

MARCH

reflections

You're Better Than Your Pastor

When Barna polled Americans who don't go to church and asked if they would go to church if a friend or family member invited them, they found almost 1 out of 2 of them would go. That means if you have 10 friends, there is a good chance 5 are willing to go if you asked them! Now, if I, or any other pastor, went to their house and asked them, it would drop to 27%. You are better than your pastor. God has created you and placed you in a position to positively impact the lives of those around you.

Simply put, rejection is overrated. Are you willing to hear 5 noes to hear 5 yeses? Think about how many people, if just invited, would be willing to check out church and hear about God's love for the first time. This is amazing! The scriptures talk about the great lengths our God goes to in order to reach just one who is lost. Would you join God in this? He is already searching for the lost.

Easter is April 16th. On this day, your friends and family are more likely to come with you. Would you join us as a church in praying for your friends and in making plans to invite them to one of our Easter services?

With love,



Missionary of the Month: Gideons International

What is Gideon Church Ministry?

It is the building and maintenance of sustainable relationships with local churches.

Who does Gideon Church Ministry?

Although every camp member can engage in the Church Ministry Program, the Church Ministry chairman oversees a committee devoted to building relationships with pastors and churches.

Why do we do Gideon Church Ministry?

To reach the lost for Christ, we need a strong base of believers praying for the effort. Certainly, we need the manpower to reach out. And we must have the funds to purchase Scriptures, which we give away at no cost to those who receive them.

Where do we do Gideon Church Ministry?

In the qualified churches in Fullerton, La Habra, and La Habra Heights. Internationally, we are organized in 200 countries, territories and possessions around the world. Churches are located in every camp area.

How do we do Gideon Church Ministry?

We begin praying for and with each of our pastors. As the relationship grows, we look for ways to come alongside the church to help them in reaching out with the Gospel.

Please continue to pray for our efforts, and those who are Gideons here at Wilshire Avenue.

Youth Reflections - Pastor Evan Siggson

Friday, March 17th is our Feast and Auction fundraiser. If your student is interested in volunteering at this event they will earn \$100.00 towards the cost of their summer camp. If you would like to attend, tickets are \$25.00. For that price you receive a catered dinner, entertainment, and free childcare for children through 3rd grade. The proceeds from this event will benefit our missions ministries and our youth camp ministries.

Sunday, April 23rd we will be hosting a short parent informational gathering 10:00am to 10:30am in the Wilshire Room. Coffee and pastries will be provided. This will be a great time for our team to share our heart of service to your family, as well as provide a casual opportunity for everyone to meet one another.

Friday, May 26th to Tuesday, May 30th will be our Jr. High summer camp with UCYC in Prescott Arizona. This event will officially welcome in your brand new 7th grade students to our group. Camp packets with more information are available.

Sunday, July 16th to Friday, July 21st will be our High School summer camp with Thousand Pines. Camp packets with more information are available.

Please contact me to talk over email, the phone, or in person for a coffee.

Feast and Auction

BENEFITTING CAMPS & MISSIONS

MARCH 17, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

FEATURING



PERFORMERS, the DOLLYBIRDS

The fundraiser will include:

A silent auction, raffle, dinner, dessert,
and entertainment

Please join us as we raise funds and learn
about the camps, missions, and
missionaries supported by
Wilshire Avenue Community Church

in the Multipurpose Room

\$25 per TICKET
childcare INCLUDED

Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance
Buy them on the plaza
or online at wilshireave.com



A special thank you to all the coaches, prayer partners and volunteers for our Kidz-Play Basketball League. This year we had 24 teams with a total of 250 kids. Many of the kids and families are not from our church, so this is a huge outreach for us and is never possible without all the support from so many volunteers. It was a great season and we are looking forward to next year!



Our indoor league is now open for registration and we will fill up quickly. If you have a child age 3 to 8 years old we would love to have you join us for the 6 week season. All the information and registration is on our main website at www.wilshireave.com or you can stop by the Sports Booth on Sunday for more information. We are also looking for coaches, prayer partners and volunteers for this season. Please e-mail bryan@wilshireave.com if you are able to help.

Foster & Adoption Connections at Wilshire Avenue 2017 Calendar

Building community among our WA foster & adoptive families: Foster & Adoptive families are invited to potluck dinner together! After dining together the kids will hang out (with hired supervision) while parents get a chance to share stories and journey together. This group will gather quarterly. 1/28, 4/15, 7/15, 10/14 Saturdays, 5:00-7:00pm Locations TBD Main dish & dessert provided. Bring a side dish or salad to share! Contact Liz with questions: 425-766-0947, lizstiger@gmail.com.

Foster & Adopt Network -- A gathering for educating and encouraging fostering and adoption. Gather with others who want to participate and support foster and adoption efforts among our members at Wilshire Ave, within our community locally and abroad. This group will meet quarterly on Sundays after church. It will be informative, connecting and prayerful--a place to begin if you're interested in fostering/adoption or supporting in another form. All are welcome! 3/12, 5/7, 9/10, 11/12 Sundays after church, 12:00-1:30pm Wilshire Room, childcare and light lunch provided. Contact Liz with questions: 425-766-0947, lizstiger@gmail.com.



BLACKWOOD BROTHERS
in concert **MARCH 24 at 7p**
Wilshire Avenue Community Church

CELEBRATING
YEARS **80**

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Women's RETREAT



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MAY 5 - 7

We know as Christian women, your days are filled with busy schedules, commitments and responsibilities. Take a break from the busyness and come to Thousand Pines' Women's Retreat for a weekend to recharge both spiritually and physically. Take this opportunity to hear great teaching, spend time relaxing, listening for the Lord, and reflecting amidst the beauty of the mountains. You will be pampered with gourmet meals, professional massages, afternoon tea and other special activities. So save the date! May 5-7, 2017. Cost is \$180. Limited spots available, \$100 deposit due by March 12th, full payment due by April 16. Sign up at the Women's Booth on Sundays or email maricela@wilshireave.com for more information.

\$180

\$100 deposit due March 12
maricela@wilshireave.com for more info

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looking ahead

Koinonia Circle: will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30am at Marie Calendar's in Placentia for lunch and program planning.

Agape Circle: Will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 10am in the Wilshire Room.

Feast & Auction: Friday, March 17th, 6pm - 8:30pm. Join us for a great night of fundraising for Youth Camps and Missions. Dinner provided by Blue Agave, Coffee Bar, Live Music and of course our Auction. Tickets are \$25 each and include childcare. If you have an item to donate, that would be greatly appreciated, ie: tickets to sport events, concerts, plays, Disneyland, time share, etc. Contact the church office asap.

Grief Share: If you, or someone you know, has experienced a loss, we recommend Grief Share which meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm. Sign up with Linda Johnson on the plaza or call the church office. Cost is \$15.00.

Prime Time, Tuesday, March 28 at 9:30am for a DVD - "Perfect Stranger", the man told the lawyer he was Jesus Christ. The lawyer decided to call his bluff. Consider the message as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Lunch at 11:15am. Many of you prayed daily, gave sacrificially, donated suitcases, shoes, clothing, medicine, etc. Come and see pictures and hear the stories of our recent mission trip to Haiti.

Join the Choir! Enjoy singing? We rehearse Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Contact Pastor El Roy or Doug Boughter if you are interested in joining us as we prepare for worship services and Easter.

Brad Dacus Seminar: President of Pacific Justice Institute, Brad Dacus will speak to teachers on the subject of being "Building Public School Trust in the Community" as a missionary in the public schools. Sunday, March 5th at 2pm in the Wilshire Room.

June Guatemala Trip Info: This year's trip to Colonia Noruega, Guatemala will be June 16-24. Below are some dates related to the meeting and training involved. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact:

Lisa Paniagua at lisa@allprobuildersinc.com.

Commitment Date: Mid-March

Training Meetings Start: Mid-April

Parks Junior High Choir Concert: Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm. Contact Pastor El Roy if you can be a greeter that evening.

The Blackwood Brothers Quartet: Friday, March 24 at 7pm. Admission is free. A love-offering will be taken.

April 8 at 2pm **Celebration Singers and Orchestra** will present the Mark Hayes Easter Musical, Behold! God's Holy Lamb, a worship experience recalling the sacrifice of Jesus. Doors open at 1:30pm.

Love Fullerton: This annual community serve day will be on Saturday, April 29. More information to come.

Donations for Haiti: We are looking for donations of walking canes, crutches, medical Velcro boots, walkers, etc. for the clinic in Haiti. Always, we need donations of children's sandals, shoes, shorts, short sleeved tops, underwear, socks. They love soccer shoes & uniforms.

Boomer Game Night: 7:00 – 9:00 in the UGL. Please bring a snack to share, we will provide beverages. We're supporting our Food Co-Op by bringing canned food & cereal. For every 5 food items you bring you will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing for a prize during the evening. Sign up at the Boomer Booth.

FOR MORE INFO:

WWW.WILSHIREAVE.COM
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 9am: Classic Worship 9am: Wilshire Live 10:30am: Worship 12pm: Brad Dacus Seminar (WR)	6 10am: Interc. Prayer 11:30am: Kidzcare 5pm: Next Step Basketball (MPR)	7 11:30am: Kidzcare 5pm: Next Step Basketball 6:30pm: GriefShare-CR 6:30pm: Corporate Prayer - WR	8 11:30am: Kidzcare 6pm: Ministry Board Mtg. - 304 6:30pm: The Way, High School- UGL 6:45pm: Choir Rehearsal- WC	9 11:30am: Kidzcare 6:30pm: The Way, Jr High- UGL	10 11:30am: Kidzcare	11
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