



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

October 20, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Preparing for worship

Tomorrow marks the end of my 75th year. “Happy birthday to me” and all that! Almost every Sunday of those three-score-and-fifteen years, I have found myself in church ... praying, listening, learning — and singing the hymns and gospel songs that shaped my faith.

The first hymn we sing today is unknown to me, but I intend to sing it as if it is part of my memory-bank of hymnody. Set to the very familiar AURELIA tune, David Gambrell has penned a fine text to set us on our way into our stewardship emphasis, closing each stanza with John Calvin’s motto, “Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.”

What we offer to the great God of blessing makes a difference. That’s why we call that time of plate-passing the *offertory* or the *offering*.

My mother, a first-grade teacher, taught me many things in creative, symbolic ways. One that sticks out to me is how she helped me understand tithing. As a young child, I couldn’t calculate a percentage, so she took a 10 by 2-inch piece of cardboard, covered it with pale blue construction paper and marked off 10 squares with a Magic Marker. The first square she covered with red construction paper. (I hope you are picturing all of this!) In the center of each square she glued down a dime, so there was a dollar’s worth of 10-cent coins.

She explained that the first dime of every dollar belonged to God, and that we Christian people set that aside first and then decide how to spend the other nine. “Sometimes you may give God another dime, but you always give him the first one,” she concluded.

The closing hymn this morning is a favorite of many of us, I’m sure. The sturdy Irish tune supports words that carry so much honesty about our faith experience and our sincere desire to always set our eyes upon Christ, our “best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping.”

This hymn calls us to commitment to be good stewards of many segments of our life, but for today’s emphasis, the third stanza speaks of riches and human adulation by which we do not want to be controlled because Christ himself is our final inheritance. Then comes the hearing to the opening hymn’s theme: “Thou and thou only first in my heart.” With this, the circle of singing is complete.

By the way, somewhere in our attic, deep in a plastic tub marked “Stuff from Pigeon Forge,” you’ll find a somewhat faded construction-paper teaching aid with all 10 dimes still attached, each bearing my mother’s latent finger prints. What we learn early stays with us the longest.

—R.G. Huff



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On the cover: *The Earth is Full of Thy Creatures* from *Psalms 104: You Renew the Face of the Earth*, Barbara Wolff, 2006–2010, contemporary pigments and precious metals on goatskin.

October 20, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

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

Katie Murray

Prelude

Voluntary on the "Old Hundredth"

Henry Purcell

Opening Sentences

Pat Cullum

As we gather to worship this morning, let us offer in prayer our dreams to God. Our dreams for the healing of the universe and our dreams for the healing of our own world. For as it was said, "To pray is to dream in league with God." (Abraham Joshua Heschel)

+Congregational Song

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

1. Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2. Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3. Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,
you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

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

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
you set the beams of your chambers
on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind;
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.
You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take
to flight.
They rose up to the mountains, ran down
to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.
You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.
...
O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
...
Praise the LORD!

Offertory

Hosanna to the Son of David
Nova
Michael Capps, director
Bill Jernberg, piano

Thomas Weelkes

Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blessed be the King that cometh
In the name of the Lord, Hosanna.
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens,
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Joel 2:12–13, 28–29

Paula Woodbury

Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with
mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD your God,
for God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love,
and relenting from punishment.

Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

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!

Stewardship Moment

Scott Spreier

Music of Inspiration

Let Us Build a House
Sanctuary Choir

Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Message

“The Stewardship of Dreams”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks
Sanctuary Choir

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,
Where, where is now thy God?
My tears have been my meat day and night.
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence, the presence of God?

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

Be Thou My Vision
No. 71

SLANE

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

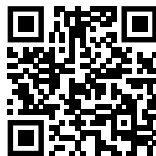
Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Fanfare

William Mathias



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.

Meet today's worship leaders

Melanie Beller joined Wilshire in 2021. She is a member of Discovery Class and the Christian Advocacy Committee. Before moving to Dallas, Melanie had a career in government relations in Washington, D.C. She currently attends SMU's Perkins School of Theology, where she is a Master of Divinity candidate and is active in the Baptist House of Studies.

Cliff Carlisle and his wife, Vicki, have been Wilshire members since 2005. Cliff is retired after nearly 40 years working in the insurance business in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. He is an aspiring screenwriter who enjoys researching and writing about military history.

Pat Cullum first joined Wilshire with her parents in 1954 and returned to rejoin with her husband, Fred, in 1977. Pat is a deacon and serves on the Home Visitation Ministry Team and the Personnel Committee. She is currently attending Foundations of Faith Class. Pat is retired from work at Dallas College Richland Campus, where she was the circulation librarian.

Scott Spreier and his wife, Jeanne, joined Wilshire in 1997 and raised their three children here — Mary Lu Hare and Wilson and Joel Spreier. Scott is a member of Epiphany Class, serves on the Hospitality Ministry Team and co-leads the new Men's Book Club. A retired journalist and consultant, he now spends his time writing and volunteering.

Paula Woodbury and her husband, Jason, joined Wilshire in 1998 and are the parents of Garrett, a junior at Baylor University, and Kathryn, a tenth grader at Lake Highlands High School, and guardians to Sher Moo Ku, a sophomore at Austin College. Paula's mother, Carole Jean Abernathy, is also a Wilshire member. Paula attends Seekers Class and is serving this year as chair of deacons. She works as director of operations for SMU Women's Soccer.

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Tapestry



News & Announcements
October 20, 2024



The Stewardship of Dreams

WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

What are your dreams for the world and for Wilshire? Those are the questions we'll ponder in our two-week emphasis, *The Stewardship of Dreams*. If you missed the introductory video from Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, please take a moment to watch it on our YouTube channel. In worship today and next week there will be a dedicated time of reflection, with cards provided

in the pews for you to share your dreams. Your responses may be featured in the *Tapestry* and on display boards around the building. If you'd like to respond by email, send your thoughts to Timothy at tpeoples@wilshirebc.org. Please make your submission by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 23, for inclusion in Oct. 27 *Tapestry*, or by noon on Oct. 30 for the Nov. 3 *Tapestry*.



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.

New members

Geoff and Nicki Moore with Griffin

Condolences to

■ **Meredith and Sam Vachon** on the death of Meredith's mother, **Martha Holmes**, Oct. 12. Grandchildren are **Max Vachon** and **Evelyn Vachon**.

■ **Davanel Fitzgerald** on the death of her close friend, Peggy Earthman, Oct. 5.

Can you host a fireside chat?

Hosts are needed for Wilshire's Fireside Chats on Sunday evening, Nov. 17, from 5 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 8.



The hope of this annual churchwide social event is to deepen relationships and connection while expressing our collective gratitude in an intimate setting. Hosts will be able to determine the number of guests (20 at most) at their home, and Wilshire will provide a gratitude liturgy, refreshments and logistical help. If you're interested in hosting or learning more, contact Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org) by Nov. 1.

Wilshire Welcome next Sunday

Wilshire Welcome, a one-hour session to help guests and new members learn more about the church, will meet Sunday, Oct. 27, at 9:45 a.m. in the Prayer Room near the chapel. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Next Blood Drive is Oct. 30

Carter BloodCare will be at Wilshire for a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are recommended. Visit wilshirebc.org/events/blood-drive or scan the QR code on the back cover to make an appointment.



Children and the Enneagram

Joey & Billy Schewee
[@enneagramparents](https://www.instagram.com/enneagramparents)

Saturday, Nov. 2

Parents, grandparents, teachers or anyone who engages with children will benefit from this special event at Wilshire on Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joey and Billy Schewee (@enneagramparents on Instagram) will lead us in exploring how your Enneagram type and that of children in your life inform your relationships. Prior Enneagram knowledge is not required.

A \$10 per-person cost will cover lunch and snacks. To register, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/children-enneagram.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE OCTOBER 23

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | Community Hall | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Oct. 23:** Chicken fried steak, roasted potatoes, green beans, mushroom soup, salad, banana pudding, cookies, jello. **Kids:** chicken nuggets and fries.

Preschool Music & Missions

6 p.m. | Age 3–Pre-K | Preschool choir plus fun activities and lessons focused on God's love and caring for others.

KidConnect

6 p.m. | K–Grade 5 | A rotation of activities to help kids learn how to love God and others with every part of themselves. Activities include art, music, recreation and more. Kindergartners will have choir as part of KidConnect.

Watershed

6:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12 | Wilshire Student Ministry's weekly time of Bible study and music in the Youth Center.

Sanctuary Choir

7 p.m. | Choral Hall | New singers are always welcome in our main adult choir. No audition.

Final week for two studies



■ **Children's Stories All Grown Up** | **6 p.m. | Community Hall** | This series explores the Bible stories we learned as children and helps us see them with fresh eyes. Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey will lead the final session.

■ **Navigating the Election** | **6 p.m. | Parlor** | Led by Associate Pastor Heather Mustain, this series will offer ways we can find hope and love in community during this tumultuous season and beyond.



Coming Oct. 30: Vespers

Join us at 6 p.m. in McIver Chapel for resident-led Vespers in the reflective, candlelit style of a complete All Hallows Eve service.

WNL: Virtual Edition is Nov. 13

Those who engage with Wilshire primarily online are invited to a monthly Zoom discussion. Associate Pastor Heather Mustain will host the next session on Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. Central. The Zoom link will be posted at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual closer to the event.

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

Exercise and wellness classes

Physical therapy students from Texas Woman's University are leading a series of free exercise and wellness classes at Wilshire each Monday through Nov. 18. Classes are held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Rooms 3301 and 3303. For more information, contact Parish Nurse Linda Garner (l Garner@wilshirebc.org).

- **Oct. 21:** Chair yoga
- **Oct. 28:** Fall prevention
- **Nov. 4:** Circuit training
- **Nov. 11:** Dancing
- **Nov. 18:** Tai chi and balloon volleyball

Women of Wilshire

■ Join Women of Wilshire for **dinner at Olivella's** in Hillside Village just south of the church on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Nov. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Contact: Debby Burton (dburton@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Nov. 7 | Noon | 1205-L | *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ Join us for **mahjong** the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/mahjong.

Next Lunch & Learn is Nov. 6

All are invited the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. On Nov. 6, Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey will teach on 1 Samuel 22 – 2 Samuel 3. See the fall schedule at wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn.

Men's Book Club

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss *The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie Transformed America* by Larry Tye on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. The group meets the third Tuesday each month. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).



Wilshire welcomes CenterPeace conference Oct. 24-26

Wilshire will host the 2024 CenterPeace Conference, a warm-hearted gathering of LGBTQ+ Christians, their churches and families, from Thursday, Oct. 24, through Saturday, Oct. 26. "Still" is the theme for the conference, which will feature speakers, worship leaders and storytellers exploring topics related to faith and sexuality.

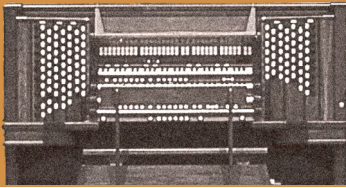
Wilshire will be well represented at the proceedings. Wilshire Senior Pastor Emeritus George Mason will lead a pre-conference workshop for pastors and church leaders, Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples will open the conference and Minister of Music Ariel Merivil will be a featured worship leader. Wilshire member Sally Gary is executive director of CenterPeace.

Students can register at a discounted rate, and an online-only option is available. Spanish translation will also be provided.

To learn more and register for the conference, visit centerpeace.net/conference-2024.

PILGRIMS, PUMPKINS & PHANTOMS

An Organ Feast Deep in the Heart
of Texas with Dr. Jeff Brummel



Organ concert on Halloween

Associate Minister of Music and Organist Jeff Brummel will present a free concert on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a Wilshire Adventurers event, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Marriage Connections is Nov. 8

Marriage Connections on Friday, Nov. 8, will feature Wilshire member Micki Lacker leading a presentation called “Feelings: Identify, Embrace and Respectfully Respond.” In this monthly event, free childcare (infant–grade 5) is provided while parents enjoy a short program at the church and then have the rest of the night, until 9:30, to themselves. Registration for childcare is required by Nov. 3; visit wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections.

Single, Adoptive, Foster Parents Night Out

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Nov. 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Nov. 3; visit wilshirebc.org/events/pno.

Help others and gain skills as a Stephen Minister

BY MICKI LACKER, STEPHEN LEADER

Wilshire’s Stephen Ministry program is calling for applicants for the next Stephen Minister training session, which starts in January and will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings through May. Our training covers a broad spectrum of useful and healthy topics that prepare the Stephen Minister with skills to work with others in need of support. As a secondary benefit, this type of training serves other work in church ministry, family relationships and life in general. In fact, many present and past Stephen Ministers have found the training empowering. During my training, I practiced the strategies and skills I was learning on my friends and family. Most of this was helpful (if not entertaining), and I believe I’m a better wife, mom, grandmother and friend.

What is this ministry about? Stephen Ministers are trained lay ministers led by seasoned Stephen Leaders and our ministerial staff. Stephen Ministers are matched to work one-on-one in a confidential way with those who are hurting and have asked to receive this benefit. Care recipients may have faced the loss of a loved one, received a diagnosis, lost a job or may be navigating through a stressful time. Stephen Ministers provide a compassionate, trustworthy, faithful presence during their storm.

Wilshire members who are attracted to Stephen Ministry tend to be gifted with mercy and love and typically prefer to listen, encourage and faithfully walk alongside and build up others. If this sounds like you or someone you know, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Debbie Meripolski, Tim Morgan, Gail Brookshire, Linda Garner (214-452-3151) or me (214-676-2878).

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, Oct. 20

- The Sacred Art of Ethiopia, South Lobby, through Nov. 17
- Fifth Grade Sunday School Open House, 2230, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Deacon Nominating Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Finance Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Library Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Missions Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Pathways to Ministry Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Personnel Committee, Community Hall, noon
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 21

- Exercise Class, 3301, 10:30 a.m.
- Deacons Meeting, Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

- WOW Dinner at Olivella's, 6465 E. Mockingbird Lane, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- Navigating the Election, Parlor, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 24

- CenterPeace Conference

Friday, Oct. 25

- CenterPeace Conference

Saturday, Oct. 26

- CenterPeace Conference

Kristen Rice

Full Name: Kristen Elizabeth Rice
Hometown: Prairie Lea and Lolita, Texas
Present City: Dallas
Education: BFA, Baylor, 2002; MEd, University of Houston–Victoria, 2014
Profession: Founder and executive director of Color Me Empowered

Tell us about your family.

I'm a preacher's kid. My parents, Gene and Margaret Rice, are retired and joined Wilshire a few years ago. I have one brother who is four years younger than me. He and his wife, both architects, live in Los Angeles. I have two boys, Eric and Elliott, ages 11 and 10.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I taught art for 10 years at Polk Elementary, in DISD. While there, in 2008, I formed Color Me Empowered. We started by doing public art projects with kids and soon began providing visual arts education during out-of-school time. We now have our own studio in north Oak Cliff. We focus on providing equitable access to the arts.

Any favorite hobbies?

My job is my hobby. But I also love live music, dancing and experiencing new things.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I joined Wilshire in 2002.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I teach third and fourth grade Sunday School and help with Children's Choir.

What has surprised you most about Wilshire?

I think the thing that has surprised me the most



has also given me the most pride: how we tackle the issue of on-going social justice. We don't shy away from the work that is necessary to reconcile our faith and actions.

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

I'm learning that God has been working through me even when I thought I was doing a bad job. Watching my students grow into resilient and talented humans is a new level of joy for me. When I resigned my teaching position to be a full-time ED, I sometimes questioned my sanity for believing that it was what God called me to do. It is assuring to know that even when I feel inadequate, God continues to work through me to make a positive difference.

Tell us about your faith journey.

Like most preacher's kids, I recognize how important my faith has been to the person I am, but I also don't shy away from criticism of religion, church and faith. I'm thankful for parents who allowed me to question things. My faith will always be how I ground myself in times of grief and joy.

What's something interesting most people would not know about you?

I'm a large-scale metal sculptor. I don't talk a lot about the art I create because I'm sensitive about it, which is trite but true.



Blood Drive



Breonna B.

Blood Recipient
Dallas, Texas



Wednesday, October 30, 2024
10:00am - 3:00pm

Wilshire Baptist Church

4316 Abrams Rd.

Carter BloodCare Bus

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