



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**May 25, 2025**  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

# Preparing for worship

It was the German reformer Martin Luther who said, “Let me write the hymns.” In addition to being the main figure of the Lutheran Reformation in the 16th century, Luther was also a musician who wrote dozens of hymns. He knew how the power of music — all art, really — could be used to teach and inspire the church. In addition to Luther, all other 16th-century reformers put significant importance on accessible participatory music in corporate worship.

Out of all the expressions of art, music has such immediacy in accessibility and impact — an almost primal way of grabbing our attention. I love that as children we dance before we can walk, we draw and color before we write and we sing before we talk. God has created us in God’s own image, which is expressed through sublime beauty. Just go outside the day after a spring storm and look at the brilliant blue sky and see how the swaying trees “clap their hands” in praise and thanksgiving to God. Simply put, we art! But we do so with purpose.

Our hymns comfort us, teach us and inspire us as we worship a loving God. Today, we lean

into hymns as a reminder of how God is with us. These hymns offer us a reminder that God is past, present and always with us. Wherever the stormy blasts of life find us, God is with us, and we can sing, no matter what, “You are there ...” from Psalm 139.

We are a people of words. Our faith is unique in that even the central figure of Christianity is the Word of God who dwells among us. It is this beautiful Word of God whom we hear today in this very hour from the mouths of the worshiping body of Christ in unity. We sing our faith, and we comfort those around us with song as Jesus sends us his Holy Comforter through the musical notes you experience today. As the Holy Spirit moves among us, the very tones from our voices, bells, pipes and vibrating strings touch us, searing text into our hearts and minds, warming our very souls as we care for one another in song. We experience the Divine in the very way God has made us so unique in all creation — through art in song.

—Jeff Brummel



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May 25, 2025  
11:00 a.m.  
Sixth 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**

Charlie Fuller

**Prelude**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
Carillon Ringers  
Ralph Manuel, director

arr. Lloyd Larson

**+Call to Worship**

Katie Murray

One: In every age, O God, you have been our dwelling place.

**All: Our God, our help in ages past, and hope for years to come.**

One: When storms of life surround us, you are our shelter and our refuge.

**All: Our shelter from the storms of life, and our eternal home.**

One: In the shadow of your wings, may all find safety and rest.

**All: Under the shadow of your throne, all people dwell secure.**

One: Though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea,

**All: Sufficient are your arms alone, and our defense is sure.**

One: We worship you, O God, who has been faithful to all generations,

**All: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Amen.**

**+Congregational Song**

*O God Beyond All Praising*  
No. 366

THAXTED/arr. Dan Forrest

**Stanza 1: All**

Interlude: Choir

**Stanza 2: All**

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

**O GOD, OUR HELP!**  
**A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS**

**Offertory**

*All Creatures*  
Carillon Ringers

arr. Daniel Solyom

**A GOD OF AGES PAST**

**Scripture Collage from Psalm 46 and Deuteronomy 32**

Timothy Peoples

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

I will proclaim the greatness of the LORD.  
How glorious is our God!  
God is the Rock — perfect in all ways.  
Everything the LORD does is just and fair.

Remember the days of long ago!  
Ask your father and the aged men;  
They will tell you all about it.

When God divided up the world among the nations,  
Each was given a supervising angel!  
God protected Israel personally.  
In the howling wilderness,  
As though they were the apple of God's eye.  
God spreads wings over them,  
Even as an eagle cares for her young.  
She carries them on her wings —  
As the LORD carries the people of God!

**Anthem**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
Sanctuary Choir

Eric Nelson

Anthem text can be found at hymn 640.

## UNDER GOD'S SHADOW, WE DWELL SECURE

### “The Peace of Wild Things” by Wendell Berry

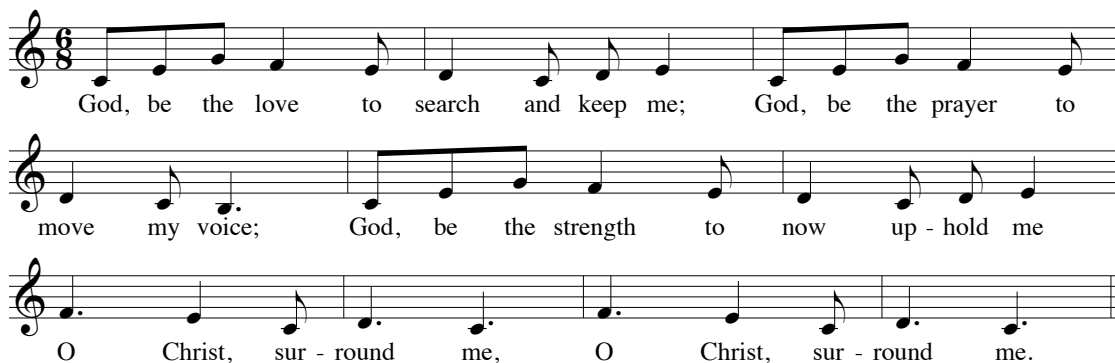
Lynette DeBose

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

### Prayers of the People

Charlie Fuller

#### *O Christ, Surround Me* Stanza 1



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me  
O Christ, sur - round me, O Christ, sur - round me.

### Prayer for Unity

*... Lord, in your mercy.*

**O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

### Prayer for Justice

*... Lord, in your mercy.*

**O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

## Prayer for Respect and Reconciliation

*... Lord, in your mercy.*

**O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

## Prayer for Healing and Comfort

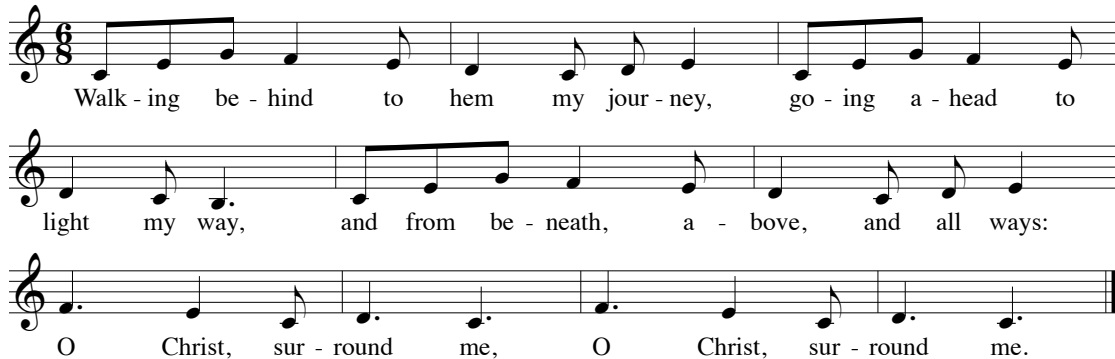
### Silence

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.**

*O Christ, Surround Me*  
Stanza 4



Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
O Christ, sur - round me, O Christ, sur - round me.

O God, you are my shelter.  
I hide under your wings until disaster passes by, because you rescue me.  
Some people act like lions with their sharp words and threats,  
but when they dug a pit for me they fell into it.  
My heart is set on you, Lord.  
It is firm and strong.  
So I will sing my song to you!  
I will wake up the dawn!  
Let me sing to the whole world about your great kindness!  
Your truth is as tall as the sky!  
Your love is wide as the heavens!  
And you are over all of them, higher than the whole sky.  
And on the earth below, your glory covers everything.

**Anthem**

*It Is Well With My Soul*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Tom Trenney

Text can be found at hymn 573.

**A HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME**

**“The Thing Is” by Ellen Bass**

Carol Cabaniss

to love life, to love it even  
when you have no stomach for it  
and everything you’ve held dear  
crumbles like burnt paper in your hands,  
your throat filled with the silt of it.  
When grief sits with you, its tropical heat  
thickening the air, heavy as water  
more fit for gills than lungs;  
when grief weights you down like your own flesh  
only more of it, an obesity of grief,  
you think, *How can a body withstand this?*  
Then you hold life like a face  
between your palms, a plain face,  
no charming smile, no violet eyes,  
and you say, yes, I will take you  
I will love you, again.

## Reading from Jeremiah 31

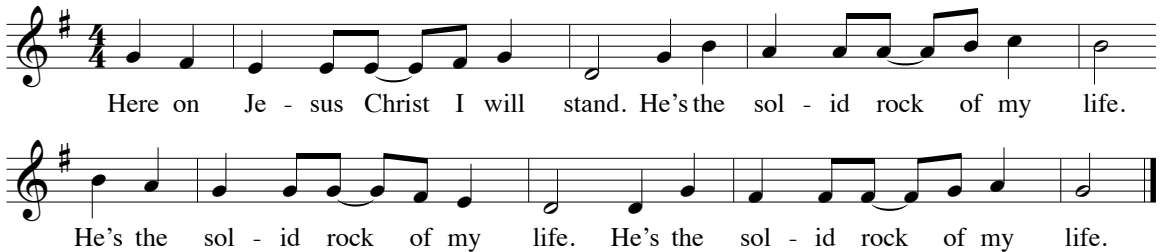
“They found grace out in the desert,  
these people who survived the killing.  
God’s people, out looking for a place to rest,  
met God out looking for them!”  
“I’ve never quit loving you and never will.  
Expect love, love, and more love!  
And so now I’ll start over with you and build you up again ...  
You’ll resume your singing,  
grabbing tambourines and joining the dance.”  
“I will rebuild you,  
and you will again be happy  
and dance joyfully with tambourines.”

## Congregational Song

*Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

Please join in singing the refrain as invited.



## Scripture Collage from Jeremiah and Job

Katie Murray

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans for your hope and future. So, build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat of their produce. Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

We are hard pressed from every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. The LORD gives and the LORD takes away; may the name of the LORD be praised.

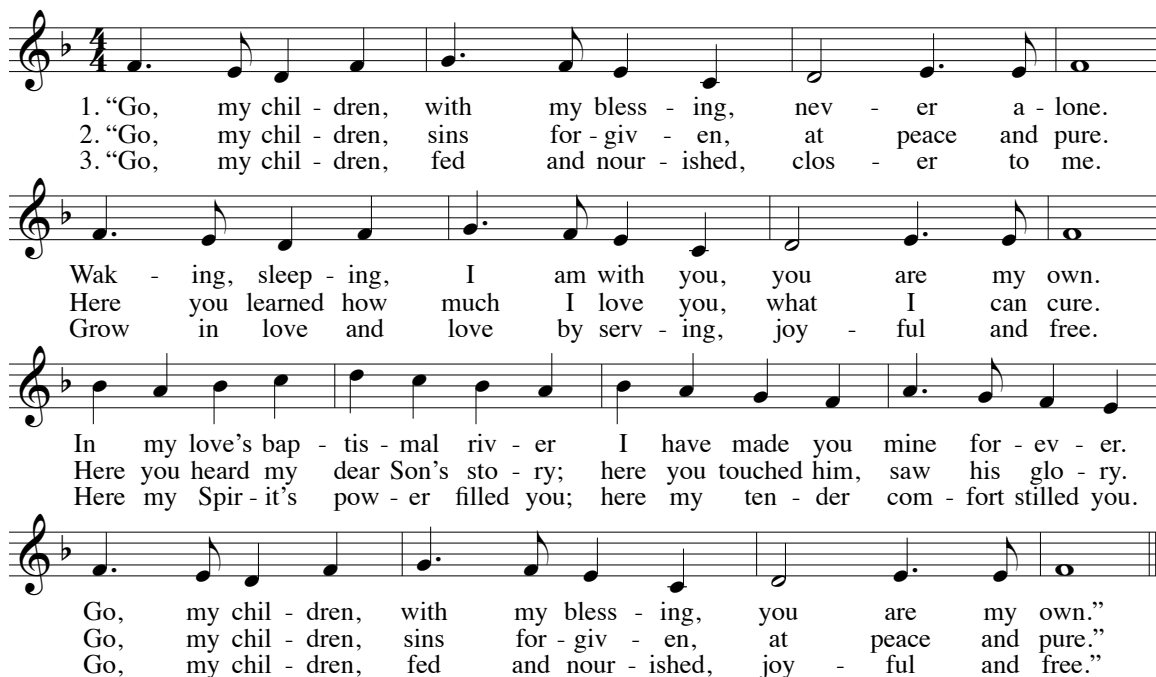
Call on God and God will answer and reveal to you great and incomprehensible things you will not know.

“For I, your God, know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



**+Congregational Song***Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS



1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2. "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3. "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

**Sharing of Decisions and Benediction**

Ariel Merivil

**Choral Benediction***The Parting Hand*

William Walker/arr. Capps

Nova

Michael Capps, director

My Christian friends in bonds of love,  
 Whose hearts in sweetest union join,  
 Your friendship's like a drawing band,  
 Yet we must take the parting hand.

Your company's sweet, your union dear,  
 Your words delightful to my ears  
 Yet when I see that we must part,  
 You draw like chords around my heart.

How oft I've seen your flowing tears,  
 And heard you tell your hopes and fears!  
 Your hearts with love were seen to flame.  
 Which makes me hope we'll meet again.

Ye mourning souls, lift up your eyes  
 To glorious mansions in the skies;  
 O trust his grace in Canaan's land  
 We'll no more take the parting hand.

O glorious day! O blessed hope!  
 My soul leaps forward at the thought.  
 When, on that happy happy land  
 We'll no more take the parting hand.

But with our blessed holy Lord,  
 We'll shout and sing with one accord.  
 And there we'll all with Jesus dwell,  
 So loving Christians, fare you well.

Please remain seated for the Closing Voluntary.

**Closing Voluntary**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Sanctuary Choir

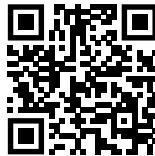
Mack Wilberg

Text can be found at hymn 295.

## Meet today's worship leaders

**Carol Cabaniss** joined Wilshire in 1992 and is married to Kevin. They are the parents to three young adults: Peyton, Tanner and Trace. Carol is a deacon, participates in Faith in 3D, attends Journey Class and chairs the Library Committee. She works at Wilshire as music and worship coordinator and also assists with funerals.

**Lynette DeBose** joined Wilshire in 2017. She sings in Sanctuary Choir, is a member of Discovery Class and participates in Faith in 3D productions. Lynette works as an office administrator at RE/MAX.



**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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- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

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

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# Tapestry



Wilshire  
BAPTIST CHURCH

News & Announcements  
May 25, 2025



## Vacation Bible School

JUNE 9-13, 9 A.M.-NOON



[wilshirebc.org/events/vbs](https://wilshirebc.org/events/vbs)

### VBS registration ends June 1

This year's VBS is a summer camp-themed adventure where kids learn to trust God no matter what life brings. For older preschoolers (age 3 by 9/1/24) through completed 5th graders. Free; space is limited. Advance registration ends June 1; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/vbs](https://wilshirebc.org/events/vbs). Walk-ins will be accommodated as space allows.

### VBS helpers needed

We've got a fun week of VBS planned, but it takes lots of volunteers to make it happen. Ways to help include decorating, preparing materials, working with the kids and helping with registration.

■ You can also sign up at [bit.ly/4jjWRqt](https://bit.ly/4jjWRqt) to provide food for the volunteer break room or to serve as a break room host.

■ Sign up in the main office or email Minister to Children Julie Girards at [jgirards@wilshirebc.org](mailto:jgirards@wilshirebc.org) if you can help in any way or have questions.



**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.

## Condolences to

**Geri and Mark McKenzie** on the death of Geri's stepfather, Dan Sherrel, May 18. Granddaughter is **Harper McKenzie**.

## New role for Carole McClung



Carole McClung has been hired as Wilshire's spiritual formation ministry assistant and will start in the role Monday, June 16. She had been working for Wilshire's Early Childhood Learning Center as an administrative

assistant and bookkeeper since January 2024. In her new position, Carole will support the educational ministries of the church across all age groups. She and her husband, Britt, joined Wilshire in 2011, and their daughters, Ava, Miriam and Ruby, have been active in Wilshire's children's and youth ministries.

## Adventurers to Theater Center

The Wilshire Adventurers will take in Dallas Theater Center's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Wednesday, June 25, at 2 p.m. Cost: \$18. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit [wilshirebc.org/events/dreamcoat](http://wilshirebc.org/events/dreamcoat). Adventurers is a fellowship group for anyone 60 and above.

## Choir at Northridge Presbyterian

Wilshire's Sanctuary Choir will participate in a choral blessing service at nearby Northridge Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 1, at 4:30 p.m. The Northridge and Wilshire choirs will also be joined by the choir from Lake Highlands United Methodist Church. All are welcome.

## 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.



## Family Splash Day set for June 1

Kick off the summer at Wilshire's Family Splash Day on Sunday, June 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ridgewood Sprayground (6818 Fisher Road, Dallas, 75214). This is a great sprayground for toddlers and kids thanks to its multiple water features. There's also a covered pavilion with picnic tables and shaded seating. Bring or wear your swimsuit, and bring a towel and anything you'd like to eat or drink.

## Faith Commons presents Two Peoples, One Land

*Two Peoples, One Land: What Americans Can Do to Promote Peace in Israel and Palestine* 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. Tickets are free but registration is required. Find the registration link at [wilshirebc.org/events/two-peoples-one-land](http://wilshirebc.org/events/two-peoples-one-land).

## MACEDONIA TRIP REPORT

# A ministry of presence

BY HEATHER MUSTAIN

**E**ARLIER THIS MONTH, six of us from Wilshire traveled to Skopje, Macedonia, to see and learn more from Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel Jeff and Alicia Lee. We were joined on the trip by members of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Wilshire supports CBF, our primary global missions partner, in two primary ways — first, through our faithful giving to the Global Missions offering, which supports the long-term presence of all CBF field personnel, and second, through funding projects undertaken by specific field personnel.

Over several years, Wilshire has given to Jeff and Alicia's ministry in many different ways. We provided funds to help the only food bank in Macedonia and provided a grant so the Lees could minister to refugees making their way through the region in 2016. Most recently, we provided a small business loan to a young man who wanted to begin a fruit and vegetable stand after losing his restaurants in 2020.

We began our trip exploring ancient and active monasteries, learning more about Eastern Orthodoxy, walking the ruins of a second-century basilica and castle, visiting a mosque and having conversations about how the Lees' ministry is a bridge between the area's two dominant faith traditions.

The best way to describe the Lees' ministry is one of presence. They have lived and worked in Macedonia for 13 years and have built a network of connections between many nonprofits.

The first is Poraka, which provides day centers and group homes for adults with developmental disabilities. We spent two days with the residents playing, crafting, eating and bowling together. Through CBF, Jeff has also provided



green houses for vegetables, chickens and goats on Poraka's properties, and the residents have taken up this responsibility with diligence and care. Unused produce is sold to help fund their operations.

The second is the only food bank in Macedonia, where our group helped package 30 food boxes for delivery to those in need.

The third nonprofit is Ratoe, a recovery and alcohol center for men. Ratoe focuses on the men's sobriety while also providing employment through a woodworking business where they rehab furniture and build cabinetry.

While each entity has a different focus, Jeff has been able to build threads between all of them. When Poraka or Ratoe is in need of food, Jeff connects them to the food bank. When Poraka built a new house, Ratoe provided cabinetry



for the kitchen. And when the food bank needs extra storage space, Poraka opens its doors. It was beautiful to see how the Lees' faithful presence has led to a witness of love and trust. And the hospitality provided to us will last a lifetime.

We are committed to continuing to help support the Lees and their ministry in Macedonia. Jeff continues to explore new agricultural projects; among his newest ventures are establishing a vineyard, expanding green houses and providing chickens to the vulnerable.

We will go again, perhaps in September 2026 to help harvest grapes alongside the residents of Poraka.

Before that, you'll get a chance to meet and hear from Jeff and Alicia when they visit Wilshire on Sunday, June 29. We'll share more about their visit as it gets closer. In the meantime, join me in keeping them in your prayers.



## ECLC closes out year and era

**W**ILSHIRE's Early Childhood Learning Center held a program on Thursday, May 15, to celebrate the end of the school year. The event took on added significance as it also marked the closure of ECLC after decades of operation.

The church announced last fall that ECLC would close due to financial challenges and a decline in enrollment.

At the program, Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins thanked the ECLC staff, with special recognition for four teachers who began with ECLC between 1997 and 1999: Maria Munoz, Flora Martinez, Consuelo Herrera and Rosa Vallejo.

"They have left a legacy that has impacted hundreds of parents and children, including almost all of the staff kids, both past and present," Kelly said. Kelly hopes to employ some ECLC staffers for church childcare needs and noted that all teachers would receive a bonus.

Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples said in a statement, "On behalf of Wilshire, I am extremely grateful for ECLC and the role it has played in the lives of so many in our church and the wider community. ECLC families and staff members will remain in our prayers as this chapter comes to a close."



## CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

### VBS: CAMP FIRELIGHT

Mon.–Fri., June 9–13, 9 a.m.–noon

### KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL CAMP

Mon.–Fri., July 7–11, 9 a.m.–noon

### COOKING CAMP

Mon.–Fri., July 7–11, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
*Sold out; waitlist available.*

### LISTEN TO YOUR ART!

Mon.–Fri., July 7–11, 12:30–5 p.m.

### FULL-DAY COOKING & ART

Mon.–Fri., July 7–11, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
*Sold out; waitlist available.*

### PASSPORT KIDS! PRETEEN CAMP

Sun.–Wed., July 20–23



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**WILSHIREBC.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS**

## BWIM presents Beth Allison Barr



Bestselling author Beth Allison Barr will discuss the state of women in the Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Dallas. Baptist Women in Ministry is pre-

senting the event, timed to coincide with the SBC's annual meeting in Dallas. According to BWIM Executive Director Meredith Stone, the event's goal is "for there to be a presence of affirmation for women's equality at, or at least near, the SBC annual meeting so that perhaps women, or even just one woman, might realize there are Baptists who see women's value and equality in a different way." Wilshire is sponsoring the BWIM event, and our members may attend for free. Register at [bwim.info/wilshire](http://bwim.info/wilshire).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))

## Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club will discuss Timothy Egan's *A Fever in the Heartland* on Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday every month. Contact Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net)).



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

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## *This Week*

### **Sunday, May 25**

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

### **Monday, May 26**

- Memorial Day: building closed, staff holiday

### **Wednesday, May 28**

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, May 29**

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

### **Sunday, June 1**

- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- VBS Workers Meeting, 1205-G & 1205-L, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Family Splash Day, Ridgewood Sprayground (6818 Fisher Road, Dallas, 75214), 4 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir at Northridge Presbyterian Choral Blessing Service, Northridge Presbyterian Church (6920 Bob O Link Dr, Dallas, 75214), 4:30 p.m.

### **Monday, June 2**

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

### **Tuesday, June 3**

- WSM Tuesday Missions, 9 a.m.
- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, Prayer Room, 1205-G and 1205-L, 6:30 p.m.

# WSM YOUTH CAMP

**June 30–July 5** | [wilshirebc.org/events/youth-camp-2025](http://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



**I**t'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](mailto: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](http://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.

# Margaret Davis

**Hometown:** El Paso

**Present City:** Carrollton

**Education:** Baylor University

**Profession:** Educator

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

I have four adult sons who attended Wilshire from cradle roll through college. I also have three daughters-in-law, four granddaughters and two grandsons. I remain close to my brother and his family in Austin.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

After working as a teacher and administrator in public and independent schools, I became the founding CEO of a nonprofit in 2019. Texas Council for International Studies partners with school districts to manage International Baccalaureate schools serving economically disadvantaged students. I've served on the board of Texas IB Schools and continue as a nonvoting member. I've also volunteered in the ICU waiting room at Baylor Hospital's Roberts Building.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

In addition to everything Baylor, I enjoy the Dallas Symphony, movies and theater — especially Broadway plays and musicals.

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

After graduating college and moving to Dallas, I first attended another Baptist church but didn't feel at home. A date suggested I try Wilshire, saying it was nearby and a good church. That changed my life. I started coming Sunday evenings and joined in April 1969. From single adult to grandmother, Wilshire has been my spiritual home. Starting in 1975, I taught youth Sunday School for 14 years. I made snacks for Sunday



night youth events and volunteered in preschool ministry from 2002 to 2022.

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

I recently served on the Pre-school Education Committee and attend worship regularly at Wilshire or with my sons at their churches.

## **What has surprised you most about Wilshire?**

Wilshire and I have matured together. It's a safe place to agree, disagree and grow through life's changes. I'm not sure it surprised me, but it's exactly what I needed.

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

God is still teaching me how to use my talents and trust in divine guidance. This season of professional life has been a surprise, but I feel God's presence in every opportunity.

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

Church was always central to my family. I was active in my youth group and Youth for Christ. My time at Baylor deepened my faith, especially through religion classes with Dr. Bill Tolar. At Wilshire, my faith has grown in all seasons of life.

## **What's something interesting that people may not know about you?**

My brother and I once tried to dig up a cactus. Don't try it!

## **What words best describe you?**

Loving, loyal, a bit stubborn.



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