



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**February 9, 2025**  
*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

# Preparing for worship

This morning, we are smack dab in the middle between Epiphany and Lent. We are five Sundays removed from when we celebrated Epiphany and received our star words and five Sundays away from Lent. Epiphany, the liturgical season we are in, is a time of celebration and light. This could not feel farther away from the somber, reflective darkness of Lent. In Epiphany, we usher in the incarnation and ministry present in Jesus' life, and through Lent we prepare for his departure, for his crucifixion and, in turn, his resurrection. And if you are anything like me, perhaps you already feel the coming darkness of Lent. I must admit that in the season of political tumult, natural disasters and the uncertainty of safety for our neighbors, there have been times I wanted to close the shutters of my soul — to wait around for the promise of Easter.

But my friends, we are still in Epiphany. There is still light and celebration if we turn our faces toward it.

Before we move into worship this morning, to open ourselves to the moving of the Spirit, let us remember to look out for the ways in which

we are called to celebrate God's presence, to lean into the hope of the good news, to know that where God works is holy ground.

Our first hymn this morning does just that. "Holy, Holy, Holy," the first hymn in our hymnal, is a song of orientation toward our belief in the triune God, a song that celebrates the mercy, power and love of God.

It just so happens that this is the second time this morning that "Holy, Holy, Holy" will be played in a Wilshire service. During the Sunday School hour, the fifth grade Sunday School class put on a worship service they planned and prepared for, offering music, preaching and prayer. They wrote their own sermons and picked Scripture and theme and hymns. "Holy, Holy, Holy" was the first hymn that they picked.

So, as we move from the chaos of getting here to the deeper presence of being here, let's not close the shutters on our souls just yet. Instead, like some of the youngest among us, let us look for the hope to come and the hope that is already present while we sing a joyful noise.

—Maggie Morey



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**On the cover:** Fish plate, 350–325 BCE, Greece.

**February 9, 2025**  
11:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**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**

Darren DeMent

**Prelude**

*All Creatures*  
Wilshire Winds  
Shana Gaines, director

arr. Keith Andrews

**+Congregational Song**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
No. 1

NICAEA

**+Call to Worship**

Luke Willson

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Light for my darkness.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Courage for my fear.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Hope for my despair.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Peace for my turmoil.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Joy for my sorrow.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Strength for my weakness.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Wisdom for my confusion.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Forgiveness for my sins.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Love for my hates.**

Leader: Open unto me

**People: Thy Self for my self.**

Leader: Lord, Lord, open unto me!

**All: Amen.**

—a prayer by Howard Thurman

**+Response in Song**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*  
The choir will sing the first time.  
**Join in singing second time through.**

HALLE, HALLE

**Halle, halle, halle—lujah!**

**Halle, halle, halle—lujah!**

**Halle, halle, halle—lujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

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

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, God regards the lowly, but the haughty God perceives from far away. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill God's purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Offertory**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Wilshire Winds

arr. Randall Standridge

**+Gospel Reading** — Luke 5:1-11

Raylan Loggins

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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!**

**+Congregational Song**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*  
No. 473

KELVINGROVE

**Message**

"But, We've Been Working"

Timothy Peoples

**Anthem**

*Prayer for Peace*  
Sanctuary Choir

David Cherwien

O God of love, O King of peace,  
Make wars throughout the world to cease;  
The wrath of nations now restrain.  
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, thy works of old,  
The wonders that thy people told;  
Remember not our sin's dark stain.  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?  
Where rest but on thy faithful word?  
None ever called on thee in vain.  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

**Prayers of the People**

Ariel Merivil

**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**

*Go to the World!*  
No. 481

SINE NOMINE

**Sharing of Decisions**

Timothy Peoples

**Benediction**

Timothy Peoples

**Postlude**

Improvisation on themes of the day

Jeff Brummel

The flowers today are given in memory of Sheila Henning and in celebration  
of her birthday by the Dalhausser and Henning families  
and in celebration of Allene Jordan's 101st birthday by her daughter, Bettye Collins.

# Meet today's worship leaders

**Tina Johnson** joined Wilshire in 1996. She is active in Journey Class, sings in Sanctuary Choir, and teaches 3-year-old choir. She and her husband, Bill, married at Wilshire in 2011. Tina has two adult sons, Drew and Mitchell Easley, who grew up at Wilshire, and an adult step-daughter, Aster. Tina works for Maximus as a director of proposal messaging and storytelling.

**Raylan Loggins** joined Wilshire in 1991 and raised his two adult sons Reagan and Rhys here. Raylan, who is married to Cathy, is a member of Concordia Class, serves on the Finance Committee and was recently ordained as a deacon.

**Luke Willson** joined Wilshire in 2016 and is married to Megan. Luke co-directs the Ithaca Sunday School Class, volunteers with the youth group, sings in Sanctuary Choir and serves as a deacon. He works as a technology architect at Credera.



**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.

# Staff contacts

**Phone numbers:** 214-452- followed by extension shown below. **Email addresses:** first letter of first name and full last name followed by @wilshirebc.org (example: tpeoples@wilshirebc.org). Staff members with phone extensions have Wilshire email addresses.

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- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

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- Lori Gooden, Director of Finance (3131)

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- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
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- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
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- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
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- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
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- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

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- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

## Pathways to Ministry

- Debby Burton, Pathways to Ministry Assistant (3158)
- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident (3152)
- Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident (3153)

## Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Geri McKenzie, Executive Director of Administration (3159)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

## Spiritual Formation

- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

# Tapestry



News & Announcements  
February 9, 2025



## Today after worship | Community Hall

The annual Souper Bowl of Caring will be held Feb. 9 at noon in Community Hall. Join us after worship for soup and all the fixings, and donate an amount equal to what you would spend at a nice restaurant for lunch.

This year's beneficiaries are Together for Hope and Wilshire's Rental and Utility Assistance Program.

Together for Hope is engaged in the 338 counties of persistent rural poverty in America, holistically

focusing on four priorities of hope: education, health and nutrition, housing and environment, and social enterprise.

Wilshire's Rental and Utility Assistance Program, launched last year, provides crucial one-month support to help local families bridge financial gaps.

Souper Bowl of Caring is the main fundraiser for Wilshire's Phil Strickland Hunger Offering, named for a longtime Wilshire member and a leader in Texas Baptist life.



**Can't stay?**  
Scan QR code to donate to Wilshire's Phil Strickland Hunger Offering.



**Sundays:** Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Our service livestreams at [youtube.com/wilshirebaptist](https://youtube.com/wilshirebaptist) and at [wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream](https://wilshirebc.org/worship/livestream). Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.



## New members

- Sarah Fuller with Rhona Phillips
- Morgan Manser and Will Stovall with Boots and George

## Condolences to

- **Faye Larson** on the death of her husband, **Mark Larson**, Feb. 2.
- Holly Irvin, Wilshire staffer, on the death of her grandmother, Wanda McKelvain, Feb. 7.

## Congratulations to

- **Barbara (Gass) Utay** and Justin Utay on the birth of their son, Bennett Cooper, Feb. 3.

## Adventurers Valentine's trivia

The Wilshire Adventurers will enjoy lunch (\$10 ea.) and Valentine's trivia on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in Community Hall. Sam Tinsley will serve as emcee. No RSVP needed. Adventurers is a fellowship group for those 60 and up.

## Preschool Playdate at NorthPark

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a Preschool Playdate at NorthPark Center on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. The group will enjoy a performance by an African drum and dance ensemble and then have lunch in the food court. Contact: Minister to Preschoolers Kelly Akins ([kakins@wilshirebc.org](mailto:kakins@wilshirebc.org))

## Parent series continues

Nurturing faith in kids is the topic of a series for parents on Sunday mornings from Jan. 26 to March 2 (except Feb. 9). Minister to Children Julie Girards is leading a discussion of the book *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From* by Meredith Miller. The series meets Sundays from 10 to 10:40 a.m. in Room 3208 (Labyrinth Class). Check in with your regular class and then join us. The five sessions will also be offered Wednesdays from Jan. 29 to Feb. 26 at 6:05 p.m. in Room 2230.



## Auction items requested by Feb. 16

The annual Youth Choir Spaghetti Lunch and Silent Auction will be held Sunday, March 2, in Community Hall after worship. This event will help fund the choir's summer mission tour to Chicago to sing, serve and sightsee.

If you'd like to donate items or services to the silent auction, contact Sara Tinsley at [saratinsley1@yahoo.com](mailto:saratinsley1@yahoo.com). Suggestions include restaurant gift cards, new household items, sporting equipment and event tickets.

Professional services make great donation items, so if you're a musician, tutor, photographer, baker, designer, accountant or have a service to provide, consider donating a gift certificate of your time or service.

Donations are kindly requested by Sunday, Feb. 16.

## Register by today for Feb. 14 Marriage Connections

The next Marriage Connections will be held on Friday night, Feb. 14. In this event, held on select Friday nights at 6:30, 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 Feb. 9; visit [wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections](http://wilshirebc.org/events/marriage-connections).

## Single, Adoptive and Foster Parents Night Out

Wilshire will offer free childcare (infant–grade 5) for single, adoptive and foster parents on Friday, Feb. 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required and closes Feb. 9; register at [wilshirebc.org/events/pno](http://wilshirebc.org/events/pno).

## Next Lunch & Learn is Feb. 19



All are invited to Community Hall the first and third Wednesdays every month for lunch (\$10 ea.) and Bible study. Pastoral Resident Maggie Morey will teach on Feb.

19. See the schedule at [wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn](http://wilshirebc.org/events/lunch-learn).

## Time with Tim on Feb. 23

Time with Tim, an informal chance for guests and new members to meet and chat with Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples, will be held Sunday, Feb. 23, at 9:45 a.m. in Timothy's office. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

## Women of Wilshire Book Clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | March 6 | Noon | 1205-L | *Camino Island* by John Grisham. Contact: Carolyn Murray ([cmurray@wilshirebc.org](mailto:cmurray@wilshirebc.org))

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | Feb. 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Parlor | *Washington Square* by Henry James. Contact: Debby Burton ([dburton@wilshirebc.org](mailto:dburton@wilshirebc.org))



## Save the date for Youth Camp

Youth Camp will be held Monday, June 30, through Saturday, July 5, at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. Youth Camp is for completed sixth through twelfth graders. Registration coming soon.

## Men's Book Club meets Feb. 18

Wilshire's Men's Book Club will discuss Erik Larson's *The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War* on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Contact: Scott Spreier ([swspreier@gmail.com](mailto:swspreier@gmail.com)) or Mike Meripolski ([meripolski@att.net](mailto:meripolski@att.net))

## Wilshire headed to Austin Feb. 27

Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee will lead a Wilshire group to the state capitol in Austin on Thursday, Feb. 27, for Gun Violence Awareness Day. The event will mark the culmination of the Stolen Lives (Vidas Robadas) advocacy project, which uses T-shirts to memorialize victims of gun violence. If you'd like to go, contact Georgia at [gmkcee@wilshirebc.org](mailto:gmkcee@wilshirebc.org).

## North elevator update

Wilshire is soliciting bids to replace the elevator on the north end of the building. The current elevator, which is decades old, has proven increasingly unreliable despite repeated repair attempts, and for safety reasons it will remain out of service until the new one can be installed. The process could take several weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE FEBRUARY 12

## Koinonia Café

**5 p.m. | Community Hall** | Buffet dinner. Cash/check/credit accepted. See prices at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl). **Feb. 12:** Chicken enchiladas with green sauce, Spanish rice, elote, chips and salsa, taco soup, tres leches, peanut butter cookies, jello. **Kids:** cheese quesadillas, elote, rice.

## 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.

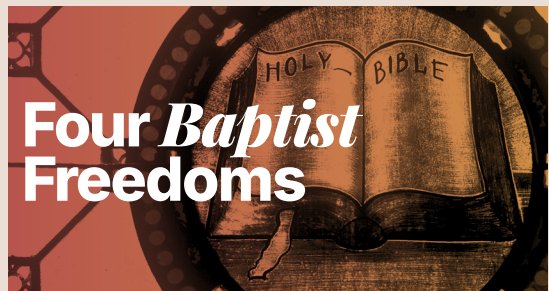
## Watershed

**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.

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



## Bible Study series

**6 p.m. | Community Hall** | What does it mean that we’re a Baptist church? And why would anyone want to be Baptist? Our February series will explore the “Four Fragile Freedoms” of Baptist identity as outlined by historian Walter Shurden: Bible Freedom (Feb. 5), Soul Freedom (Feb. 12), Church Freedom (Feb. 19) and Religious Freedom (Feb. 26). Whether you’re new to Wilshire or a lifelong Baptist, this series will deepen our understanding of who we are and why it matters. Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee will lead, with Pathways Director Charlie Fuller subbing on Feb. 19.

## WNL: Virtual Edition on Feb. 12

Those who engage with Wilshire mainly online are invited to a Zoom session hosted by Minister of Music Ariel Merivil on Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Central. Find the link at [wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual](http://wilshirebc.org/events/wnl-virtual) closer to the event.

# 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](mailto:stephenministry@wilshirebc.org), or call 214-452-3176.

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## Wilshire and Royal Lane collaboration: Feb. 16 & 23

Wilshire and Royal Lane Baptist Church will collaborate by swapping worship leadership on two February Sundays.

On **Feb. 16**, worship at Royal Lane will include preaching from Wilshire Senior Pastor Timothy Peoples.

Wilshire Minister of Music Ariel Merivil will co-lead the music, and the combined choirs from both churches will sing. (At Wilshire, Sunday School and worship will be held as usual, with Pastoral Resident Georgia McKee preaching.)

On **Feb. 23**, Royal Lane Senior Pastor Victoria Robb Powers will preach at Wilshire, and the combined choirs will sing again as Royal Lane Minister of Music and Worship Harry Wooten co-leads the music with Ariel.

Congregants are encouraged to attend their respective churches both weeks.

“By participating in this swap with our most like-minded local sister church,” Timothy said, “we are embracing our shared faith and practicing what it means to be community as the church universal.”



Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

### Subscribe to sermon podcast

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**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.

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# *This Week*

## **Sunday, Feb. 9**

- Fifth Grade Worship, McIver Chapel, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Book Series for Parents: *Woven*, 3208, 10 a.m.
- Worship, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Souper Bowl of Caring, Community Hall, noon
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Community Hall, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- Carillon Ringers, Handbell Room, 2:15 p.m.

## **Monday, Feb. 10**

- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Tuesday, Feb. 11**

- Stephen Ministry Training, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday Evening Book Club, Parlor, 6:30 p.m.

## **Wednesday, Feb. 12**

- New Song, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Adventurers Valentine Trivia Luncheon, Community Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- Koinonia Café, Community Hall, 5 p.m.
- WNL Virtual Edition, Zoom, 5:30 p.m.
- Puerto Rico Team Meeting, 1205-L, 6 p.m.
- Preschool Music & Missions, 6 p.m.
- Bible Study, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- KidConnect, 6 p.m.
- Book Series for Parents: *Woven*, 2230, 6:05 p.m.
- Watershed, Youth Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Thursday, Feb. 13**

- Stewpot Meal Service, The Bridge, 11:15 a.m.
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

## **Friday, Feb. 14**

- Friday Friends, 3301, 10 a.m.
- Marriage Connections, James Gallery, 6:30 p.m.

## **Saturday, Feb. 15**

- Preschool Playtime, NorthPark Center, 10:30 a.m.



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# Allene Jordan

**Hometown:** Cherry Valley, Arkansas

**Present City:** Dallas

**Education:** I went through 4th grade in a one-room school house and then went to a regular school through 12th grade.

**Profession:** Insurance sales (retired)

## **Tell us about your family.**

The love-of-my-life husband, my younger daughter and my granddaughter have passed — it's just me and my older daughter, Wilshire member Bettye Collins.

## **How about your work or volunteer life?**

I volunteered at White Rock Center of Hope for over 10 years and retired when I could no longer drive.

## **Any favorite hobbies?**

I used to do needlework and oil painting. I have several of my art pieces on the walls in my apartment at Walnut Place.

## **What are your favorite places to travel?**

My husband and I traveled in Europe, Hawaii and even Bali. The Island of Kahului is my favorite.

## **What brought you to Wilshire and when?**

After my husband died, I moved to Dallas. I visited a "sister church in the city," but found a home in the Charlie's Angels Class at Wilshire.

## **Where are you engaged at Wilshire?**

I live in an assisted living facility and am unable to attend, and I'm too old to understand the Internet! I participate in the Communion service offered by Wilshire on the first Saturday of each



month at the Landon.

## **What has surprised you most about Wilshire?**

It's a warm and welcoming place for everyone!

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

God is very good to me. He's kept me alive and fairly healthy for almost 101 years. But I'm ready to go home when God calls.

## **Tell us about your faith journey.**

As a child I walked to church and would meet friends along the way. We walked to Last Chance Assembly of God Church because it was another three miles to the Baptist church. I married and moved to Harrisburg, Arkansas, where we attended First Baptist. I was a teacher, head of the Junior Department, head of Vacation Bible School for two years and a member of the WMU. My younger brother was a Southern Baptist minister until his death in 1992.

## **What is something interesting most people would not know about you?**

When in Russia, I was walked to my room by a Russian soldier!

## **What adjectives best describe you?**

Stubborn and worrisome!

■ *Allene will celebrate her 101st birthday on Feb. 13. Join us in wishing her a happy birthday!*

2025  
**Summer**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE  
CHILDREN'S AND PRESCHOOL EVENTS**

Registration coming soon

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 9-13 | 9 a.m.-noon.  
*Older preschool-grade 5*

**COOKING CAMP**

July 7-11 | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
*Grades 1-5*

**LISTEN TO YOUR ART!**

July 7-11 | 12:30-5 p.m.  
*Grades 1-5*

Full-day Cooking and Art  
available for grades 2-5

**KINDERGARTEN  
& PRESCHOOL CAMP**

July 7-11 | 9 a.m.-noon  
*Older preschool-Kindergarten*

**PASSPORT KIDS!  
PRETEEN CAMP**

July 20-23 | Overnight camp  
in Glen Rose, Texas  
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