

The annual preaching practicum, hosted by Wilshire Baptist Church and sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will feature leaders this year that range from a seminary preaching professor to an emergent church pastor to a traditional church pastor.

Nancy Lammers Gross of Princeton Seminary, Chris Seay of Ecclesia church in Houston, and George Mason of Wilshire in Dallas will be practicum facilitators. The program will include various modes of learning, including lecture, dialogue, workshop, and worship. All sessions are informal. Those who currently preach every Sunday or see that as their calling in the future are particularly welcome.

Cost is \$150 (\$50 for seminary students). Scholarship information is available upon request. Monday night will feature a dinner at which spouses are welcome for no additional charge. A group rate has been established at the Radisson Hotel @ \$89 per night. The hotel is 2 miles from the church. Let us know if we can make reservations for you.

Featured Facilitators



Nancy Lammers Gross is the Arthur Sarell Rudd Associate Professor of Speech Communication in Ministry and Dean of Student Life at

Princeton Theological Seminary, where she earned her M.Div. and Ph.D. Her teaching interests include speech communication, preaching, worship and hermeneutics. She previously taught at Palmer Theological Seminary in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

An ordained Presbyterian minister, she has served churches in California and New Jersey. Her publications include *If You Cannot Preach Like Paul*.



Chris Seay founded University Baptist Church, an early example of generational church

planting, in Waco, Texas. He currently pastors Ecclesia, a progressive Christian community in Houston launched in 1999. Ecclesia is recognized for exploring spiritual questions of culture and breaking new ground in art, music and film.

He speaks extensively on faith and postmodernity and has appeared on numerous radio and television broadcasts. His publications include *The Gospel According to Tony Soprano* and *The Gospel Reloaded*.

Host



Dr. George Mason has been senior pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church since 1989. He has served in ministerial roles at churches in Florida, Alabama, and Texas since 1978. Mason has held numerous leadership roles in the Baptist, Ecumenical, and interfaith work. He maintains a passionate interest in the call and nurture of young ministers.



Schedule

Monday:

- 1:15 Registration begins
- 1:30 Conference begins
- 5:15 Vespers
- 7:00 Dinner

Tuesday:

- 7:30 Continental breakfast
- 8:00 Morning worship
- 8:45 Conference continues
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Conference continues
- 4:15 Vespers
- Conclusion with Communion in the Garden