher, he is canon theologian in residence at the American Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris.



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.

Condolences to

Family and friends on the death of **Ellen Menning**, April 8.

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 April 21 at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

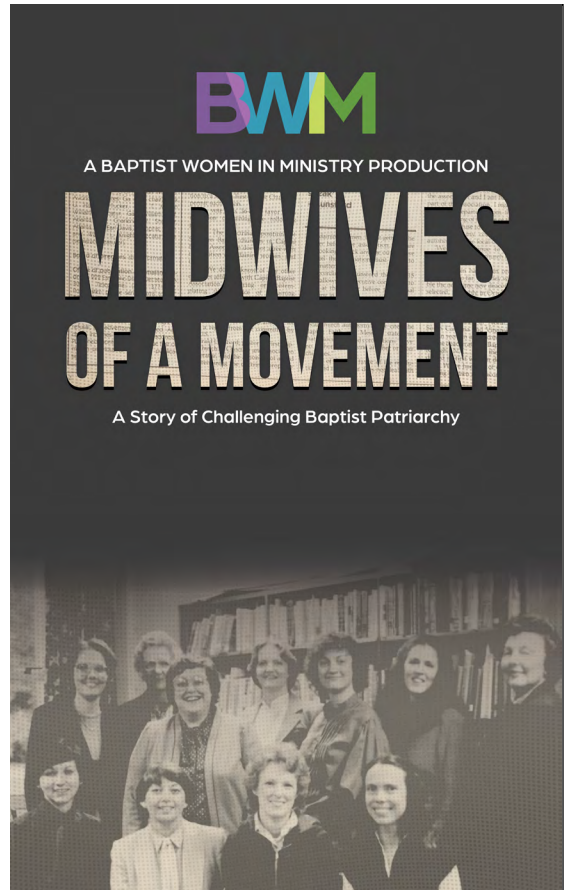


Adopt-a-Book next Sunday

At the Wilshire Library's Adopt-a-Book event on Sunday, April 21, you can help the Library defray the cost of new books by purchasing a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be printed on plaques placed inside the books. Not sure who to honor? The Library will have lists of teachers, children's leaders, ministers and staff. Stop by the South Atrium from 9 to 10:45 a.m. or after worship. The Library Committee and Librarian Barbara Peterson appreciate your support.

Adventurers to Fort Worth

On Thursday, April 18, 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. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/stockyards.



Documentary Screening & Dialogue Monday, April 22

Wilshire will host Baptist Women in Ministry for a documentary screening and conversation on Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m. in Community Hall. The film, *Midwives of a Movement*, chronicles the story of women who boldly birthed a movement to seek more visibility and leadership opportunities for women in Baptist life. BWIM Executive Director Meredith Stone will facilitate a conversation; other panelists to be announced. View the trailer at bwim.info/documentary.

Spring Valley Elementary support

Wilshire is supporting RISD's Spring Valley Elementary during Field Day and Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Wilshire's Shana Gaines is assistant principal at SVE, which will close due to consolidation after this school year.

■ **Notes of gratitude** may be written or dropped off at tables in James Gallery and near the office through Sunday, May 5. Our goal is to collect at least 130 notes.

■ On **Field Day, Friday, May 10**, we will provide classroom coverage from 11 a.m. to noon so staff can enjoy lunch together. Volunteers will provide supervision while students eat lunch and participate in an activity. Spanish speaking is a plus but is not required. Find a SignUpGenius link at wilshirebc.org/events/sve.



Wartburg Choir here April 23

The Wartburg Choir of Wartburg College will present a concert at Wilshire on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert is free; donations will be accepted. Wartburg is a private Lutheran liberal arts college in Waverly, Iowa. The internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir (wartburg.edu/choir) performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles and often collaborates with contemporary composers. The group tours the U.S. each spring and abroad every three years. Their concert at Wilshire will also feature the Timber Creek High School Choir from Keller ISD.

Wilshire to join in gun violence advocacy project

In 2023, Wilshire advocacy partner Texas Impact launched Vidas Robadas (Stolen Lives), a project to reduce gun violence by memorializing its victims through public installations. By displaying T-shirts that name or represent victims in Dallas County, the effort will honor the individuals and make visible the reality of gun violence in our community.



On Sunday, April 28, the Christian Advocacy Committee will host a T-shirt-making event after worship in Community Hall. Sunday School classes may choose to participate during class. Each colored shirt will show the name, age and death date of someone who died of gun violence in the last five years. Each white shirt will represent a suicide and show a crisis hotline number.

Prior to their installation at Wilshire in late May, our 200 shirts will be displayed alongside those from other churches outside the National Rifle Association convention in Dallas on May 18.

The Christian Advocacy Committee and Wilshire's deacons have wholeheartedly agreed for Wilshire to participate in Stolen Lives. The T-shirts we make will be installed along the brick wall north of the church building on Abrams Road. Many other faith communities are joining Texas Impact in this effort, which will culminate next February with a display of all shirts at the state capitol on Gun Violence Reduction Advocacy Day.

We hope you'll make plans to join us on April 28 for this impactful and moving project. Contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain to learn more (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).



**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)



■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | May 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Whiskey in a Teacup* by Reese Witherspoon. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org).

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | May 2 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

■ **WOW volunteers** will staff White Rock Center of Hope's drive-thru food pantry on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3TQVOUM> or contact Abbey Adcox (aadcox@wilshirebc.org).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

APRIL 17

Koinonia Café | 5 p.m. | **Community Hall** | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Pricing at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **April 17:** Lemon herb chicken, spanakopita, couscous, pita bread, lemon orzo soup, salad, baklava, Greek honey cookies, jello or fruit. **Kids:** Chicken nuggets, fries.

Music, Missions & More | 6 p.m. | **Age 3–Pre-K** | Preschool choir and other fun activities.

KidConnect | 6 p.m. | **K–Grade 6** | Each week is different, with art, music and more.

The Gospel of Aretha Franklin |



6 p.m. | Community Hall |

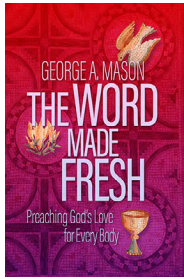
On Aretha's album *Amazing Grace*, her father, Rev. C.L. Franklin, said "she has never left the church." He chose these words to calm those unhappy with her choice of music styles. Join Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples as we investigate the songs of the Queen of Soul and notice how in our own secularities we too have not left the sweet soundings of the church — and how each song spoke to the time, ensuring "Good News."

Watershed | 6:30 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 from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Awards for George's book



The Word Made Fresh, George Mason's book of sermons published following his retirement as Wilshire's senior pastor, was honored on April 4 with two awards by the Religion Communicators Council. The book was named "Best in Class" among all books and

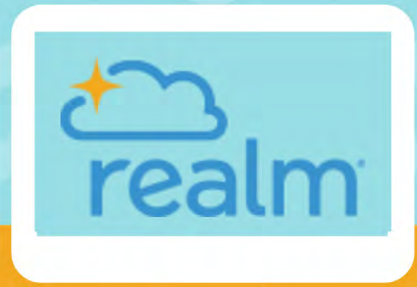
also topped the non-fiction category of the RCC's DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards. RCC coordinator Brian Fesler said, "Dr. Mason may be rooted in the Baptist tradition, but his message reaches across faith lines to share the love of Jesus. The world needs more of this." Founded in 1929, the RCC is an association of communications professionals representing a diverse group of faith-based organizations. *The Word Made Fresh* is available from Amazon and other online booksellers.

Recital for Youth Choir pianist

On Friday, April 19, Wilshire Youth Choir accompanist Kamilya Akhmetova will present her final recital as she prepares to complete her performance diploma in organ from SMU's Meadows School of the Arts. The free program of French organ music will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Monica Catholic Church, 9933 Midway Rd.

Kids Music & Missions Fun Day

Any child (K-6) who has participated in choir or KidConnect this school year is invited for a Music & Missions Fun Day on Saturday, May 4. The group will meet at Wilshire at 9:30 a.m. and carpool with chaperones to Fair Park, returning at 2:30 p.m. Activities will include Texas Discovery Gardens, Butterfly House and Insectarium, Art in the Park, a picnic lunch and the Leonhardt Lagoon Nature Walk. Register by April 28 at wilshirebc.org/events/mmfunday.



HELP DESK

Still not sure what Realm is all about? Need help downloading your giving statement? Wilshire staffers will be available at the times listed below to answer your Realm questions and offer hands-on training. If needed, they'll even take your photo and help you upload it.

- Sundays, April 14 and May 5, from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. in James Gallery.
- Wednesdays, May 1 and May 8, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall.

Realm is a secure online platform connected to our member database. Wilshire members use it for giving and event registrations. It also serves as our church directory, so having your photo there is helpful to new members and staff members. You can access Realm through a web browser or the free Realm Connect mobile phone app.



TOTALLY FUN. Around 125 Wilshire folks of all ages, including some ECLC classes, gathered in the Prayer Garden on Monday, April 8, to take in the total solar eclipse. The crowd enjoyed MoonPies, SunChips and a carefully timed playlist from Associate Pastor Darren DeMent.

Someone to talk with.

If you are facing a life challenge and would like to have a spiritual friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry pairs trained lay people with individuals in need of Christian companionship during times of life crisis. Wilshire has trained Stephen Ministers available.

To learn more about receiving confidential care from a Stephen Minister, please reach out using our dedicated email address, stephenministry@wilshirebc.org, or call 214-452-3176.

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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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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.

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.

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, April 14

- WSM Spring Retreat, Glen Rose
- Preschool and Children's Teacher Appreciation Party, 2312 & 1350, 9 a.m.
- Realm Help Desk, James Gallery, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, James Gallery, noon
- Lunch and BNG Webinar: The Deep Roots of Racism in the Christian Church, Community Hall, noon
- Wilshire Bells, Handbell Room, 12:15 p.m.
- Children's Choirs, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 15

- Wilshire Winds, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

- 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.
- Preschool Music, Missions and More, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- WOW Calendar Planning, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

- Adventurers to Fort Worth Stockyards, 9 a.m.
- Stephen Ministry Training, 1100 B, 10 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.
- WOW Knitters Group, Tinsley Home, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19

- MOPS, James Gallery, 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 20

- Service at White Rock Center of Hope, 9 a.m.

Gina Waterman

Hometown: Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey

Present City: Garland

Education: B.S. Technical Communication,
Rochester Institute of Technology

Profession: Grief recovery specialist/coach

Tell us about your family.

I am mom to Kenneth, 19. He attends the Notre Dame School, and I'm active in their parent network. After my divorce, I moved from North Dallas to North Garland and love the diversity here.

How about your work or volunteer life?

When I first moved to Dallas from Houston, I was a technical writer and continued working until I had my son. I stayed home with him many years to care for his high needs after birth and through school. I volunteered in several autism parent groups and nonprofits over the years. In 2019, I decided to get certified in grief recovery, which led me to coaching and consulting in grief and loss, with an emphasis on caregiver grief. I am also a trusted partner with Loss of Life Advocates, a company that provides grief support before and after significant life transitions.

Any favorite hobbies?

I love music, theater and photography.

What are your favorite places to travel?

The beach is my favorite place to be, but I love traveling abroad and will get back to London — I lived there briefly in my late 20s.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

When Kenneth was a baby, he attended ECLC and



MOPS. Paula Woodbury invited me to church, and I've been coming ever since. We officially joined in 2009.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I'm a member of Seekers Sunday School Class. I volunteered in the preschool in the early years, and I'm on

the Hospitality Ministry Team. I also enjoy being part of Women of Wilshire!

What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

I love Wilshire's ability to straddle both sides of the aisle with our worship style and openness to "Every Body." I didn't grow up with Sunday School for adults, and that has definitely enriched my time here. We have a spirit of giving, serving, encouraging and welcoming; it's like no other church I've ever experienced.

What do you think God is up to in your life right now?

I feel called to serve the "least among us" and their families. I'm still a strong advocate in the disability community and feel it's my duty to help other parents navigate this often lonely road. Having been through some deeply challenging times over the last decade, I've had to lean into my faith like never before. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but God was with me.



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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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.