



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for worship

This past week I volunteered to work at Wilshire's Vacation Bible School. No applause, please, because it was my first time. In fact, it's safe to say I haven't been near a VBS since I attended as a child. It's not because I don't believe in its value. I have great memories of VBS: learning songs and scriptures, making crafts and new friends. But, because I wasn't a parent — I wasn't a father — I sort of unplugged from what children do and what they need from their parents and teachers.

So, I surprised even myself when I volunteered for VBS, although I chose a low-contact role: to be on the playground when preschool classes came out to play. I jokingly called it “playground police,” but I was there in the background just to make sure the children were safe and nobody got hurt.

I hear some echo of that role in our reading from Psalm 20 today, where David is calling upon the Lord to be with, protect, help and support the people of Israel in their times of trouble. The big difference, of course, is the

Lord is the Lord and we are not. We can't cause the winds to blow, the seas to part and evil to be defeated. Still, Christ showed us in the Gospels how to be present for each other in times of trouble and distress.

On the playground I mostly stayed out of the way and watched the children be who they are: children. I've been there many times as a deacon serving in worship care, and there's always going to be someone who will stumble and fall, skin their knee or get their feelings hurt. I know how to help in those situations, and often it is just to listen and console.

That may be our most important role in life as Christians: to be present with each other and be ready to help in whatever way we can when someone is hurting. As we worship today, consider the people who have helped you in times of need, and consider how you might do the same. And know that when you feel less than able to make a difference, God is always there with you.

—Jeff Hampton



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June 16, 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

Heather Mustain

Prelude

O God, Thou Faithful God
Bill Jernberg, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Opening Sentences

Tom Gentile

Here we are Lord; your people, your church, meeting together in your presence. Make yourself known to us in new ways through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your Word today.

+Congregational Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
No. 339

CORONATION

Children's Moment

Julie Girards

Psalm Reading — Psalm 20

Ashley Howland

The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! May God send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion. May God remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. May God grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans. May we shout for joy over your victory and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the LORD will help God's anointed; God will answer the petitioner from God's holy heaven with mighty victories by God's right hand. Some take pride in chariots and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God. They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

Offertory

Day by Day
(See Hymn No. 72 for text)
JoBeth Quillian, piano

arr. Jay Turner

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

(Jesus) also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

“Seeds of Hope”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Open Our Eyes, Lord
Sanctuary Choir
JoBeth Quillian, piano

arr. Jack Schrader

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen;
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Ed Francis

Prayer Through Music

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK



Choir 1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gra-cious words draw near,
All 2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor fol-low where you trod;
All 3. Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and may our faith a-bound
All 4. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er light

O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
but in your prom-ise we re-joice and cry, "my Lord and God!"
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
may we be-hold you as you are, with full and end-less sight.

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

All My Hope on God Is Founded
Bill Jernberg, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

The flowers today are given in honor of Dennis and Laura Smith on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary by Mike and Amanda Doran.



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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Meet today's worship leaders

Ed Francis and his wife, Linda, joined Wilshire in 1994 and raised four daughters here. Ed is a deacon, attends Epiphany Class, occasionally teaches in other Sunday School classes and has served on a number of church committees. He is a longtime residential mortgage lender who works for Texas Republic Bank.

Tom Gentile began attending Wilshire in 2023 with his parents, Laura and Phil, and younger brother, Sam. Tom attends Louisiana Tech University, where he studies business and will work this fall as an analyst with the football team. This summer he will serve as a counselor at Camp OTX in the Texas Hill Country.

Ashley Howland and her husband, Matthew, joined Wilshire in 2012. They are parents to Ethan, a rising junior at Woodrow Wilson High School, and Lucas, a rising fifth grader at Lake-wood Elementary. Ashley directs Avodah Class at Wilshire, volunteers at the boys' schools and is a partner at SparkFarm, a marketing and PR agency.

Bill Jernberg joined Wilshire in 1972 and met his wife, Janice, here. Their daughter, Anne Jernberg Scalfaro, and son, Brad Jernberg, are both alumni of Wilshire's residency program. Bill chairs the Interior Design Committee, sings in Sanctuary Choir and serves as accompanist for Nova and Young Musicians. He has also served Wilshire for many years as a substitute organist. Bill is retired from a 44-year career as an emergency physician.

JoBeth Quillian joined Wilshire in March and serves as guest pianist today. She is a professor of music at Dallas Baptist University, where she has taught since 1994. JoBeth holds bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance from Baylor University and the University of Houston, respectively, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is active as a soloist and an adjudicator of piano festivals and competitions. JoBeth has one son and lives in Grand Prairie.

James Varner and his wife, Shirley, joined Wilshire in 2023. They live in Georgetown and began watching Wilshire's livestream during the pandemic. James is retired from a 60-year career in ministry as both a Baptist pastor and a church stewardship consultant. James and Shirley have been married for 63 years. Their daughter, Noelle, died in 2017. They have two adult granddaughters.

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Tapestry



News & Announcements
June 16, 2024



Youth Choir on tour this week

Wilshire's Youth Choir left yesterday for New Orleans, where it will spend the week singing, serving and sightseeing. Be in prayer for the group of 51 singers, leaders and chaperones. The choir will sing at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, New Orleans Mission Chapel, Chateau de Notre Dame Community Care Center and during lunch service at New Orleans Mission. Mission sites where the group will work include Habitat ReStore, City Park Conservancy, the Green Project and Covenant House. The group will visit the French Quarter, enjoy beignets at Café du Monde and take a swamp boat tour.

■ **Home concert next Sunday.** Make plans to attend the Youth Choir's home concert at Wilshire on Sunday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Church closed for Juneteenth

Wilshire will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday on Wednesday, June 19.

Preschool parents' Sunday School series starts today



Parents of preschoolers are invited to a four-week Sunday School series from June 16 to July 7. Molly Shepard and Christina Evans will lead a study of the book *Hunt, Gather, Parent* by Michaela Doucette. Reading the book is encouraged but not required.

The class will meet in the Preschool Multipurpose Room. Contact: Molly Shepard (mollyfshepard@gmail.com)

Giddyup and register for Listen to Your Art!

A few spots remain for our creative arts camp for grades 1–6, which will be held July 8–12, 12:30–5 p.m. On Friday evening, participants will present the musical *Giddyup, Giddalong Gideon*, a story of learning to trust God's leading in some surprising and amazing ways. With a Western theme, the show will combine great music with boots and Bible costumes, line dancing and bandanas. This camp offers a variety of art experiences — crafts, tie-dye, STEM, chimes and more. Register at wilshirebc.org/summer-camps.

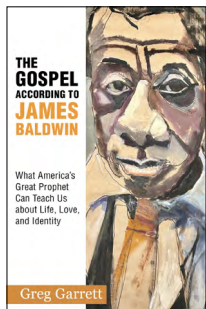


Sundays: Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at youtube.com/wilshirebaptist and at wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream. Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

Interested in the Enneagram?

Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will offer an Enneagram class at Wilshire in July if enough people are interested. The four-week class would be geared toward beginners or anyone wishing to continue learning their numbers and discovering opportunities for growth. Dates and times will be determined with input from the group. If you're interested, contact Heather (hmustain@wilshirebc.org).

Men's Book Club meets Tuesday



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 Tuesday of every month; all men are welcome. On June 18 they will discuss Greg Garrett's *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What*

America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us About Life, Love, and Identity. Garrett is a professor of literature and culture at Baylor University. Contact: Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net) or Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com)

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 |

July 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ WOW Brown Bag Book Club | July 11 |

Noon | 1205-L | *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff. 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.

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.

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.

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/realm.

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.

SUMMER 2024

Children & Preschool

Details and registration at
wilshirebc.org/summer-camps

Cooking Camp

SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

July 8–12 | 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Grades 1–6 | Register by June 30

Listen to Your Art!

July 8–12 | 12:30–5 p.m.
Grades 1–6 | Register by June 30

Full-Day: Cooking Camp and Listen to Your Art!

SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

July 8–12 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Grades 2–6 | Register by June 30

Passport Kids Camp

July 27–30 | Overnight camp
in Brownwood, Texas
Grades 3–6 | Register by June 30

Creation Station

July 22–25 | 9 a.m.–noon
Age 3–Kindergarten
Register by July 14

This Week

Sunday, June 16

- Youth Choir Mission Tour, New Orleans
- Preschool Parents' Sunday School Series, 1350, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, 1100-B, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.

Monday, June 17

- Youth Choir Mission Tour, New Orleans

Tuesday, June 18

- Youth Choir Mission Tour, New Orleans
- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

- Building closed for Juneteenth Holiday
- Youth Choir Mission Tour, New Orleans

Thursday, June 20

- Youth Choir Mission Tour, New Orleans
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, June 21

- Youth Choir Mission Tour, New Orleans

Saturday, June 22

- Youth Choir Mission Tour concludes

Sunday, June 23

- Preschool Parents' Sunday School Series, 1350, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Belong Team, 1205-L, 11:45 a.m.
- Compass Class Curriculum Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Youth Choir Mission Tour Home Concert, Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

Woody Woods

Hometown: Born in Baytown, Texas, and moved to Madisonville, Texas, after 8th grade

Present City: Plano

Education: BA in economics, Texas A&M University

Profession: Casualty insurance premium audit manager, retired

Tell us about your family.

Mary and I have been married for 53 years. We have two married daughters and four wonderful grandchildren. All four grandchildren are above average, just like all the kids in Lake Wobegon.

How about your volunteer life?

I currently volunteer with Friday Friends.

Any favorite hobbies?

I have been flying model airplanes since elementary school. Currently my interest is in gas and electric radio-controlled model airplanes and electric FPV drones. FPV drones are flown using an onboard camera and transmitter which sends a live picture to a set of goggles worn by the pilot. I also grow carnivorous plants.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

We came to Wilshire in 2008. We were looking for a CBF church, and we found that and so much more. We loved the preaching, the music, singing from hymnals and the beautiful pipe organ. We joined the Compass Class, where we immediately experienced Wilshire's welcoming spirit.



What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

At Wilshire it is OK to express your doubts and to ask and discuss hard questions.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I have been a Baptist all my life. I was born early on a Sunday morning. My grandfather had me put on the cradle roll at First Baptist Church, Baytown, Texas, by 9:45 that morning. I made my profession of faith at about age 12 at Wooster Baptist Church in Baytown. My mother and dad and my grandparents were all very active in the church. My dad was called to the ministry when I was in high school. I spent a lot of time in church during those years. My parents' love of the church, by this I mean the people of the church, is something I will always remember and try to emulate. My faith journey has had ups and down over the years, but I am thankful we found Wilshire. We feel blessed to be here.

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

I have flown faster than the speed of sound. This happened when I flew a T-38 aircraft during USAF pilot training at Laredo AFB in 1967. I graduated in March 1967 in class 67F and went on to serve four years as a B-52 pilot. I flew 59 missions over Vietnam.



VBS brought good vibes

About 75 children and preschoolers explored different facets of Jesus — learner, companion, teacher, example and helper — at Wilshire's Vacation Bible School this week. Mornings included worship in McIver Chapel plus rotations through music, missions, art, Bible story and recreation. The oldest class visited Wilshire mission partners White Rock Center of Hope, Gateway of Grace and Wilkinson Center.

