



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Preparing for worship

This morning, we gather to worship together and to honor our graduates. At Wilshire, we have some longstanding traditions, and one of those is that our Youth Choir sings Allen Pote's setting of *Psalm 139*. This song teaches us that God knew us before we were made, knows us from birth to death, and that we cannot ever flee from God's presence. God is always with us and walks before us.

Wilshire, when these graduates were dedicated as babies, you promised to love them, teach them and to pray for and take care of them. You have done your job, and you have done it well. We have given them wings, and now it is time for them to fly from this nest called Wilshire. Remember, graduates: you will always have a home here. We pray you will let God lead you in your life everlasting. We love you, and we are proud of your accomplishments.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus commands us to love one another. How can we love one another as God loves us? When we are kind to one another, share with one another, listen to one another, take care of one another and pray for one another, we are showing God's love to the world. We are teaching our preschoolers to do this. Sometimes, it's not easy to love one

another. I'm reminded of a time when my son, Brian, and his friend Jackson were in Kindergarten Sunday School with LeAnn Hampton as their teacher. Jackson and Brian were either the best of friends or the worst of enemies! There was an altercation between the two of them one Sunday, and LeAnn went up to them to discuss the situation. Jackson immediately said, "Don't be talking about that love stuff." How often do we not want to hear about that love stuff? When does that happen for you?

As a noun, love is an intense feeling of deep affection. When love is a verb, it requires action on our part. Jesus showed us how to love others because he put action to his words. Have you ever noticed how easy it is to love some people? Then there are those people who are really difficult to love. You know the ones I'm talking about, the people who aren't like us or are prickly and hard to relate to. Graduates, there are going to be all kinds of people you will meet in life, and they won't all be very lovable. Jesus commands us to love EVERY BODY as he loved us. He was drawn to the lowly, the meek, the downtrodden, the unlovable, the brokenhearted and the misfits. May we all be more like Jesus in our love.

—Kelly Akins



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May 18, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Mary Lu Hare

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

Johann Christoph Kellner

+Congregational Song

All Creatures of Our God and King
No. 307
Stanzas 1–3

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+Call to Worship

Bill Jernberg

One: In moments of change —
when one chapter ends and another begins —
God meets us right where we are.

**All: In the uncertainty of endings,
and the hope of new beginnings,
God is our constant companion.**

One: Whether we are stepping into the unknown,
letting go of what was,
or leaning into what is yet to come —

**All: We bring our questions, our fears,
our dreams, and our faith.**

One: This is sacred ground.
In the shifting of seasons,
God's love remains steady,
and the Spirit moves among us.

**All: Let us worship the God who guides us through transition —
with courage, with trust, and with open hearts.**

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

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Recognition of Graduates

Darren DeMent

Litany of Blessing

Megan Thompson Willson

One: 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?

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

One: 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?

All: We send them out with joy.

One: 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?

All: We commit ourselves to this cause.

One: 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

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God’s peoples, and God will be with them and be their God; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Offertory

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Albert L. Travis

+Gospel Reading — John 13:31–35

Amory Moore

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

“Where Is the Love?”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Psalm 139
Youth Choir

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
 3. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Kevin Cabaniss grew up at Wilshire and is married to Carol. They are parents to three young adults: Peyton, Tanner and Trace. Kevin is a deacon, teaches Fifth Grade Sunday School, serves on the Missions and Advocacy Committee, sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova, plays in Carillon Ringers and is a Faith in 3D participant. He serves as the VP of Legal and Compliance at Airbus Helicopters, Inc.

Mary Lu Hare grew up at Wilshire and is married to Thomas. Her parents are Scott and Jeanne Spreier. Mary Lu is a deacon, serves on the Deacon Nominating Committee and is a member of Ithaka Class. She volunteers with Wilshire's youth ministry, teaching Sunday School and serving as a leader for Youth Choir tour and Youth Camp. Mary Lu works as an education manager for the American Heart Association.

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 and Janice teach First Grade Sunday School, and Bill is a deacon, serves on the Building, Interior and Grounds 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.

Amory Moore grew up at Wilshire. Her parents are Allison and Brian Moore. Amory graduated from Lake Highlands High School in 2024 and just completed her first year at the University of Missouri, where she studies psychology and writes for *The Maneater*, a student newspaper.

David Nabors and his wife, Joan, joined Wilshire in 2014 when David became Wilshire's director of business administration. He retired in 2021 and now enjoys traveling and playing tennis. David and Joan attend Cord of Three Class, and David serves on the Personnel Committee, sings in Sanctuary Choir and Nova and participated in Faith in 3D this year. David and Joan have two adult sons, two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Megan Thompson Willson grew up at Wilshire and is married to Luke. Her parents are Hank and Shellie Thompson, and her sister is Melinda Thompson. Megan is a member of Ithaka Class and the Baptism Ministry Team and volunteers in Wilshire's youth ministry, teaching Sunday School and serving as a leader for Youth Choir tour and Youth Camp. She works as a fifth grade teacher in Richardson ISD.



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.

Congratulations, high school graduates



Caroline Cook
Lake Highlands HS
Baylor University



Elias DeMent
Lake Highlands HS
Trinity University



Presley Dorman
Lake Highlands HS
Texas State University



Bella Dyer
North Garland HS
University of Colorado
Boulder



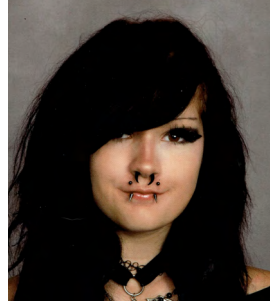
Sam Gentile
Dallas Academy
NonPareil



Ross Granberry
Wylie HS
University of Houston



Felix Guthrie
*School for the Talented
and Gifted*
University of Texas
at Austin



Savannah Haag
Lake Highlands HS
Dallas College Richland
Campus



Natali Hall
Woodrow Wilson HS
University of Richmond



Levi Louder
Lake Highlands HS
Tarleton State University



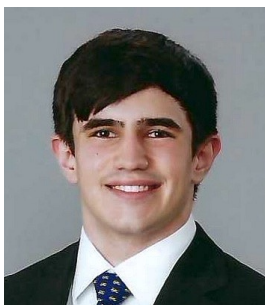
Silas Louder
*Penn Foster Online
Program*
Undecided



Parker Mosley
Lake Highlands HS
Texas A&M University



Drew Perry
*Lakehill Preparatory
School*
Baylor University



Henry Roden
St. Mark's School of Texas
College of
William & Mary



Cate Tabor
*Booker T. Washington
HS for the Performing
and Visual Arts*
University of Missouri



Joseph Warden
Lake Highlands HS
Baylor University

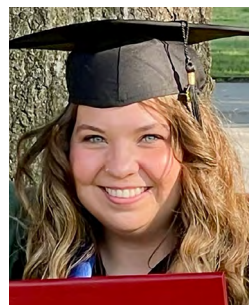


Errol Word, Jr.
Lake Highlands HS
Entering the workforce

University graduates



Bryn Anderson
Baylor University
BA, psychology;
English minor



Grace Butler
University of Arkansas
Bachelor of Social
Work



**Christopher
Granberry**
*Paris Institute of
Political Studies*
BA, political humanities



Holden Magee
*Columbia College
Chicago*
BA, music composition



Emily Perry
Colorado School of Mines
BS, computer science



Davis Wilson
University of Missouri
Bachelor of Journalism

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- 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)

Finance

- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

Food Services

- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Luke Munion, Prep Cook
- Monique Roberts, Sous-Chef
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

Hospitality and Facilities

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- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities

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- 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
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- 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)

Tapestry



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News & Announcements
May 18, 2025

WILSHIRE IN THE PARK

Churchwide Picnic
Sunday, May 18
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 or blankets. Wilshire will provide fried chicken, rolls and drinks. The rest of the meal is potluck with these assignments by last name: A–F, fruit; G–Q, veggies or salad; R–Z, dessert. Please use

disposable containers and serving utensils and bring enough food to serve at least eight.

■ We are watching the weather and will not make a decision about canceling until sometime this afternoon. Watch our social media for any announcements.

■ Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)



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

Condolences to

■ **Jim Wallace** on the death of his wife, Pat Wallace, May 9.

■ **Mary and Kenton Keller** on the death of Mary's father, **Sherman Hope**, May 12. Grandchildren are **Kimberly Justice** and **Kathryn Keller** and their families.

■ Ron and **Shana Gaines** on the death of Shana's grandmother, Betty Knight, May 16. Great-granddaughter is **Abigail Gaines**.



Lend your voice to hymn festival

Next Sunday, May 25, Sanctuary Choir will share a special all-music hymn festival, *O God, Our Help!*, during 11 a.m. worship. The choir is revisiting beloved anthems and preparing beautiful hymn arrangements to inspire the congregation. This will be perfect for those with choral experience to participate without a long-term commitment. There will be two rehearsals:

■ **Sunday, May 18**, 9:15–9:45 a.m.

■ **Sunday, May 25**, 9:15–9:45 a.m. (Final preparation before 11 a.m. worship.)

There's no audition — just bring your love of sacred music. Your voice matters, and this special Sunday won't be the same without you. Coffee and refreshments will be provided at rehearsals. Contact: Minister of Music Ariel Merivil (amerivil@wilshirebc.org)

Wednesday Night Live on break

Wednesday evening Koinonia Café and all faith formation programs are on break for the summer. Sanctuary Choir rehearsals continue at 7 p.m. in Choral Hall.

Lunch & Learn is May 21



The final Lunch & Learn before a summer break will be held Wednesday, May 21. Everyone is invited to Community Hall at 11:30 a.m. for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study led by Senior

Pastor Timothy Peoples.

Adventurers to Audubon Center

The Wilshire Adventurers will visit the Trinity River Audubon Center on Thursday, May 22. The group will meet at Wilshire at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. The event is free, but registration is required. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/audubon.

■ You can also register for the Adventurers' June 25 trip to the Dallas Theater Center for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/dreamcoat.

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will discuss Scott Spreier's novel *Resurrecting St. John the Rancher* on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday every month. Contact Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | June 5 | Noon | 1205-L | *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** will visit the Arboretum on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to noon. Their next regular meeting will be July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor to discuss *Earthly Joys* by Philippa Gregory. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

2025 Summer

CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

**VBS: CAMP FIRELIGHT
KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP
COOKING CAMP
LISTEN TO YOUR ART!
PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP**



Our summer camps are starting to sell out. Register soon at wilshirebc.org/summer-camps.

WAYS TO SERVE THIS SUMMER

**Scan the QR code or visit
wilshirebc.org/serve for details
from our mission partners
& sign up to serve.**



Winds to present concert June 8

Wilshire Winds will present a concert of sacred and secular music on Sunday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of brass, woodwind and percussion players.

Faith Commons event tackles antisemitism, Gaza war



Antisemitism, Anti-Palestinianism, and How the War in Gaza Fuels Both will be the theme of a discussion presented by Faith Commons on Monday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in Community Hall. The

panelists will be Rania Batrice, the daughter of Palestinians and a voice for Palestinian self-determination; Nmir Ikram, a Plano doctor who has volunteered in Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023; and Rabbi Nancy Kasten of Faith Commons. Faith Commons, a nonprofit founded by Wilshire's Senior Pastor Emeritus George Mason, promotes public discourse rooted in the common values of many faiths. Watch *Tapestry* for registration information as the event gets closer.

Bus tour shines light on sex trafficking in Dallas

The Men's Advocacy Group of nonprofit agency New Friends New Life offers a guided bus tour to raise awareness of the reality of sex trafficking in Dallas. The two-hour tour on Wednesday, July 9, at 11 a.m. is free, but donations are encouraged. Register at newfriendsnewlife.org/bustour. New Friends New Life restores and empowers trafficked and sexually exploited teen girls, women and their children and drives awareness of the issue and its prevalence.

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.

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/realms.

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

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

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

DONATE STOCKS. Contact Lori to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

FROM YOUR IRA. For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



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

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

This Week

Sunday, May 18

- WSM Graduate Breakfast, Palmer's Hot Chicken, 9 a.m.
- Hymn Festival Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Wilshire Welcome, Prayer Room, 9:45 a.m.
- Pathways to Ministry Committee, 2312, noon
- Finance Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.
- Wilshire at the Park, Flag Pole Hill, 5 p.m.

Monday, May 19

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20

- Wilkinson Center Pantry Assistants, noon
- Building, Interior and Grounds Committee, 3105, 5:30 p.m.
- Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Book Club, Parlor, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

- Adventurers to Trinity River Audubon Society, 8:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 23

- Friday Friends, 3103, 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 24

- Nova, Choral Hall and Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.

Christina Evans

Hometown: Garland

Present City: Murphy

Education: Bachelor's degree in early childhood and elementary education with a minor in special education

Profession: Full-time parent

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Mark, and I have been married for 12 years. We met in middle school and started dating our junior year of high school. We have four children, two here with us and two in Heaven. Our son Liam is 6, and our daughter Eliana is 4. We lost our middle sons, Emery and Jesse, on January 10, 2020.

How about your work or volunteer life?

For about four years, I've had the opportunity to volunteer with an organization for mothers of pregnancy and infant loss, Gathering Hope, in their yearly loss mom conference. It is an organization that is near to my heart for the support I received after the loss of our twins.

Any favorite hobbies?

I'm an avid reader and also enjoy baking bread, a postpandemic hobby. I love to travel and am always looking forward to another trip and planning all the places I want our kids to visit.

What are your favorite places to travel?

We were lucky to live in Germany for a time while my husband was in the Air Force. Some of my favorite places we traveled were Cres, Croatia, the Dingle Peninsula in Ireland and Cinque Terre, Italy. For our 10-year anniversary



a couple of years ago, we had the opportunity to camp and hike around New Zealand. It is such a beautiful country; from glaciers to the jungle, there is so much to see and experience.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

We moved back to Texas in 2023 and started visiting Wilshire in June. We found Wilshire through CBF's church directory and a family recommendation. We were looking for a church that welcomed and loved everyone. We immediately knew Wilshire was where we needed to be.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I'm a member of Labyrinth Class and the Week-day Education Committee. I just returned from Wilshire's trip to North Macedonia to work alongside CBF field personnel Alicia (my sister) and Jeff Lee.

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

My Epiphany star word was "begin," and I have seen God use this word to encourage me to do things I've not had the courage or opportunity to do before. Recently I had the opportunity to speak during Wilshire's Hannah Service about my personal story of loss. It was definitely out of my comfort zone but was a beautiful part of my healing journey.

WSM YOUTH CAMP

June 30–July 5 | wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2025



"Youth camp is the BEST week of the year where you have opportunities to grow relationships with Christ as well as friends."

Parker Mosley, 12th grade



It's time to sign up for Wilshire Student Ministry's best week of the year. The group will again travel to Ferncliff Camp near Little Rock, Arkansas, which provides great lodging, meeting space and recreation — hiking, nature trails, a swimming pool, lake activities, disc golf, sand volleyball and more. Mix in great adult leaders and good friends and you have everything you need for a fun, meaningful week. We're excited to welcome back Jared Jagers as camp pastor. Jared is a former Wilshire pastoral resident and intern now serving on staff at the American International Church in London.

How much does it cost?

This year's cost of \$500 covers meals, lodging, activities, transportation and a fantastic T-shirt.

How does lodging work?

Youth will stay in cabins assigned by grade.

How are we getting there?

As usual, we'll travel by bus. The trip takes about 6.5 hours.

Are scholarships available?

Yes. We never want money concerns to keep any youth from attending youth camp. For more information, please contact Darren (ddement@wilshirebc.org).

Are guests welcome?

Absolutely! Camp is a great way to introduce someone to WSM.

How do I sign up?



Register and pay online. Get started by scanning the QR code or visiting wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2025.

Is there a deadline?

We'd love to have everyone signed up and paid in full by June 25. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is for us to plan an awesome week.