



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

Preparing for worship

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day on which the worldwide Christian church remembers the gift of the Holy Spirit. To mark this occasion in the church year, our Sanctuary paraments and the choir stoles are red, symbolizing the tongues of flame described in the second chapter of Acts.

But my favorite aspect of Pentecost Sunday at Wilshire is the tintinnabulum because (a) it's just a fun word to say, and (b) it's got BELLS! The word derives from Latin, literally translated "to jingle." Liturgically, tintinnabula have been employed as a means of illustrating the free-flowing work of the Holy Spirit. Wilshire's tintinnabulum was created around 2006 by fabric artist Shirley Cunningham, who also designed the Sanctuary paraments.

So yes, today's service is filled with the symbolism of the Holy Spirit. We start by seeing the red stoles and paraments and hearing the sounds of the marimba and tintinnabulum. Then we experience all the feelings as we witness the baptism of our beloved friend and staff member Chelsea, and we recognize, bless, and send out our graduates. Finally, we dedicate and welcome a new child of God. It is so much. It is

a red-letter, spirit-filled day at Wilshire.

As I preview the order of worship, I find joy leaping off the pages. However, I must recognize that people sharing the pew with me may not be having the same reaction. You may be experiencing significant melancholy at the thought of graduation. You may struggle with baby dedications. Instead of beautiful jingling bells, your internal tintinnabulum may be barely audible, or it may sound like a tornado inside your head/heart/soul.

Nevertheless, whether it's a calming sound of refuge or a siren song of distress, thank God, literally, for the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Trinity. The Spirit, who comes to help us in our weakness. Our comforter and intercessor. Whether the Spirit comes as tongues of fire or as a dove, as a mighty rushing wind or the gentle chiming of bells, thanks be to God.

Lord, thank you for the gift of your indwelling Spirit. Bless this service of worship that we may hear your Spirit, that we may feel your Spirit and that we may know its abiding presence in our lives.

—Juliana Moore



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On the cover: *Veni Sancti Spiritus*, Adam Kossowski, c. 1965, mosaic at Roman Catholic Church of St. Aloysius, London.

May 19, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday

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		Ariel Merivil
Prelude	<i>Etude in C Major, Op. 6, No. 10</i> Joshua Brown, marimba	Claire Omar Musser
Baptism — Chelsea Hopkins		Timothy Peoples
Procession of the Tintinnabulum		Britt McClung
+Congregational Song	<i>A Rushing, Mighty Wind</i> No. 228	FESTAL SONG
Recognition of Graduates		Darren DeMent
Litany of Blessing		Michael Shepard

Leader: Wilshire, you have nurtured these students through their formative years by holding them, rocking them, singing with them, teaching them, playing with them, crying with them and laughing with them. Will you now bless them as they prepare for a new phase of life and learning?

People: We bless them in the name of the Lord.

Leader: Just as we know that the babies presented in this sacred space with their families do not belong to their parents but to the Lord, so we know that these graduates do not belong to us but to the Lord. Will you send them forth from this place with full trust that God, who has begun a good work in them, will carry that work forward until the day of its completion?

People: We send them out with joy.

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

Leader: Will you commit to pray for these graduates, to encourage them as they strive to live into their vocations, and to keep open arms in this fellowship of faith, so that they always will have a spiritual place to call home?

People: We commit ourselves to this cause.

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord, who has raised up children of faith among us. May the name of the Lord be forever praised. Amen.

Congregational Song

Fontanelle

Eef Barzelay

**May the sun always shine on you
And each day feel so bright and new
And may God hold you in the palm of his hand**

**May the moon always light your way
And love be forever and here to stay
And may God hold you in the palm of his hand**

**When your time has reached its end
Then may paradise be just around the bend**

**If the world should turn its back to you
And it seems there's nothing left to do
Then may God hold you in the palm of his hand**

Epistle Reading — Romans 8:22–27

Jenny Wolff

We know that from the beginning until now, all of creation has been groaning in one great act of giving birth. And not only creation, but all of us who possess the firstfruits of the Spirit — we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. In hope we were saved. But hope is not hope if its object is seen; why does one hope for what one sees? And hoping for what we cannot see means awaiting it with patient endurance. The Spirit, too, comes to help us in our weakness. For we don't know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit expresses our plea with groanings too deep for words. And God, who knows everything in our hearts, knows perfectly well what the Spirit is saying, because her intercessions for God's holy people are made according to the mind of God.

Offertory

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. Jeff Brummel

+Reading from Acts — Acts 2:1–21

Keri Mitchell

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on

the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome — all Jews, or converts to Judaism — Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!” All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think — it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of: ‘In the days to come — it is our God who speaks — I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.’”

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!

Message

“And the Spirit Was Flowing”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Psalm 139
 Youth Choir
 Kamilya Akhmetova, piano

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me; you know everything I do.
 When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
 Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
 Your presence follows me day by day.
 Where can I flee from your Spirit? Where can I go to run away?
 If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.
 Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
 See if there be any wicked way in me,
 And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Silence

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

+Congregational Song

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
No. 241

MANNA

Family Dedication — Jessica and Andy Brookshire with Callum Stephen

Timothy Peoples

We welcome into the life of the church Callum Stephen Brookshire, son of Jessica and Andy Brookshire. Present for today's dedication are grandparents Courtenay and Kathleen Thompson and Steve and Gail Brookshire; great-grandparents Barbara Pate and Virginia and Scott Brookshire; great aunts and uncles Cher Sanderson and Susan and Mike Brookshire; aunts and uncles Amy and Trey Thompson, Sarah and Cameron Colvill and Gretchen and Andy Anquoe; cousins Samuel, Katelyn, Hannah, Seth, Becca, Abbie, Anna, Ruth, Eleanor, Rory and Sevyn.

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Hymn to Joy

arr. Charles Callahan

Meet today's worship leaders

Joshua Brown has been attending Wilshire since 2019 and officially joined in 2022. His mom and stepdad are Laura and Eric Mirochna. Joshua graduated yesterday from the School for the Talented and Gifted at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center and will attend the University of Houston this fall. At Wilshire, he is active in student ministry, sings in Youth Choir, is a member of the Missions Committee and plays percussion in Wilshire Winds.

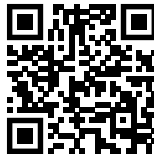
Lauren Anne Cove joined Wilshire in 2020 and attends Ithaka Class along with her partner, Collin Yarbrough. Lauren serves on the Personnel Committee, sings in Sanctuary Choir and was ordained as a deacon this year. She works for Southwest Airlines as a leadership and employee development facilitator and is completing her doctorate in education from the University of Southern California.

Britt McClung and his wife, Carole, joined Wilshire in 2011 and serve as directors of Genesis Class. They are the parents of Ava, a student at Rice University; Miriam, a sophomore at Lake Highlands High School; and Ruby, a seventh grader at Lake Highlands Junior High. Britt is a deacon and serves on the Preschool Education Committee. He works as litigation counsel for Ocwen Financial Corporation.

Keri Mitchell and her husband, Damien, are parents to Elliana, a ninth grader at Woodrow Wilson High School, and Everly, a fourth grader at Eduardo Mata Montessori School. The family joined Wilshire in December along with Damien's father, Hank Mitchell. Keri attends Avodah Class at Wilshire and is the founder and executive director of the nonprofit newsroom Dallas Free Press. She previously worked for Advocate Magazines, where one of her tasks was editing George Mason's public theology column.

Michael Shepard joined Wilshire in 2016 and is married to Molly. Their daughter, Olivia, is 19 months old. Michael is a member of Ithaka Class and teaches 11th and 12th graders in Sunday School. He is a frequent student ministry volunteer, serves on the Risk Management Committee and works as an electrical engineer for STMicroelectronics.

Jenny Wolff joined Wilshire in 2004. She is a deacon and serves as deacon coordinator, co-directs Ithaka Class and is chair-elect of the Deacon Nominating Committee. Jenny was active in Wilshire's youth group while growing up and now volunteers as a Youth Choir tour chaperone. She is lead triage nurse at Pediatric Associates of Dallas and serves as medical director for Dallas Pets Alive.



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.

Congratulations, high school graduates



Collin Adcox
*School for the Talented
and Gifted*
University of Georgia



Joshua Brown
*School for the Talented
and Gifted*
University of Houston



Audrey Campbell
Richardson HS
Baylor University



Maddie Campbell
Richardson HS
University of Arkansas



Max Campos
The Winston School
Undecided



Clara Granberry
Dallas International School
Concordia University
(Montreal, Canada)



Joseph Guthrie
Woodrow Wilson HS
University of Texas
at Dallas



Shep Jenkins
Lake Highlands HS
Texas A&M University



Amory Moore
Lake Highlands HS
University of Missouri



David Oney
Lake Highlands HS
Norwich University



Ana Ortegon
Allen HS
University of Arkansas



Laura Summers
*Prince of Peace
Christian School*
Texas A&M University



Noah Wagner
*School for the Talented
 and Gifted*
 Texas A&M University



Nick Warden
Lake Highlands HS
 Pepperdine University



Evelyn Wilson
Lake Highlands HS
 University of Texas
 at Austin

Congratulations, university graduates



Carter Adcox
Vanderbilt University
 BA, economics and
 history of art



Drew Easley
Austin College
 BA, political science
 and history



Shayne Grant
Purdue University
 BS, aviation management
 and economics



Nicholas Leal
Texas Christian University
 BS, economics



Eric Mirochna
Texas Woman's University
 BS, computer science



Emma Roden
Baylor University
 Master of Accountancy

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- 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)

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- Haley Robinson, Food Service Director (3117)
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- Gillian Tinsley, Food Service Staff
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- Leticia Medina, Facilities
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- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

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- 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)

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- 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
May 19, 2024

WILSHIRE IN THE PARK

Churchwide Picnic
Sunday, May 19
5-7 p.m.
Flag Pole Hill
Pavilion

8015 Doran Circle

Today's the day for our annual picnic with food, face painting and Flag Pole Hill's inclusive playground. The pavilion and picnic tables are ours to use; bring your own lawn chairs. Wilshire will provide fried chicken, rolls and drinks. The rest of the meal is potluck with assignments by last name (see box at right). Bring enough to serve at least eight people. Containers and serving utensils must be disposable. Please include a card with allergen information (gluten, dairy, eggs, nuts, soy) if appropriate.

Food assignments by last name

A-F, veggies
G-M, fruit
N-S, dessert
T-Z, salad



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.

New members

■ **Abigail and Chrissy Alvarez**

Condolences to

- **Louise Troh** on the death of her mother.
- Family and friends of **Virgil Musick**, May 10.
- **Polly Barnes** on the death of her husband, **Richard “Dick” Barnes**, May 12.
- **Sarah Knabe** and family on the death of Sarah’s father, May 12.
- **Polly Craig** on the death of her son-in-law, Lee Reed, May 14.

Wednesday nights on break

Reminder: Wednesday Night Live activities are on summer break. Sanctuary Choir rehearsals continue Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with some summer breaks planned.

Lunch & Learn continues

All are welcome the remaining Wednesdays in May for lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall followed by minister-led Bible Study.

■ **On June 5**, the final Lunch & Learn before a summer break will be a joint event with Wilshire Adventurers featuring New Song Community Choir’s end-of-season concert.

Wilshire returns to Dallas Pride



Wilshire will have a booth at Dallas Pride on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fair Park. The event includes music, art, food, exhibits and more. Stop by and see us in the Centennial Building.

Men’s book club begins June 18

Wilshire’s new men’s book club will meet for the first time on Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group will meet the third Thursday of every month; all men are welcome. On June 18 the group will discuss Greg Garrett’s *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America’s Great Prophet Can Teach Us About Life, Love, and Identity*. From the publisher: “Baldwin’s writing offers critiques of religion, culture, and discrimination, and in the witness of his life he holds up hope and the primacy of love despite all the difficulties of the present moment. ... Garrett presents the life and work of Baldwin in all his writing genres, on themes of equity, justice, and reconciliation.” Garrett is a professor of literature and culture at Baylor University and a friend of Wilshire.

New WOW shirts, summer plans



Women of Wilshire has new T-shirts available (\$15) and a slate of summer activities planned, including a game night and pool party. To order a shirt and RSVP for events, see the SignUpGenius

link at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-summer.

■ **WOW Tuesday Evening Book Club** | June 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ **WOW Brown Bag Book Club** | June 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ Join Women of Wilshire for **mahjong** the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong.

MOPS is now The MomCo; registration open for fall

After 51 years, MOPS International is updating its name to The MomCo (short for Mom Community) to better align with its mission of reaching all moms, not just mothers of preschoolers. Wilshire's group began in 1997 and is still going strong, meeting six to seven times during the school year on Friday mornings. Childcare, called KidsCo, is offered, and programming for moms includes brunch, a speaker and sometimes a craft — but always community. The group includes Wilshire members but consists mostly of local moms looking for connection. Wilshire MomCo will still focus mostly on moms with young kids, but as with all things Wilshire, the more the merrier. Registration for the fall is open at wilshirebc.org/momco.



Adam's Baskets

Wilshire's Adam's Baskets ministry, created in memory of Adam Malcik upon his passing in 1987 by his parents Vy and Michael Malcik, provides members the opportunity to keep our food pantry stocked. Our small pantry meets immediate needs when a neighbor stops by for assistance. Wicker baskets are located around the church, and you can place nonperishable items into a basket at any time. Proteins, peanut butter and pop-top canned goods are most needed. Items are collected from the baskets on the second Sunday each month.



Installation coming soon

Wilshire will host *Vidas Robadas* (Stolen Lives), a visual installation to bring awareness to gun violence, from May 26 through June 9. The display along Abrams Road will use T-shirts to honor local gun violence victims. Wilshire members prepared 225 shirts; colored shirts represent homicide victims, and white shirts represent suicide deaths.

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said, "Participating in *Stolen Lives* is a way for our community of faith to demonstrate our commitment to helping create a safer world for our children and our community. We hope this exhibit takes the data and humanizes it. Each shirt is not just a data point, not just a shirt, but a life."

The initiative was created in partnership with Texas Impact, an Austin-based inter-faith advocacy group.

Wear Orange on June 9

All are invited to wear orange on Sunday, June 9, in observance of National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Wear Orange Weekend. Orange ribbons will be available.

On June 9, the Christian Advocacy Committee will host a letter writing campaign for common sense gun reform.



Wilshire Winds concert, June 2

Wilshire Winds will present a concert on Sunday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An ice cream social will follow in James Gallery. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of woodwind, brass and percussion players. The concert's theme, *Scoops!*, ties in with the ice cream social and hints at the program of different musical flavors — familiar tunes, concert band classics and even a David Bowie medley. Highlights will include:

- The debut of a new arrangement by Shana Gaines, “Heavenbound: A Sacred Harp Medley.”
- “America, the Beautiful” with Minister of Music Ariel Merivil singing.
- A solo marimba piece by Joshua Brown, a graduating high school senior.
- Three pieces with euphonium player Tom Fletcher as featured soloist.

ECLC enrolling for fall

Wilshire's Early Childhood Learning Center is enrolling for the 2024–2025 school year. ECLC is a licensed early care program offering a comprehensive approach to education for infants to Pre-K. Learn more at wilshirebc.org/eclc.



Adopt-a-Book raised \$1,100

Wilshire Librarian Barbara Peterson and the Library Committee would like to thank the congregation for its support during the recent Adopt-a-Book event, which raised \$1,100 to help purchase new books. Thank you, Wilshire!

Library summer hours

Sundays: 9–10:45 a.m.

Weekdays: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturdays: Closed

New books in the Library

FICTION

- *The Familiar*, Leigh Bardugo
- *The Favored Child: A Novel* (*The Wideacre Trilogy*, 2), Philippa Gregory
- *Toxic Prey*, John Sandford

NONFICTION

- *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*, Doris Kearns Goodwin
- *Once Upon a Time: A Humorous Re-telling of the Genesis Stories*, W.J.A. Power
- *Proclaiming the Parables: Preaching and Teaching the Kingdom of God*, Thomas G. Long
- *Reading Genesis*, Marilynne Robinson

BIOGRAPHY

- *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*, Anne Lamott

PICTURE BOOKS

- *The Big Cheese*, Jory John
- *The Couch Potato*, Jory John
- *You're Going to Love This Book*, Jory John

JUVENILE FICTION

- *A Dictionary of Scoundrels* (*The Swifts Series*, Book 1), Beth Lincoln
- *A Rover's Story*, Jasmine Warga
- *A Whale of the Wild*, Rosanne Parry

Donna Gregory

Hometown: Mt. Calm, Texas

Present City: Dallas

Education: I didn't initially go to college after high school but later earned about 45 college credits attending evening classes at Eastfield.

Profession: I retired from the Federal Government, where I was a tax computation specialist, and then worked for a couple of accounting firms in a specialty area involving taxes and interest.

Tell us about your family.

I am single with two adult children. My son lives in Rockwall with his wife, and they have an adult daughter and son. They also have a granddaughter, my great-granddaughter, who is 8. My daughter lives in Dallas and has a 14-year-old daughter.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I frequently help my daughter, who has always signed up to do far more than the average person could possibly do. Currently, I'm helping her with The Long Run, a fundraiser for J.L. Long Middle School, which she is chairing.

Any favorite hobbies?

I love to escape in a good book, and I'm in a couple of book clubs. I like walking and gardening. Also, for several years I've been studying Spanish both to try to learn it and as a way to keep my brain working — mixed results on both!

What are your favorite places to travel?

My daughter has a condo in Colorado, and I enjoy going there with her and my granddaughter once or twice a year. I really enjoyed trips I took with Wilshire to Ireland and Spain a few years back.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I grew up in a Southern Baptist church, but



became disillusioned and didn't attend for a number of years. I visited Wilshire on a friend's recommendation in 2013 and liked it right away.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I participated in the recent mission trip to Puerto Rico, and I was very proud to be part of such a wonderful group. I'm in Whosoever Wilshire Sunday School Class, and I serve on the Lord's Supper Ministry Team.

What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

Maybe not surprising, but I appreciate the intelligence and open-mindedness here and that everyone is welcome.

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

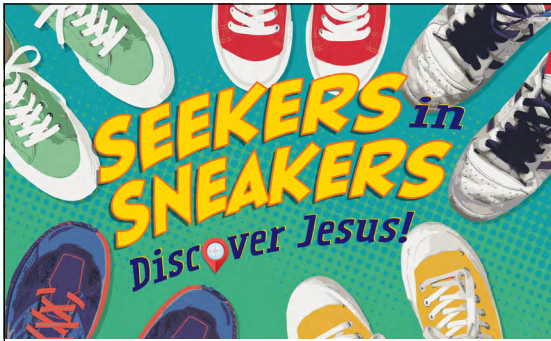
I'm trying not to be judgmental but to grow in the recognition that every person is created in God's image and worthy of dignity and respect. Emphasis on trying.

Something interesting most people would not know about you?

I was working in downtown Dallas when President Kennedy was assassinated. We had just watched the motorcade pass by.

What adjectives best describe you?

Diligent, sincere, curious.



VBS is June 10–14, 9 a.m.–noon

At Vacation Bible School, kids will use their investigative skills to dig into the Bible. 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 older preschoolers through sixth graders. VBS is free; class sizes are limited. **Register by June 3** at wilshirebc.org/summer-camps.



This Week

Sunday, May 19

- WSM Graduate Breakfast, Palmer's Hot Chicken, 9 a.m.
- Home Visitation Ministry Team, 1205-G, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- 5th and 6th Grade Parent WSM Info Meeting, McIver Chapel, 10 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Library Committee, Community Hall, noon
- VBS Volunteer Meeting, 1205-L, noon
- Personnel Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Compass Class Curriculum Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.
- Wilshire at the Park, Flag Pole Hill, 5 p.m.

Monday, May 20

- Bylaws Deacon Workgroup, 2202, 5:30 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22

- New Song Community Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Spanish with a Mission, 1205-G, 4 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1100 B, 10 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.