



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Preparing for worship

Greg Garrett's sermon has lingered in my mind and soul all week. As a parent, I'm never really certain what, if anything, my child sitting next to me is absorbing. In Greg's closing, he reminded us that we don't have to be so afraid. Without missing a beat, my Jimmie leaned in and responded, "Are you sure about that?" Honestly, she read my mind as I asked myself the same exact question in return.

Greg touched a nerve for my family and perhaps yours too. Fear lurks everywhere, but as someone reminded me recently, fear is just false evidence appearing real, requiring courage to lead us to faith.

As I spent some time with today's order of worship, I noticed a thread throughout. Like fear and faith, this morning through song and word we will explore light and darkness, gain and loss, strength and weakness, joy and pain. Binaries like these expose life to be what author Cole Arthur Riley calls a "sacred spectrum."

We rarely experience light without knowing darkness, life without facing death, joy without

feeling pain — but instead they exist within our hearts and lived experiences as sacred spectrums. And like in today's song from the basement, "each need their moment to shine," and that can sure be a hard pill to swallow.

Riley goes on to say, "Fear can make us demand definition from mystery. We condense and simplify our own stories to make them clear and resolved. But instead, perhaps we need to remember that we are not singular, but are free to be more than one thing." I'm in a season of life where God is making it known that two truths can co-exist at once — in fact, perhaps they need one another in order for me to fully grow into my own becoming. So instead of finding resolution, I'm finding the freedom to feel it all.

Perhaps God is wanting to expand in you and is using a sacred spectrum to do so. Today as you notice one of these binaries, consider how you can honor your own becoming through this knowing that life is indeed a sacred spectrum.

—Heather Mustain



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April 21, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Fourth 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

Grand Chorus
Carillon Ringers
Ralph Manuel, director

Joel Raney

Opening Sentences

Nicolette Brindle

In beauty, wonder and joy, we gather this morning to worship — to celebrate a resurrected hope, the newness of life and God’s unending mercy. May we never cease to be amazed at the goodness of our Creator and living God as we remember that God has loved us from birth and will continue to love us all our days. So, today, we celebrate this truth.

+Congregational Song

For the Beauty of the Earth
No. 341

DIX

Gospel Reading — John 10:11-18

Suzy McLaughlin

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd would die for the sheep. The hired hand, who is neither shepherd nor owner of the sheep, catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be scattered or snatched by the wolf. That’s because the hired hand works only for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me, in the same way Abba God knows me and I know God — and for these sheep I will lay down my life. I have other sheep that don’t belong to this fold — I must lead them too, and they will hear my voice. And then there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why Abba God loves me — because I lay down my life, only to take it up again. No one takes my life from me; I lay it down freely. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again. This command I received from my Abba.”

+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

Anthem

All Things New
Youth Choir
Kamilya Akhmetova, piano

Elaine Hagenberg/Jeff Brummel

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, God is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
God is making all things new, God is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain,
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Prayers of the People

Carlita Huff

Congregational Song

Find the Light

David Ramirez

I wish upon you peace
I wish upon you grace
I wish for less of what you want
And more of what you need
I wish upon you an old life
With a heart that stays young
But most of all I wish upon you love

I wish upon you an easy life
I wish upon you hard times
I hope you know that both joy and pain
Each need their moment to shine
I wish you ears that are quick to listen
That you're slow to use that tongue
But most of all I wish upon you love

I wish upon you truth
When all you feel is doubt
I hope you know that an open mind
Still knows when to shut things out
I wish upon you a brave heart
That will always rise above
But most of all I wish upon you love

As the sun sets the moon begins to rise
So even in the darkness you'll find the light
You'll find the light
You'll find the light
You'll find the light
Yes, even in the darkness you'll find the light

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So even in the darkness you'll find the light
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Offertory

Jesus Loves Me
Carillon Ringers

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

+Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

David Nabors

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ died for us. And we, too, ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers. If you have more than enough material possessions and see your neighbors in need yet close your hearts to them, how can the love of God be living in you? My children, our love must not be simply words or mere talk — it must be true love, which shows itself in action and truth. This, then, is how we'll know we belong to the truth; this is how we'll be confident in God's presence, even if our consciences condemn us. We know that God is greater than our consciences and that God knows everything. And if our consciences do not condemn us, my friends, then we have confidence before God, and we will receive whatever we ask from God's hand — because we keep the commandments and do what is pleasing in God's sight. The commandments are these: that we believe in the name of God's Own, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another as we were told to do. Those who keep these commandments live in God and God lives in them. We know that God lives in us by the Spirit given to us.

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

“Children of God”

Timothy Peoples

Silent Reflection

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

+Congregational Song

They'll Know We Are Christians
No. 272

ST. BRENDAN'S

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

arr. Jeff Brummel

The flowers today are given in honor of Dorothy Burrus on the occasion of her 105th birthday by the Open Bible Sunday School Class.

Meet today's worship leaders

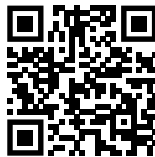
Nicolette Brindle is the daughter of Angela and Thomas Brindle. A second grader at Dallas International School, Nicolette is learning piano and loves to dance and sing. At Wilshire she participates in Children's Choir and KidConnect.

Charlie Fuller and his wife, Cindy, officially joined Wilshire in March after moving from Waco to Dallas for Charlie to begin a new full-time staff position at Wilshire, director of Pathways to Ministry and coach in residence. Charlie previously served as Wilshire's interim minister of music and has held various roles in academia and local church ministry. The Fullers, who attend Epiphany Class, have two daughters and four grandchildren, all of whom live in Plano.

Carlita Huff and her husband, R.G., joined Wilshire in 2020. They live in Waxahachie and have two adult sons and four grandsons. Carlita, who is retired from a career as a legal assistant, sings in Sanctuary Choir and serves as a substitute player in Carillon Ringers.

Suzy McLaughlin first joined Wilshire in 1995 and rejoined in 2014 after some time living in Austin. Her daughter and son-in-law, Courtney and Gabe Leal, also attend Wilshire with their three kids, Nicholas, Jordan and Brooklyn. Suzy is a deacon, a member of Foundations of Faith Class and serves on the Children's Education Committee and the Belong Team.

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



Connect with Wilshire. Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera to make a financial contribution, fill out our online guest card or submit a prayer request. You may also use the response card or offering envelope found in the pew rack. These items can be placed in the offering plate or in one of the secure offering boxes located near the Sanctuary exits.

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- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)

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Tapestry



News & Announcements
April 21, 2024



Wilshire Library Adopt-a-Book

Today in South Atrium

At the Wilshire Library's Adopt-a-Book event today, April 21, you can help the Library defray the cost of new books by purchasing a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one. Dedications will be printed on plaques and placed inside the books. Not sure who to honor? The Library will have lists of teachers, children's leaders, ministers and staff. Stop by the South Atrium from 9 to 10:45 a.m. or after worship. The Library Committee and Librarian Barbara Peterson appreciate your support.

New member

D.R. Rockwell



Wartburg Choir Tuesday night

The Wartburg Choir of Wartburg College will present a concert at Wilshire on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Wartburg is a private Lutheran liberal arts college in Waverly, Iowa. The internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir (wartburg.edu/choir) performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles and often collaborates with contemporary composers. The group tours the U.S. each spring and abroad every three years. Their concert at Wilshire will also feature the Timber Creek High School Choir from Keller ISD. The concert is free; donations will be accepted.

Choral scholar recitals

Sarah Navy will present a recital today, April 21, at 4 p.m. at O'Donnell Hall in the Owen Arts Center at SMU. **Wayne Mkhize's** recital will be held in Wilshire's McIver Chapel next Sunday, April 28, at 6 p.m. Both Sarah and Wayne are students at SMU's Meadows School of the Arts and have been Wilshire choral scholars for the last two academic years.



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.



A BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY PRODUCTION

MIDWIVES OF A MOVEMENT

A Story of Challenging Baptist Patriarchy



Documentary Screening & Dialogue Monday, April 22

Wilshire will host Baptist Women in Ministry for a documentary screening and conversation on Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m. in Community Hall. The film, *Midwives of a Movement*, chronicles the story of women who boldly birthed a movement to seek more visibility and leadership opportunities for women in Baptist life. BWIM Executive Director Meredith Stone will be on hand to speak and take questions. View the trailer at bwim.info/documentary.



Stolen Lives T-shirt making next Sunday

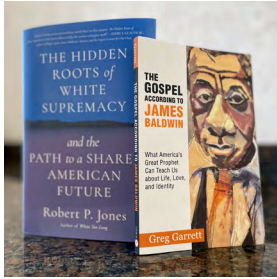
Wilshire will kick off its participation in the Stolen Lives advocacy project with a T-shirt making event next Sunday, April 28, after worship in Community Hall.

This project of advocacy agency Texas Impact aims to build awareness and reduce gun violence through public installations. In the displays, T-shirts are used to memorialize victims of gun violence. Each colored shirt will show the name, age and death date of someone in Dallas County who died of gun violence in the last five years. Each white shirt will represent a suicide and show a crisis hotline number.

Our 200 shirts will be displayed at Wilshire in late May and will be shown alongside those from other churches outside the National Rifle Association convention in Dallas on May 18. The campaign will culminate next year when all shirts are displayed at the state capitol.

Contact Associate Pastor Heather Mustain (hmustain@wilshirebc.org) to learn more.

Jones and Garrett books for sale



Books remaining from last weekend's events with Robert P. Jones and Greg Garrett will be on sale Wednesdays in Community Hall during lunch and dinner and on Sundays in the main

office while supplies last. Titles available are *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future* (Jones), *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* (Jones) and *The Gospel According to James Baldwin: What America's Great Prophet Can Teach Us About Life, Love and Identity* (Garrett).

Graduate info needed by May 8

Wilshire will recognize its 2024 high school graduates during worship on May 19, and their photos will be printed in the worship folder along with those of church members who received a bachelor's degree from June 2023 to May 2024. To be included, please submit your information by Wednesday, May 8, via a form at wilshirebc.org/graduates. Contact: Sarah Yodh (syodh@wilshirebc.org)

Kids Music & Missions Fun Day

Any child (K-6) who has participated in choir or KidConnect this school year is invited for a Music & Missions Fun Day on Saturday, May 4. The group will meet at Wilshire at 9:30 a.m. and carpool with chaperones to Fair Park, returning at 2:30 p.m. Activities will include Texas Discovery Gardens, Butterfly House and Insectarium, Art in the Park, a picnic lunch and the Leonhardt Lagoon Nature Walk. Register by April 28 at wilshirebc.org/events/mmfunday.

■ **Children's and Preschool Choirs** will present a year-end program on Sunday, May 5, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Spring Valley Elementary support

Wilshire is supporting RISD's Spring Valley Elementary during Field Day and Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Wilshire's Shana Gaines is assistant principal at SVE, which will close due to consolidation after this school year.

■ **Notes of gratitude** may be written or dropped off at tables in James Gallery and near the office through Sunday, May 5. Our goal is to collect at least 130 notes.

■ On **Field Day, Friday, May 10**, we will provide classroom coverage from 11 a.m. to noon so staff can enjoy lunch together. Volunteers will provide supervision while students eat lunch and participate in an activity. Spanish speaking is a plus but is not required. Sign up via QR code or wilshirebc.org/events/sve.



MARRIAGE Connections

Marriage Connections is May 10

Timothy Peoples and Valerie Lott are hosting a gathering at their home for the final Marriage Connections of the school year on Friday, May 10. Free childcare (infant-grade 6) will be provided at the church from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required by May 5; visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

Single, Adoptive and Foster Care Parents Night Out, May 10

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant-grade 6) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, May 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes May 5; visit wilshirebc.org/events/pno.



Every Wednesday
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Community Hall

All ages are welcome for lunch (\$10 each) and minister-led Bible Study. Pay at the door. No RSVP needed. Contact: Barbara Clayton (bclayton@wilshirebc.org)

June 5: The last Lunch & Learn before a summer break will feature New Song Community Choir's end-of-season concert.



■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | May 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Whiskey in a Teacup* by Reese Witherspoon. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org).

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | May 2 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org).

■ **Spring Brunch** | May 4 | 10 a.m.–noon | James Gallery | Join us for flower arranging and guest speaker Tammy Johnson, founder and executive director of mission partner Empowering the Masses. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/wow-spring-brunch.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

APRIL 24

Koinonia Café | 5 p.m. | **Community Hall** | Buffet-style dinner for the whole family. Pricing at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **April 24:** Al pastor and barbacoa tacos, refried beans, rice, chips and salsa, black bean soup, salad, churros and other desserts. **Kids:** Quesadillas, beans.

Music, Missions & More | 6 p.m. | **Age 3–Pre-K** | Preschool choir and other fun activities.

KidConnect | 6 p.m. | **K–Grade 6** | Each week is different, with art, music and more.

The Gospel of Aretha Franklin | 6 p.m. | **Community Hall** | **Ends May 1** | On Aretha's album *Amazing Grace*, her father, Rev. C.L. Franklin, said “she has never left the church.” He chose these words to calm those unhappy with her choice of music styles. Join us as we investigate the songs of the Queen of Soul to see how each one ensured “Good News” for the time.

Watershed | 6:30 p.m. | **Grades 7–12** | Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

Sanctuary Choir | 7 p.m. | **Choral Hall** | No audition. New singers welcome.

Looking Ahead | On **May 8**, the final WNL before summer break will include an open house in KidConnect rooms and a “Stump the Ministers” Q&A session in Community Hall. Preschool Music, Missions & More will not meet May 8, but childcare will be offered.

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

SUMMER 2024

Children & Preschool

Details and registration at
wilshirebc.org/summer-camps

Vacation Bible School

June 10-14 | 9 a.m.-noon
Age 3-grade 6 | Register by June 3

Cooking Camp

SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

July 8-12 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6 | Register by June 30

Listen to Your Art!

July 8-12 | 12:30-5 p.m.
Grades 1-6 | Register by June 30

Full-Day: Cooking Camp and Listen to Your Art!

SOLD OUT! Waitlist available

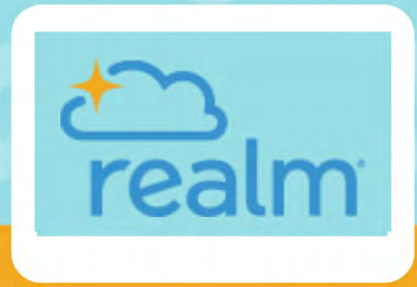
July 8-12 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Grades 2-6 | Register by June 30

Passport Kids Camp

July 27-30 | Overnight camp
in Brownwood, Texas
Grades 3-6 | Register by June 30

Creation Station

July 22-25 | 9 a.m.-noon
Age 3-Kindergarten
Register by July 14



HELP DESK

Still not sure what Realm is all about? Need help downloading your giving statement? Wilshire staffers will be available at the times listed below to answer your Realm questions and offer hands-on training. If needed, they'll even take your photo and help you upload it.

- Sunday, May 5, from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. in James Gallery.
- Wednesdays, May 1 and May 8, from 11 to 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall.

Realm is a secure online platform connected to our member database. Wilshire members use it for giving and event registrations. It also serves as our church directory, so having your photo there is helpful to new members and staff members. You can access Realm through a web browser or the free Realm Connect mobile phone app.



Save the date for picnic: May 19

Wilshire in the Park, our annual churchwide picnic, will be held Sunday, May 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Flag Pole Hill. More details to come.

Sign up for May 8 Blood Drive

The Carter BloodCare bus will be at Wilshire for a blood drive on Wednesday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive for the appointment link or scan the QR code in the ad on page 16.

Adventurers to Meadows Museum

The Adventurers will tour the Meadows Museum at SMU on Thursday, May 16, at 10 a.m. Parking is free, and the group will gather at the entrance at 9:50. After the docent-guided museum tour, the group will have lunch nearby. A \$10 per-person cost covers museum entry. Register by May 13 at wilshirebc.org/events/meadows-museum.

Chronic illness support group

Wilshire's support group for those experiencing a chronic or undiagnosed illness meets on Zoom the second and fourth Tuesdays every month at 7:30 p.m. To learn more, contact Annette Miller at annette.a.miller@gmail.com.

Someone to talk with.

If you are facing a life challenge and would like to have a spiritual friend to walk alongside you for a season of healing, perhaps you would benefit from a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministry pairs trained lay people with individuals in need of Christian companionship during times of life crisis. Wilshire has trained Stephen Ministers available.

To learn more about receiving confidential care from a Stephen Minister, please reach out using our dedicated email address, stephenministry@wilshirebc.org, or call 214-452-3176.

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MINISTRY.

How to Give

Your gifts are changing lives inside and outside our walls. Below are several methods you can use to contribute financially. Thanks for your generosity.

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 QR 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, April 21

- Library Adopt-A-Book, Upper South Atrium, 9:15 a.m. & noon
- Time with Tim, Pastor's office, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Building & Grounds Committee, 1205-G, noon
- Finance Committee, Parlor, noon
- Personnel Committee, 1205-L, noon
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Wilshire Bells, Handbell Room, 12:15 p.m.
- Children's Choirs, 12:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Sanctuary, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, April 22

- BWIM Documentary Screening: *Midwives of a Movement*, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

- Wartburg Choir Concert, Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Ukulele Rehearsal, Choral Hall, 11 a.m.
- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Spanish with a Mission, 1205-G, 4 p.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Preschool Music, Missions & More, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- MOPS Steering, 3105, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1100-B, 10 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.

Saturday, April 27

- Handbells at The Landon, 2 p.m.

Dorothy Burrus

Hometown: Tulsa

Present City: Dallas

Education: Doctorate in education, Oklahoma State University

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Hershel, and I met in college at OSU. We got married in 1941, and he left shortly after to serve in the Army during World War II. He was stationed in Hawaii and the Philippines and lasted six and a half hours in Okinawa, Japan, before he was shot in the knee and discharged. We were married until he passed away in 1996 and share two children, Raymond and Jo Beth, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

What did you do professionally?

I taught elementary school for several years. In the 1960s I received a master's and doctorate with a specialty in language arts and teaching kids how to read. I was a professor at several universities, including the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins, working mostly with master's students. I had a wonderful career and retired in 1993 when Hershel and I moved to Arlington to be closer to my son, Raymond. I still enjoy teaching my great-grandchildren how to read when we are together.

Any favorite hobbies?

I love to read the newspaper, and several of my letters to the editor have been published in the *Dallas Morning News* in recent years. Civic duty has always been very important to me, and I have voted in every single election my entire adult life except for one school board election I forgot about. The first election I voted in was on my 21st birthday, April 20, 1940.



What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I came to Wilshire in 2004 when I moved to Dallas from Arlington. I was 85 years old.

Tell us about your faith journey.

I grew up in a Methodist church as a young child. Back then you attended whatever church was closest, so we moved to a Baptist church when I was a teenager. I was actively involved in churches throughout my adult life and was a department leader in many of the churches where we were members.

Where do your life's work, passion and faith intersect?

I've always tried to stay very connected to what's going on in the world. I think everything can be taught using the newspaper, and in 1970 I published a book, *Developing Critical and Creative Thinking Skills Using the Newspaper*. I think God is asking us to care for the planet through physical and political means. This makes me passionate about civic duty and being a strong political advocate.

What's something interesting about you?

I voted for FDR's fourth term as president.

What wisdom would you share from your 105 years of life for younger generations?

Read, go to church, be active and keep abreast of what is going on in the world.



Blood Drive



Megan J.
Blood Recipient
Olney, Texas

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
10:00am - 3:00pm

Wilshire Baptist Church

4316 Abrams Rd.

Carter BloodCare Bus

Contact:

Linda Garner, PhD RN

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Schedule an appointment



Receive a 6-pack of cups!*



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800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

*While supplies last. Item may be substituted for item of equal value.