



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**October 27, 2024**  
*Reformation Sunday*

# Preparing for worship

Sequels. Reboots. Existing IP. Extended narrative universes. It seems like that's all we get when it comes to movies these days.

An article in *Forbes* magazine highlighting recent cultural trends noted that in the 1990s, just 11.7% of the domestic box office went to sequels, whereas in the 10 years between 2014 and 2023, it was an average of 41.7%. The writer of the article is Kian Bakhtiari, founder of The People, a Gen-Z consultancy on a mission to diversify and futureproof companies. He has written about marketing through a Millennial and Gen-Z lens for *Forbes* since 2019. He says this trend not only demonstrates “a lack of creativity but a prevailing culture of playing it safe and being rewarded for the familiar rather than exploring the unknown.”

As we gather for worship on this Reformation Sunday, I can't help but wonder what would have happened if a certain German Augustinian friar had decided to play it safe back in 1517. At the very least we can assume we wouldn't be leading off worship singing *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, and at most we likely wouldn't be gathered together at all. Martin Luther's decision to go public with his thoughts and ideas

triggered a chain of events that we now know as the Protestant Reformation. And our history is full of examples of people, insignificant at the time maybe, whose decisions to buck trends and norms had consequential results far beyond what they could have imagined at the time.

Now it may seem like a big leap to draw a connection between the Protestant Reformation and the fact that we now have four installments of the *Kung Fu Panda* franchise, but I think there is a warning to us in there — or maybe it's more of an opportunity. Bakhtiari concludes his article like this:

“The yearning for nostalgia conceals a lack of imagination. If companies, producers and creators continue to feed this nostalgia we end up in an unimaginative feedback loop. We need leaders who have the vision to create new stories rather than mimic the old.”

Wilshire, may we be stirred this morning to consider what new stories, visions, ideas and dreams are possible for our church, our communities and the world. May we have the courage and the faith to not simply mimic what has been, but to boldly move forward into what can be.

—Darren DeMent



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October 27, 2024  
11:00 a.m.  
Reformation 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 and Litany**

Maggie Morey

Leader: The world belongs to God,  
**All: the earth and all its people.**

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,  
**All: to live together in unity.**

Leader: Love and faith come together,  
**All: justice and peace join hands.**

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,  
**All: these stones would shout aloud.**

Leader: Open our lips, O God,  
**All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

—*Iona Abbey Worship Book*

**Prelude**

*A Mighty Fortress*  
Carillon Ringers  
Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Raney/Sherman

**+Congregational Song**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
No. 418

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**Psalm Reading — Psalm 126**

Ralph Long

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.  
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

**Offertory**

*Offering*  
Stephen Newby, soloist

Paul Baloche/  
arr. Stephen Newby

The sun cannot compare to the glory of your love.  
There is no shadow in your presence.  
No mortal man would dare to stand before your throne,  
Before the Holy One of heaven.

It's only by your blood, and it's only through your mercy, Lord, I come.

I bring an offering of worship to my king.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to you.

**+Gospel Reading** — Mark 10:46–52

Jessica Brookshire

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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!**

**Stewardship Moment**

Emma Roden

**Music of Inspiration**

*Bank*

Bill Mallonee

It's been known for a train to jump its track  
It's OK so you'll know most the time they come back  
And it's OK to lose your life when you finally see your birth  
It's OK to say I love you, figure sometimes it's gonna hurt

Don't forget to bring kindness  
Don't forget to say thanks  
Don't forget to spend your love  
No it will not break the bank

Don't forget to bring some empathy  
For the saints and the sinners  
Don't forget to bring encouragement  
Yeah we're all just beginners

Up here under par cans or down under the load  
How I got from A to B, well, God only knows  
Me, I talk a real good game, practiced till I got it right  
But most of the crying you'll do, it's inside most your life

Yeah I done you wrong and I hardly know why  
I hope that you will remember the more or less better side  
I hope the cross is big enough when your sins reach to the sky  
Hope the arms are wide enough to embrace one such as I

**Message**

“Stewardship of Vision”

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*We Abide*  
Youth Choir

Mark Miller

If we lay all we seek on the altar of love, the work of our hands and our minds,  
Trusting all that we need flows and flowers from God, our thirsting will be satisfied.

When we burn with a holy desire, to fulfill everything that God requires,  
Making justice together, walking close to each other, reaching past all the things that divide,  
Humbly offering kindness, seeking hope and forgiveness, we abide in God's love, we abide.

For the cities shall bloom and the earth be restored, the hurts that we bear start to heal,  
As the faith of the past is refreshed and reformed, the word of our God is made real.

**Prayers of the People**

Charlie Fuller

**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**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

No. 403

**All sing refrain.** Soloist sings verses.

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Choral Benediction**

*Until I Reach My Home*  
Youth and Sanctuary Choirs  
Jonah Payne, percussion

arr. Brandon Boyd

Lord, until I reach my home, until I reach my home;  
I never expect my journey over, 'til I reach my home.

I would not be a sinner. I'll tell you the reason why.  
I'm afraid my Lord might call my name and I wouldn't be ready to die.

I went up on the mountain. I didn't go there to stay.  
But then my soul got happy, then I stayed all day.

I got a crown up in a that kingdom ain-a that good news.  
I got a crown up in a that kingdom ain-a that good news.  
I'm gonna lay down this world gonna shoulder up a my cross,  
Gonna take it home, gonna take it home, gonna take it home to my Jesus,  
Ain-a that good news!

**Postlude**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

arr. Fred Bock

Today's flowers were given in memory of  
Natalie Cook Churchill, mother of Pat Cullum and aunt to Steve Melton,  
on the occasion of her birthday, October 30, 1910.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Jessica Brookshire** joined Wilshire in 2016 and is married to Andy. Their son, Callum, is 11 months old. Jessica's parents-in-law are Wilshire members Gail and Steve Brookshire. Jessica is a member of Ithaka Class and serves on the New Member Ministry Team. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker - Supervisor and works for Uplift Education.

**Ralph Long** has been a Wilshire member since 1981, and he attends the Open Bible Sunday School Class. His adult son, Scooter, is also a Wilshire member. A retired college professor, Ralph taught public speaking for 35 years at Collin College.

Guest soloist **Stephen Michael Newby** serves as the Lev H. Prichard III Endowed Chair in the Study of Black Worship and Professor of Music at Baylor University, where he also works with the Black Gospel Music Preservation Program. A Detroit native, Stephen holds degrees in vocal music education, jazz composition and theology, along with a doctorate in music composition. With over 35 years of experience in church music ministry across multiple states, he's also a celebrated composer and conductor. Stephen is married to Stephanie Ashe Newby, and they have one son, Silas Michael Newby.

**Emma Roden** grew up at Wilshire. Her parents are Michelle and Rob Roden, and her older brother is Henry Roden. Emma attends Wilshire's Intersection Sunday School Class. She graduated from Baylor University this year with a master's degree in accounting and now works for PwC.



**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.

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- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

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- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

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- 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)

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- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
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- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
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# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
October 27, 2024



## *The Stewardship of Dreams*

WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday we asked you to share your dreams for the world. Some of your responses are shown at right. This week we'll focus on our dreams for Wilshire. Worship will include a time for reflection, with cards in the pews for you to share your dreams. Responses may be featured in the *Tapestry* and on displays around the building. To respond by email, send your thoughts to Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples ([tpeoples@wilshirebc.org](mailto:tpeoples@wilshirebc.org)) by noon on Oct. 30.

■ I dream of our world as a place where children and the elderly can lead the world to a place of peace and love. A place of love for everyone and everything in our planet.

■ I dream that we always consider the other side.

■ For peace. For inclusivity. For political normality. For environmental awareness. For reasonable government. To recapture a sense of community. To see a world united.

■ That everyone comes to realize we are all connected, and what's good for everyone is good for us.

■ The world recognizes the power and love of our own Creator and His Son. To not forget His Word from whence we get the knowledge of Him. To love our neighbors as ourselves. To serve God and his beautiful creation and creatures. To love God above all.

■ That I won't have to worry about my son's life at school. And that the minds of young children and teens feel supported and loved instead of endless pressure and exclusion.



**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.

## New member

Phillip Stegner

## Columbarium service Nov. 3

Wilshire will conduct a service of remembrance in the Columbarium on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 9:30 a.m. The brief service will be led by Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, Minister to Senior Adults Katie Murray and our pastoral residents. The Columbarium service — held twice each year, on All Saints Sunday and Easter — is geared toward the families and friends of loved ones who are inurned or have been memorialized in the Columbarium. The Columbarium will be open for visits Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Can you host a fireside chat?

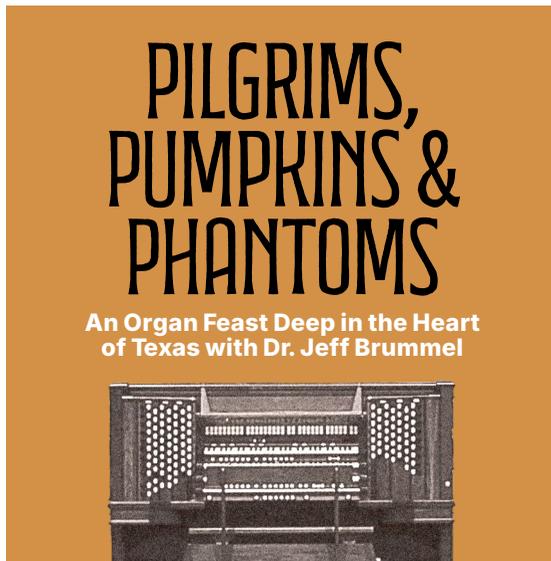


Hosts are needed for Wilshire's Fireside Chats on Sunday evening, Nov. 17, from 5 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 8.

The hope of this annual churchwide social event is to deepen relationships and connection while expressing our collective gratitude in an intimate setting. Hosts will be able to determine the number of guests (20 at most) at their home, and Wilshire will provide a gratitude liturgy, refreshments and logistical help. We've already had several volunteers but could use a few more host sites near the church in the Lake Highlands or Lake-wood areas. If you're interested in hosting or learning more, contact Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org)) by Nov. 1.

## Blood Drive this Wednesday

Carter BloodCare will be at Wilshire for a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive](http://wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive) or scan the QR code on the back cover to make an appointment.



## Organ concert on Halloween

Associate Minister of Music and Organist Jeff Brummel will present a free concert on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a Wilshire Adventurers event, but anyone is welcome to attend.

## Exercise and wellness classes

Physical therapy students from Texas Woman's University are leading a series of free exercise and wellness classes at Wilshire each Monday through Nov. 18. Classes are held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Rooms 3301 and 3303. For more information, contact Parish Nurse Linda Garner ([l Garner@wilshirebc.org](mailto:l Garner@wilshirebc.org)).

- Oct. 28: Fall prevention
- Nov. 4: Circuit training
- Nov. 11: Dancing
- Nov. 18: Tai chi and balloon volleyball

## Public school advocacy lunch

Advocacy partner Pastors for Texas Children invites you to join them in celebrating public schools at a free lunch event on Monday, Oct. 28 at 11:45 a.m. The event will take place at Royal Lane Baptist Church. Learn more at [pastorsfortexaschildren.com/events](http://pastorsfortexaschildren.com/events).

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 30

## Koinonia Café

**5 p.m.** | **Community Hall** | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Oct. 30:** Indian menu with butter chicken, basmati rice, naan and hummus, vegetable curry, mango pudding, Halloween cookies, jello. **Kids:** Roasted chicken and rice.

## 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 in our main adult choir. No audition.



## Resident-Led Vespers

**6 p.m.** | **McIver Chapel** | All Hallows Eve is a time to remember those who have gone before us in the Christian faith, an evening of remembrance leading to All Saints Day. On Oct. 30, resident-led vespers will follow this tradition, offered as a candlelit Compline service. This will be a time of prayer, Scripture, a homily by Georgia McKee and Communion.

## WNL: Virtual Edition is Nov. 13

Those who engage with Wilshire primarily online are invited to a monthly Zoom discussion. Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will host the next session on Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. Central. The Zoom link will be posted at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual) closer to the event.

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

## Join Sanctuary Choir for Advent

All are invited to join Sanctuary Choir for Advent and Christmas as they prepare music for worship and special events during this sacred season. There's no audition, and this is a great time to give choir a try. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Choral Hall beginning Nov. 6. Childcare is available.

## Enneagram event canceled

The "Children and the Enneagram" event scheduled for Nov. 2 has been canceled due to low registration. We are working with the guest speakers and hope to engage with this material in a different format in 2025.

## Next Lunch & Learn is Nov. 6

All are invited the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. On Nov. 6, Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey will teach on 1 Samuel 22 – 2 Samuel 3. See the fall schedule at [wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn](http://wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn).

## Women of Wilshire

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Nov. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Nov. 7 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ Join us for **mahjong** the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Sign up at [wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong](http://wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong).

## Men's Book Club meets Nov. 19

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss *The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie Transformed America* by Larry Tye on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday each month. Contact: Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net)).

## Marriage Connections is Nov. 8

Marriage Connections on Friday, Nov. 8, will feature Wilshire's Micki Lacker speaking on "Feelings: Identify, Embrace and Respectfully Respond." In this event, 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 Nov. 3; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections).

## Single, Adoptive, Foster Parents Night Out

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant-grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Nov. 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Nov. 3; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno).

## WSM Fall Retreat tackles cliches

Wilshire Student Ministry will explore cliches at its Fall Retreat on Saturday, Nov. 23, and Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Lone Oak Ranch and Retreat in Gainesville. Phrases like "everything happens for a reason," "God has a plan" or "the Bible has all the answers" are sometimes used in an effort to make sense of complex truths. At the retreat, our youth will engage with some of these well-worn cliches in an attempt to understand why they get used, what they communicate about God and how they potentially raise more questions than answers. Mix in a campfire, games and a chance to hang out with friends and you've got a great weekend that should not be missed. Registration is open at [wilshirebc.org/events/wsm-fall-retreat](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wsm-fall-retreat).

## Art show continues

*The Sacred Art of Ethiopia* is on display in the South Lobby through Nov. 17. With works including processional crosses, folding icons and paintings on biblical themes, the show celebrates the rich artistic heritage of one of the world's oldest Christian civilizations.

# *Thanksgiving* **FOOD DRIVES**

## **The Wilkinson Center**



Wilshire has committed to provide 100 boxes for families in our community through the Wilkinson Center. A box costs \$50 to \$75 to assemble and is a

great service opportunity for Sunday School classes, other groups or individuals. Scan the above QR code or visit [wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives](http://wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives) to sign up and see full instructions. Boxes should be brought to the Wilshire's South Lobby on Wednesday, Nov. 20 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

## **White Rock Center of Hope**



Wilshire continues a long tradition of providing canned goods for families served by White Rock Center of Hope. Pick up the designated brown

paper bags and shopping list, then fill the bags and return them. Bags brought before Sunday, Nov. 17, can be placed on a table outside the church office. Bags brought on Nov. 17 should be taken to the Sanctuary chancel steps. **Amazon wishlist:** you can also shop online and have items sent directly to WRCOH; scan QR code or find the link at [wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives](http://wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives).

**Bags needed.** We welcome your donations of handled brown paper grocery bags like those used at Central Market and Whole Foods.

**Contact:** Abbey Adcox ([aadcox@wilshirebc.org](mailto:aadcox@wilshirebc.org))

# THANK YOU FOR GIVING

*Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Here are some ways to make a financial contribution to Wilshire.*

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**ONLINE.** Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at [wilshirebc.org/give](http://wilshirebc.org/give).

**REALM CONNECT APP.** Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at [wilshirebc.org/realms](http://wilshirebc.org/realms).

**AUTOMATIC BANK PAY.** Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

**MAIL.** Send to Finance Director Lori Gooden's attention at Wilshire.

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

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Scan code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution.

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# This Week

## Sunday, Oct. 27

- *The Sacred Art of Ethiopia*, South Lobby, through Nov. 17
- Third and Fourth Grade Sunday School Open House, 2225, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Christian Advocacy Comm., 1205-L, noon
- Deacon Nominating Comm., 1205-G, noon

## Monday, Oct. 28

- Exercise Class, 3301, 10:30 a.m.
- Bylaws Deacon Work Group, 1205-L, 5 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, Oct. 30

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Blood Drive, North Parking Lot, 10 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 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.
- Rental Assistance Program, 1205-L, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, Oct. 31

- Organ Concert, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## Friday, Nov. 1

- Mahjong, 1205-L, 10 a.m.

## Sunday, Nov. 3

- First Grade SS Open House, 2228, 9:30 a.m.
- Columbarium Service, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

# Damien Mitchell

**Hometown:** Abilene

**Present City:** Dallas

**Education:** B.S., Southern Nazarene University; M.D., Baylor College of Medicine

**Profession:** Pediatrician

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

I have been happily married to Keri Mitchell for 22 years, and we have been blessed with two amazing daughters, Elliana, 15, and Everly, 10. We also have two fun-loving dogs, Ruth and Sonia. My father, Hank, is a member at Wilshire, and my younger sister, Alesha, also lives in Dallas. My mother, Kathy, died in 2021, but her memory remains a palpable part of all of our lives. I have been a pediatrician at Forest Lane Pediatrics since 2009.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

I love playing golf and do it every chance I get. My other hobby is cooking, especially BBQ.

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

Keri had the pleasure of being George Mason's editor for many years while she worked for *Advocate Magazine*. Through that relationship we have had a connection to Wilshire since we moved to Dallas. Prior to attending Wilshire we were part of an inner-city Nazarene Church plant. Due to that ministry changing post-Covid and Elliana starting high school, we decided to join Wilshire in 2023. We believe that living like Jesus is hard and something that we can't do alone. We were looking for a community that



would continue to guide and shape us to be more like Jesus, and where we could do the same for others. We are thrilled to have found that at Wilshire.

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

Keri and I are part of Avodah Class, and I am on Georgia McKee's Lay Support Team.

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

God is working on me to live my life like I know the end of my story. I don't know why bad things happen to good people or why God answers some prayers and not others. What I do know is that through Jesus we have victory over death and any trials or tribulations that we may experience in this life. I don't know what today or tomorrow holds, but I do know how my journey ends. God is challenging me to live out that belief. What would my life look like if I approached my fears, apprehensions and anxieties with the understanding that the end of my story will be the same no matter what happens in the middle — that whatever happens, there will be victory in Jesus?



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