



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**August 25, 2024**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

# Preparing for worship

“It is well with my soul” — a Southern staple when it’s painted on shiplap and snagged for 40% off at Hobby Lobby. My Facebook memories reminded me this week that I had today’s anthem hanging in my bedroom throughout high school and all the way through college at Belmont University. I’ll never forget being my first few months into college and thinking, “It is not well with my soul” as piles of homework stacked up on my desk and conditioning tests for softball loomed.

An endless to-do list, homesickness, the loss of a loved one, constant hospital visits — “how is it supposed to be well with my soul?” If you’re like me, you might find your eyes quivering at God when it feels like you’re saying all the right things, but life refuses to give you a break. That line quickly began to feel more like a mantra than truth, as if I was desperately trying to convince myself that everything was okay.

But maybe that’s the point: not to convince ourselves that all is well, but to surrender the inevitable — busyness, sickness, not-okayness, even death — to God. When Horatio Spafford

wrote that classic hymn in 1873, he had just lost his four daughters in a tragic shipwreck in the Atlantic. As he sailed to meet his wife, who had miraculously survived, Spafford began writing “When peace, like a river” over the very waters that had taken his beloveds.

Can you imagine? Perhaps you know that feeling all too well.

In my years of looking at that Joanna Gaines-style sign, I’ve come to realize that peace isn’t a distant shore we hope to reach; it’s the current that carries us. You may not feel it circumstantially, but in this community, through this music, within this liturgy, the river of peace is already flowing, ready to carry and sustain you through whatever you’re facing.

So as you sing and meditate on these words today, I invite you to remember that deep within you is a gift from the One who loves you unconditionally and who will never leave you, especially when your soul feels anything but well. May we rest and get carried away by the giver of peace together.

—Georgia McKee



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**On the cover:** *Psalm 84*, Kreg Yingst, hand-pulled block print.

August 25, 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

Darren DeMent

## Prelude

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. Clay Christiansen

## Opening Sentences

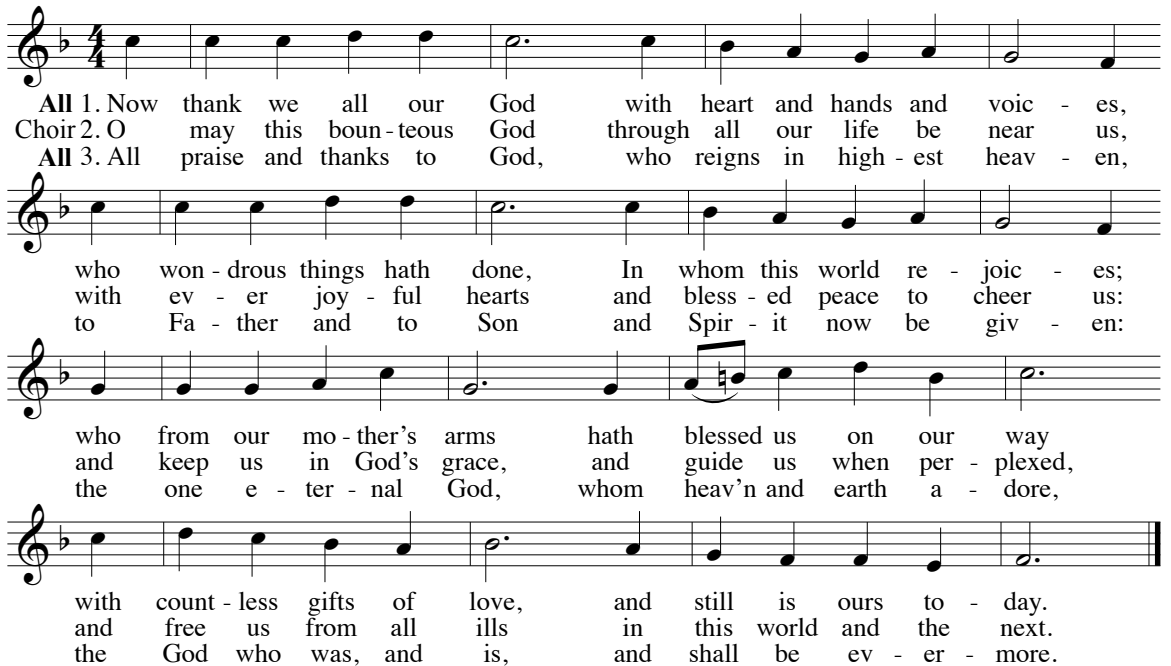
Lacy Jones

The world is filled with beauty; open your eyes to behold the Lord's gracious hand. Delight in the goodness of the Lord and rejoice with the whole of creation. Worship the Lord with a thankful heart and serve the Lord with gladness.

## +Congregational Song

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET/arr. John Rutter



All 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
Choir 2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
All 3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,  
who won - drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us:  
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:  
who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heav'n and earth a - dore,  
with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

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

Please join in singing the refrain below as invited.



**Leader:** My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Even the sparrow has found a home,  
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,  
By the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**All:** Join in singing the refrain.

**Leader:** Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.  
Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
For the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
They will climb from height to height,  
And the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**All:** Join in singing the refrain.

**Leader:** LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
Give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Behold our defender, O God;  
And look upon the face of your anointed.  
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.  
For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;  
No good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.  
O LORD of hosts,  
Happy are they who put their trust in you!

**All:** Join in singing the refrain.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God’s power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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!**

<b>Message</b>	“The Miseducation of Armor”	Timothy Peoples
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i> Sanctuary Choir Claire Flores, oboe	arr. Tom Trenney

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well. All shall be well. It is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought: My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well. All shall be well. It is well, it is well! All shall be well!

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. It is well!

## Prayers of the People

Mary Keller

### 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

*Standing on the Promises*  
No. 625

PROMISES

### Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

### Benediction

Timothy Peoples

### Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

The flowers today are given in memory of Sheila Henning  
by the Dalhausser and Henning families.



**We're glad you're here.** If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Claire Flores** joined Wilshire last October. Originally from Houston, she moved to Dallas to finish nursing school and now works as a bone marrow transplant nurse at Baylor University Medical Center. Claire also volunteers at Sammons Cancer Center and East Lake Pet Orphanage. At Wilshire she is a member of Ithaka Class and plays oboe in Wilshire Winds.

**Lacy Jones** has been attending Wilshire's Shiloh Class for several months. She is a former missionary and worship leader in Estonia and now works as a licensed marriage and family therapist. Her private practice, VistoBella Family Therapy, focuses on the LGBTQIA community. Lacy is active with Center Peace and plans to attend the organization's annual conference this October at Wilshire.

**Mary Keller** and her husband, Kenton, joined Wilshire in 2008 and attend Epiphany Class, where Mary is the missions leader. Mary is a deacon and recently served on the Preschool Education Committee. She has volunteered as an ESL teacher, worked with refugee families through Gateway of Grace and been involved in international mission trips. Mary and Kenton have three adult daughters — including Wilshire members Kathryn Keller and Kim Justice — and six grandchildren. Mary's father, Sherman Hope, is also a Wilshire member.

# 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

- 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)
- Shari Spell, Food Service Staff
- Gillian Tinsley, 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
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- 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
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

## 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)
- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

## Senior Pastor

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

## Spiritual Formation

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)
- Sarah Yodh, Spiritual Formation Coordinator (3130)



# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
August 25, 2024

## Condolences to

Family and friends on the death of **Bill Wickman**, Aug. 21

## Preschool Playtime on Aug. 31

Preschool families are invited to a Playtime at the Park on Saturday, Aug. 31, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Flag Pole Hill Park (8015 Doran Cir.). This will be a fun time for preschoolers and parents to get to know new Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins. If it rains, we'll reschedule. Check the POPs GroupMe for updates.

## Lunch & Learn starts Sept. 4



Lunch & Learn will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month this fall, starting on Sept. 4. All are invited at 11:30 a.m. for a buffet lunch followed by minister-led Bible study. Watch the *Tapestry* each week to see who's teaching. Lunch costs \$10 each. No RSVP necessary.

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## Puerto Rico trip planned for 2025

Wilshire is planning a mission trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico, from Feb. 22 to 28, 2025. This will be our third straight year to serve in San Juan in partnership with First Baptist Church of Rio Piedras. If you're interested in going or have questions, contact Abbey Adcox at [aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org).



## Vespers service this Wednesday

"Beginning Again" is the theme for a Vespers service to be led by Wilshire's pastoral residents as part of Wednesday Night Live on Aug. 28. The reflective time of worship, which will include Communion, will be held in McIver Chapel at 6 p.m.

Vespers services have long been a staple of the pastoral residency program, giving the residents the opportunity to conceive and plan a worship experience. Vespers will be held in lieu of adult Bible Study on the final Wednesday of each month this fall.

Inspired by the start of school, a new church year and the relaunch of the residency program itself, residents Maggie Morey and Georgia McKee say the Aug. 28 service will touch on themes of seasonal change and the rhythms of life with Ecclesiastes 3:1-9, 15 as a central text. Maggie will deliver the homily, and Associate Pastor Darren DeMent will assist with music.



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

# Library to get new shelving

## Volunteers, boxes needed

Starting in mid-September, the Wilshire Library will be temporarily closed for the installation of state-of-the-art steel shelving donated from Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

Librarian Barbara Peterson explained that the Shawnee, Kansas, seminary was looking to donate the shelving as it moves to an online library model. Thanks to three Wilshire members on Central's board of directors — Gail Ashby, Dawn Hallman and Helen Moore-Montgomery — Wilshire became the lucky recipient.

In July, a Wilshire team including Barbara, Steven Hallman, Mike Diffie and several of Barbara's family members dismantled the shelves in Kansas and loaded them into a storage pod that has now made its way to Dallas.

The new shelving will be safer and more secure, and the library will be somewhat reconfigured to make the space compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Library's book racks in the third floor coffee bar and near the Preschool Hall will remain operational during the renovations, and Barbara hopes to open a small temporary location.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Sept. 14, to help box up books and move them to a classroom for storage. To learn more or volunteer, contact Barbara at [bpeterson@wilshirebc.org](mailto:bpeterson@wilshirebc.org).

Barbara also needs boxes to be donated. Boxes can be brought to the Library between now and Sept. 14.



## Music group start-ups

■ **Carillon Ringers** will resume rehearsals today at 2:15 p.m. in the Handbell Room. Contact: Ralph Manuel ([rmanuel@wilshirebc.org](mailto:rmanuel@wilshirebc.org)).

■ **Wilshire Winds** will start on Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in Choral Hall. Brass, woodwind and percussion players are welcome. Contact: Shana Gaines ([sgaines@wilshirebc.org](mailto:sgaines@wilshirebc.org)).

■ **Children's Choirs** (grades 1-5) will adopt a new approach this year. Singers can now select one, two or three sections of choir. Each section will include a few rehearsals followed by a performance. The first section runs Sept. 8 to Oct. 6. Rehearsals will be held Sundays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. after a snack lunch.

## MomCo seeks Mentor Moms

MomCo (formerly MOPS) is looking for a few new Mentor Moms. Mentor Moms attend Friday morning MomCo meetings once or twice a month to offer a mature perspective on mothering, relationships and more. To learn more, email [wilshiremops@gmail.com](mailto:wilshiremops@gmail.com) or Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)).

## RSVP by Aug. 30 for Bright Stars of Bethlehem gala



A virtual gala for mission partner Bright Stars of Bethlehem will be held the evening of Sept. 7 at the home of Mary and Kenton Keller. Bright Stars raises awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university for arts, culture and design in Palestine. The evening will include stories of resilience from students and remarks from founder Mitri Raheb. RSVP to Associate Pastor Heather Mustain ([hmustain@wilshirebc.org](mailto:hmustain@wilshirebc.org)) by Aug. 30.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

## August 28

### Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner with kid-friendly options. Cash/check/credit accepted. Prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Aug. 28:** Handmade pizza (cheese, veggie, meat lovers), salad, chicken noodle soup, Fruity Pebbles cereal treats. **Kids:** pizza rolls.

### Preschool Music & Missions

**6 p.m. | Age 3–Pre-K** | Preschool choir plus fun activities and lessons focused on God’s love and caring for others.

### KidConnect

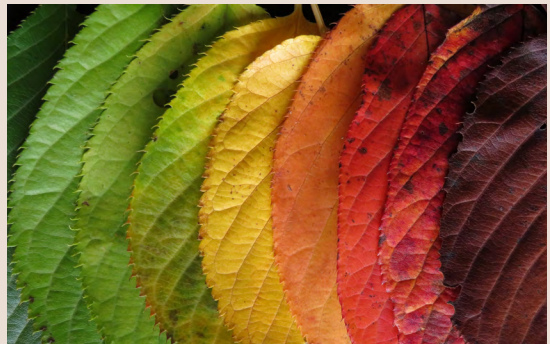
**6 p.m. | K–Grade 5** | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves. Activities include art, music, recreation and more. Kindergartners will have choir as part of KidConnect.

### Watershed

**6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12** | Wilshire Student Ministry’s weekly time of Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

### Sanctuary Choir

**7 p.m. | Choral Hall** | New singers are always welcome. No audition.



### Resident-Led Vespers

**6 p.m. | McIver Chapel** | Join our pastoral residents for a Vespers service with the theme “Beginning Again.” Vespers will be held the final Wednesday of each month and will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Learn more on page 9.

■ **Coming Sept. 4:** Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples starts a Bible Study series, “Children’s Stories All Grown Up.”

### WNL: Virtual Edition on Sept. 11

Do you engage with Wilshire primarily online? You’re invited to a monthly Zoom discussion led by a Wilshire minister. Katie Murray will host the first session on **Sept. 11** at 6 p.m. CDT. The Zoom link will be available at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual) by noon that day.

Childcare is offered from 6 to 7:15 p.m. for infants to 2-year-olds with parents involved in church activities.

## African American history tour



Wilshire has reservations for a few folks to join a Hidden History Tour on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tour traces the African American experience from the Civil War to the 1960s. Cost: \$25 per person. Register at [wilshirebc.org/events/hidden-history-tour](http://wilshirebc.org/events/hidden-history-tour).

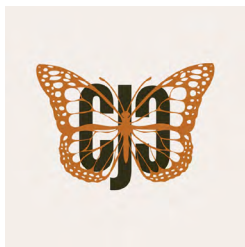
## Democracy emphasis coming

With the election coming in November, the Christian Advocacy Committee is offering these opportunities to help us navigate the season:

■ On Sunday, Sept. 8, tables at the church will offer resources for how you can engage in democracy over the coming weeks.

■ On Wednesdays at 6 p.m. during October, Associate Pastor Heather Mustain and others will lead a group through a resource called "Navigating an Election Year." This series will offer a space to share concerns and create an action plan for addressing the real fears we hold and continuing to meet the needs of our neighbors.

## Fellowship Southwest Conference



Wilshire is a sponsor for Fellowship Southwest's Compassion + Justice Conference, to be held Sept. 20 and 21 at Life in Deep Ellum. Speakers will discuss topics including hunger, native issues, immigration and racial justice. Visit [fellowship-southwest.org/conference-2024](http://fellowship-southwest.org/conference-2024).

## Blood Drive on Sept. 4

Carter BloodCare will be at Wilshire from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive](http://wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive) or see the ad on the back cover.

## Poetry workshop in September

Wilshire member and retired English professor Jerry McElveen will lead "Poetry: How to Read and Write This Stuff," a two-part workshop on Wednesdays, Sept. 11 and 18, at 6 p.m. in Room 1205-G. Come prepared to have an informative and fun time as Jerry pulls back the curtain on this sometimes mysterious and magical form of human expression. "You will learn something," Jerry says, "and there will be no tests."

## Marriage Connections is Sept. 13

In Marriage Connections, held on select Friday nights at 6:30, free childcare (infant–grade 5) 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 for childcare is required by Sept. 8; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections).

## Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, Sept. 13

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Sept. 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Sept. 8; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno).

## Wilshire Welcome meets Sept. 22

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn more about the church, will meet Sunday, Sept. 22, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near the chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

## Front desk volunteers needed

We are looking for a few volunteers to help in the main office weekly or on a rotational basis. Sunday morning volunteers are needed from 9 to 11 a.m. to greet and assist people and connect them to the appropriate staff member when needed. Volunteers are also needed on Tuesdays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Contact Geri McKenzie ([gmckenzie@wilshirebc.org](mailto:gmckenzie@wilshirebc.org)) to volunteer or learn more.

Joey & Billy Schewee  
@enneagramparents

## Children and the Enneagram



Saturday, Nov. 2  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Wilshire Baptist Church



### Registration is open for Children and the Enneagram

Parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone else who works with children will benefit from a special event at Wilshire on Saturday, Nov. 2. Guest speakers Joey and Billy Schewee of the @enneagramparents Instagram account will lead us in exploring how your Enneagram type and that of children in your care inform your engagement and relationships. Prior Enneagram knowledge is not required. The event will be held in Community Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$10 per-person cost will cover lunch and snacks. Learn more and register at [wilshirebc.org/events/children-enneagram](http://wilshirebc.org/events/children-enneagram).

### Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Sept. 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Sept. 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

## 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](mailto:stephenministry@wilshirebc.org), or call 214-452-3176.

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**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.

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# This Week

## Sunday, Aug. 25

- Time with Tim, Pastor's Office (2203), 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Missions and Christian Advocacy Committees, Community Hall, noon
- Pathways Committee and Lay Support Teams, Community Hall, noon
- Compass Class Curriculum Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

## Wednesday, Aug. 28

- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Bylaws Deacon Work Group, 1205-G, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Vespers, McIver Chapel, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Aug. 29

- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## Saturday, Aug. 31

- Preschool Playtime at the Park, Flag Pole Hill Park (8015 Doran Circle), 9:30 a.m.

## Sunday, Sept. 1

- WSM Book Club, Youth Center, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, 12 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.

# Anne Foster

**Name:** Anne White Foster  
**Hometown:** Kosciusko, Mississippi  
**Present City:** Richardson  
**Education:** B.A. in English, Mississippi University for Women  
**Profession:** Realtor

## Tell us about your family.

John and I have been married 52 years. We have two sons. Ryan is married to Shannon. They have a son, Desmond. Andrew is married to Niu-sha. They have two children, Lucas and Layla.

## How about your work?

I have been a Realtor for several decades, and now I sell homes to my clients' kids! I served nine years on the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees, seven as president. My parents spent their lives working in public schools, and I learned early how important public schools are. I served as executive director of Raise Your Hand Texas, a public education advocacy group for business CEOs, and as ED of Parents for Public Schools, a national advocacy group. In 1998, I founded Realtors Supporting Richardson Schools, and I currently serve as president.

## Any favorite hobbies?

I enjoy cooking, gardening and traveling. John and I have spent time in Costa Rica, which has involved owning a farm there. We lived in Germany for four years when he was in the U.S. Army. We love going back to Europe and have been visiting countries we missed when we lived there. Last fall we traveled to Portugal. Soon we hope to visit Croatia. And we enjoy



traveling with our kids and grandkids.

## What brought you to Wilshire and when?

We were members briefly in the late 1990s before living out of state for a few years. We rejoined in 2022. Wilshire is the kind of church we were looking for, allowing us to remain Baptist.

## Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I served on the Minister of Music Search Committee that recommended Ariel, and I am thrilled he is here. I serve on the Christian Advocacy Committee, the Hospitality Ministry Team and the Lord's Supper Ministry Team. I really enjoyed working in Vacation Bible School this summer and teach in 2nd grade Sunday School.

## What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

How fully the church embraces and loves all of God's people and how secure the church is in that love. I think God is teaching me that, unlike what I thought in earlier years, I don't have all the answers to my questions and that I just have to trust God. I was raised by parents who lived their faith in incredible ways and blessed me by doing that. My faith continues to take me through life.

## What adjectives describe you?

Energetic, tenacious, hopeful.



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