

Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday

Preparing for worship

Today is the day we observe All Saints Day as a congregation. A day where we pause to remember those who are no longer with us, but also, in a way that only faith in a God who conquered death can explain, still journey with us.

The liturgical calendar is a helpful tool throughout the year, bringing our attention to elements of our faith tradition that we might otherwise overlook. Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost, Reformation Day ... all these seasons and days help us to engage the multiple dimensions of faith. I would argue, though, that for anyone who has experienced grief and loss (so, most if not all of us), we don't need the liturgical calendar to remind us to remember. Grief, as it turns out, can be rather relentless. With time the sting may lessen, but the remembering continues on — at times in moments we can anticipate (a birthday or anniversary), and others in moments that catch us by surprise.

So perhaps what makes this day unique is that we pause to remember not only as individual

Christians, but as the corporate Church. We acknowledge today that grief impacts not just our individual lives, but our collective lives as well. We mourn and also give thanks to God for the gift of those we lost this year and the ways their presence among us reflected the image of God in our community of faith.

The last two weeks Timothy preached on the Stewardship of Dreams, and the list of names we will read today includes people who stewarded and dreamed for this church in many ways over the years. Sunday School teachers and directors, committee members and chairs, volunteers at VBS and with our community partners. They were parents, children and dear friends of many gathered here today. People who, through their presence and prayers over the years, have led us to the church we are today.

Thanks be to God for the dreams of those we name today and those we have named in years past. May we, as a church, continue to remember.

—Katie Murray



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On the cover: *A Gathering of Spirits*, Jan Richardson.

November 3, 2024

11:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

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

Sheri Brooks

Prelude

In Paradisum from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré/Samuel Metzger

Opening Sentences

Martha Hinojosa-Nadler

Leader: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

All: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.

Leader: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

All: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

Leader: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

All: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

+Congregational Song

For All the Saints
No. 567

SINE NOMINE

In Memoriam

Katie Murray and Ariel Merivil

We remember today those within the fellowship of the church who have died in the past year. With the reading of each name, a bell will toll. See listing of names on page 6.

Gospel Reading — Mark 12:28–34

Mary Carver

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘God is one, and beside God there is no other’; and ‘to love God with all the heart and with all the

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

understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Prayers of the People

Maggie Morey

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.**

Offertory

Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise
Sanctuary Choir

Howard Helvey

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be; how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came: they, with united breath,
Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their quest;
and, following their incarnate God, possess the promised rest.

Give us the wings of faith to rise.

+Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures — Ruth 1:1-18

Heather Mustain

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered the LORD's people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of

Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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 “Holding On Together” Timothy Peoples

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Georgia McKee and Timothy Peoples

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this morning is gluten free.

Passing of the Bread *Vater unser im Himmelreich* Felix Mendelssohn

Passing of the Cup *Nimrod from Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

Passing of the Peace
 May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

+Congregational Song *We’re Marching to Zion* MARCHING TO ZION
 No. 550

Sharing of Decisions Timothy Peoples

Benediction Timothy Peoples

Postlude *We’re Marching to Zion* arr. Gordon Young

*Those of the Wilshire community who have died in the Lord
from November 1, 2023, through November 1, 2024:*

Wanda Faye Ellenwood Veal

January 4, 1930—December 1, 2023

Phillip Bryan Laquey

December 3, 1930—December 7, 2023

Robert Lee Bozeman

August 14, 1927—January 11, 2024

Christina Marie Principe Dorman

June 22, 1973—January 21, 2024

Charles Edgar Burgin

March 15, 1935—January 21, 2024

Jonathan David McGregor

January 29, 1988—February 13, 2024

Pam Engle Young

November 27, 1922—February 17, 2024

Betty May

July 31, 1921—March 5, 2024

Douglas Kent Newsom

July 17, 1986—March 23, 2024

Virginia Lorene Singleton

April 17, 1928—March 27, 2024

Ellen Augusta Menning

September 19, 1960—April 8, 2024

Jimmy Ray Nickell

October 28, 1946—April 25, 2024

Nancy Ellen Weeks Park

October 11, 1952—May 6, 2024

Virgil Owen Musick, Jr.

August 1, 1928—May 10, 2024

Richard Grant Barnes, Jr.

June 25, 1943—May 12, 2024

Anita Louise Hood

July 28, 1931—May 24, 2024

Harriett Dene Mason

July 12, 1938—June 27, 2024

Judy Gail Lewis

July 13, 1945—July 29, 2024

Gabriel Cruz Baltazar

August 23, 1986—August 7, 2024

Dorothy Louise Welch

October 10, 1930—August 14, 2024

William R. Wickman

November 22, 1923—August 21, 2024

Thomas Charles Fletcher

February 24, 1953—August 30, 2024

Robert Alvin Harty

April 30, 1932—September 5, 2024

Patricia Jo Bell Tilley

September 9, 1931—September 12, 2024

Jann Aldredge-Clanton

May 3, 1946—September 20, 2024

Suzanne Meckstroth Cobelle

November 22, 1946—September 21, 2024

Martha Elizabeth Woodall Holmes

September 12, 1950—October 12, 2024

Sue Chism Hayes

October 6, 1942—October 24, 2024

Meet today's worship leaders

Sheri Brooks joined Wilshire in 1992. Her father, Robert Fiset, is a Wilshire member, and her son, Alan, is a student at Texas State University. Sheri is a member of Journey Class. She retired from a teaching career in 2017 and now works as an office manager with CBIZ Valuation Group.

Mary Carver joined Wilshire in 1975. She is a deacon, directs Cord of Three Class, serves on the New Member Ministry Team, volunteers for VBS and participates in Knit Unto Others and Women of Wilshire. Mary is a retired office manager. She has two adult children, five grandchildren and has twin grandchildren on the way in spring 2025.

Martha Hinojosa-Nadler joined Wilshire in 2006 and is a member of Cord of Three Class and the Personnel Committee. She retired from AT&T after serving 28 years in numerous leadership positions. Martha now spends time capturing her family's history on film; she has directed and produced documentaries on 13 family members.



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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- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
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- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



News & Announcements
November 3, 2024

New member Carol Elliott

Condolences to

Family and friends of **Sue Hayes**, Oct. 24.

Time with Tim next Sunday

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to visit with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will meet Nov. 10 at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office (2203). Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Children's Choir Christmas session starts today

All children in grades 1 through 5 are invited to sing with Children's Choir for Christmas. Rehearsals start today, Nov. 3, and will run weekly (except Nov. 24) through Dec. 1. Each week the kids will meet after worship for a snack lunch before rehearsal at 12:30 p.m. Children's Choir will sing for worship on Dec. 1 and for Celebration of the Green on Dec. 8. Full details at wilshirebc.org/childrens-christmas-choir.

Join Sanctuary Choir for Advent

All are invited to join Sanctuary Choir for Advent and Christmas. As always, there's no audition, and this beautiful season is a great time to give choir a try. Our Christmas singers will rehearse Wednesdays, 7-7:45 p.m., in Choral Hall beginning Nov. 6. Childcare is available by registration; visit bit.ly/4f2ylc6 to sign up.



Fireside Chats

SUNDAY EVENING, NOV. 17

Wilshire will host Fireside Chats at members' homes on Sunday evening, Nov. 17. This social event with fellowship and light refreshments will deepen connections and provide an intimate setting for us to express our collective gratitude. Sign up to attend at any of the host homes throughout the area. Some sites will start at 5 and end at 6:30, while others will run from 6:30 to 8. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/events/fireside-chats or scan code.



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.

Becky Bridges joins staff

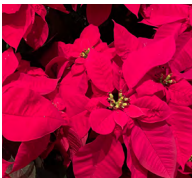


Becky Bridges has begun work on the Wilshire staff as spiritual formation coordinator, an administrative role supporting the educational ministries of the church across the age spectrum. A Wilshire member since 2014, Becky holds degrees in

education and social work and has worked as a teacher, counselor, therapist and administrator in settings including public schools, nonprofit agencies and senior living communities.

Time to order poinsettias

Help decorate the Sanctuary for Advent by ordering a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be listed in the worship folder on Dec. 8. Each plant costs \$14, and donors may take them home after Christmas Eve services. Order forms are available in the church office, or you can order and pay online at wilshirebc.org/poinsettias. The deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 1.



Save these Advent dates

- First Sunday of Advent: Dec. 1
- Celebration of the Green: Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Preschool Christmas Pageant: Dec. 11, 6 p.m. (final Wednesday Night Live before Holiday break)
- Christmas Eve services: 4 and 11 p.m.
- No Sunday School on Dec. 29.

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 (lgarner@wilshirebc.org).



Wednesday, 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.



Sign up by today for Nov. 8 Marriage Connections

Marriage Connections on Friday, Nov. 8, will feature Wilshire's Micki Lacker speaking on "Feelings: Identify, Embrace and Respectfully Respond." In this 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE NOVEMBER 6

Koinonia Café

5 p.m. | **Community Hall** | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at wilshirebc.org/events/wnl. **Nov. 6:** Chicken spaghetti, roasted zucchini and squash, garlic bread, squash soup, salad, strawberry shortcake, lemon cookies, jello. **Kids:** Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese.

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.

New Bible Study series: Christianity in America



6 p.m. | **Nov. 6, 13, 20** | **Community Hall** | Join us as we explore the impact of Christianity on American culture, politics and society from the colonial period to the present. We’ll cover

significant movements, people and events as we consider positive contributions as well as challenges, including issues of diversity, social justice and the role of religion in public life. How has our faith evolved in response to changing social dynamics, and what does its future look like in contemporary America?

WNL: Virtual Edition is Nov. 13

Those who engage with Wilshire primarily online are invited to a Zoom session hosted by Associate Pastor Heather Mustain 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.

Women of Wilshire

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

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

■ **WOW Second Annual Favorite Things Party** | Nov. 9 | 10:30 a.m. | Parlor | Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

Men's Book Club meets Nov. 19

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. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net).

WSM Fall Retreat tackles cliches

Wilshire Student Ministry will explore cliches at its Fall Retreat on Saturday, Nov. 23, and Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Lone Oak Ranch and Retreat in Gainsville. Phrases like “everything happens for a reason,” “God has a plan” or “the Bible has all the answers” are sometimes used in an effort to make sense of complex truths. At the retreat, our youth will engage with some of these well-worn cliches in an attempt to understand why they get used, what they communicate about God and how they potentially raise more questions than answers. Mix in a campfire, games and a chance to hang out with friends and you've got a great weekend that should not be missed. Registration is open at wilshirebc.org/events/wsm-fall-retreat.

Art show continues

The Sacred Art of Ethiopia is on display in the South Lobby through Nov. 17. With works including processional crosses, folding icons and paintings on biblical themes, the show celebrates the rich artistic heritage of one of the world's oldest Christian civilizations.

Help others 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). You can learn more and find a Stephen Minister application at wilshirebc.org/stephen-ministry.

Thanksgiving **FOOD DRIVES**

The Wilkinson Center



Wilshire has committed to provide 100 boxes for families in our community through the Wilkinson Center. A box costs \$50 to \$75 to assemble and is a

great service opportunity for Sunday School classes, other groups or individuals. Scan the above QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives to sign up and see full instructions. Boxes should be brought to Wilshire's South Lobby on Wednesday, Nov. 20 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

White Rock Center of Hope



Wilshire continues a long tradition of providing canned goods for families served by White Rock Center of Hope. Pick up the designated brown

paper bags and shopping list, then fill the bags and return them. Bags brought before Sunday, Nov. 17, can be placed on a table outside the church office. Bags brought on Nov. 17 should be taken to the Sanctuary chancel steps. **Amazon wishlist:** you can also shop online and have items sent directly to WRCOH; scan QR code or find the link at wilshirebc.org/events/food-drives.

Bags needed. We welcome your donations of handled brown paper grocery bags like those used at Central Market and Whole Foods.

Contact: Abbey Adcox (aadcox@wilshirebc.org)

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, Nov. 3

- *The Sacred Art of Ethiopia*, South Lobby, through Nov. 17
- First Grade Sunday School Open House, 2228, 9:30 a.m.
- Columbarium Service, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Children's Choir Snack Lunch, 2221, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Children's Choir, 12:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4

- Exercise Class, 3301 & 3303, 10:30 a.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

- Lunch & Learn, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music and Missions, 6 p.m.
- Committee on Committees, 1205-G, 6 p.m.
- WSM Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 7

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8

- Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.
- Single, Adoptive, Foster Parents Night Out, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9

- WOW Favorite Things Party, Parlor, 10:30 a.m.

Cindy Fuller

Hometown: Grand Prairie

Present City: Dallas

Education: BM and BME, Baylor University; MM, Sam Houston State University

Profession: Retired music faculty, Ouachita Baptist University

Tell us about your family.

I've been married to Charlie Fuller for 44 years. We have two adult daughters and four grandchildren.

How about your work or volunteer life?

I was a stay-at-home mother for our three daughters (birth to preschool years) and taught private piano and voice lessons in our home. After the completion of my master's degree and our move to Arkansas, I taught piano, voice and elementary music methods courses at Ouachita Baptist University for 17 years. I also accompanied the Ouachita Singers and was a collaborative pianist for guest artists, faculty and student recitals. I've been a church musician for over 50 years, playing piano and organ, singing in choir, playing handbells and directing children's choirs. I also had the privilege to serve as organist and assistant pianist for The CenturyMen for 10 years. I currently serve alongside Charlie on the Garland School of Social Work Board of Advocates at Baylor University.

Any favorite hobbies?

In my retirement, I enjoy making music, reading, binge-watching programs, playing games on my iPad, yoga, water aerobics, walking our five-year-old Corgi, Scout, and being available to visit or help out family members and friends.



What are your favorite places to travel?

I've traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, the Bahamas, South Africa and China. My European travels have included visits to England, Scotland, Wales, Germany,

Austria, France, Belgium, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. Most of these trips were choir tours! Charlie and I enjoy baseball and visiting ballparks as we travel. Post-COVID, I enjoy traveling in our RV van with Charlie and Scout.

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

I joined in March 2024 when Charlie began his position as Director of Pathways to Ministry and Coach in Residence.

Where are you engaged at Wilshire?

I'm a member of Epiphany Class and Sanctuary Choir and volunteer as a substitute organist, choir accompanist and handbell ringer.

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

God continues to help me learn to relinquish control, embrace change and live more in the present — three great challenges to me!

What adjectives best describe you?

I'm a loyal, introverted optimist.



The Stewardship of Dreams

WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday we asked, “What are your dreams for Wilshire?” Thanks for your inspiring answers, some of which are shown here. All responses will be displayed in the building in the coming weeks.

■ That we expand the reach and impact of inclusive love and advocacy for justice to more faith communities.

■ Honor who she has been and not be afraid of who she is becoming. There’s beauty and strength in both, Wilshire.

■ That our pews are filled every Sunday. And that starts with me. Because I have not invited someone to Wilshire in a long time. Too long.

■ 100 new couples with children!

■ That this community would be more of a priority socially for church members. That we can bring others in as friends. And can we join a local softball league?

■ I dream of sitting in the choir loft and seeing in the congregation gathered for worship a manifestation of being who we say we are. I see people worshipping who are white, African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, LGBTQ because we welcome every body.

■ That we continue to be open to all. That we continue to have open discussion with all who come through our doors, letting them know that it is OK to have differing opinions. That we are open to respectful discussion around our differences. Celebrate those differences, but know that what brings us together is our faith in Christ and our love for one another.

■ To love, encourage and nurture each person created in God’s image to be exactly who God created them to be and to do the same to others.

■ That we don’t let perfection or tradition hold us back from truly making Wilshire a place for all.

■ That our church will strive to take on something BIG. Big enough to change us all.

■ My dream is that Wilshire is a place of hope. Hope for those who suffer, who have been pushed away from Christ, who have questions, all who need and want. Hope comes through community and meaning-making. Let Wilshire be a place of intentionality where we share meaningful stories, create and remember hope, and connect with our humanity and the Divine.

■ That everyone will feel welcome and find a place to participate in some activity beyond Sunday School and worship service.