



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILLIAMS

There's a commercial that airs in which a little boy yells out – I have a situation. Unlike the little boy personalizing the situation, WE must recognize and realize that WE too have a situation! On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the historic Voting Rights Act. Before this Act was passed, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and other Blacks were not allowed to vote. They were required to pay poll taxes, pass literacy tests, and/or face other unnecessary barriers. YES, now we have a situation whereby the United States Supreme Court has prohibited protections (under Section 2) that forbid discrimination in voting based on race.

In our pursuit of equal rights for all citizens, we must be willing to pay the price for those rights. The price is whatever is required. While it is still true that we do not always get what we pay for, we MUST still pay for what we get. The struggle for freedom continues. Your support is helpful and encouraging. It's not a literacy test nor a poll tax that is required; however, it is the power of YOUR VOTE at the polls during every election that will impact unwarranted Situations.

As we seek, encourage, and advocate change, **YOUR VOTE MATTERS** and **YOUR VOTE COUNTS**, so join your Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch NAACP President, Officers, and Executive Members as we **"POUND THE GROUND TOGETHER!!"** Remember, **YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE**

NATIONAL NEWS



SUPREME COURT HOLLOWS OUT A LANDMARK LAW THAT HAD PROTECTED MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS FOR 6 DECADES

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Lyndon B. Johnson knew the legislation he was about to sign was momentous, one that took courage for certain members of Congress to pass since the vote could cost them their seats.

To honor that, he took the unusual step of leaving the Oval Office and going to Capitol Hill for the signing ceremony. It was Aug. 6, 1965, five months after the “Bloody Sunday” attack on civil rights marchers in Selma, Alabama, gave momentum to the bill that became known as the Voting Rights Act.

In the six decades since, it became one of the most consequential laws in the nation’s history, preventing discrimination against minorities at the ballot box and helping to elect thousands of Black and Hispanic representatives at all levels of government.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court knocked out a major pillar of the law that had protected against racial discrimination in voting and representation. It was a decision that came more than a decade after the court undermined another key tenet of the law and led to restrictive voting laws in a number of states. Voting and civil rights advocates were left fearful of what lies ahead for minority communities.

The Supreme Court’s ruling came in a congressional redistricting case out of Louisiana after the state created a district that gave the state its second Black representative to Congress.

It found that map to be an unconstitutional gerrymander because it took race into account to draw the lines. In an opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito, the court’s conservative majority said the provision of the Voting Rights Act in question, called Section 2, was designed to protect voters from intentional discrimination.

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LOCAL NEWS




YOUR VOICE MATTERS

EARLY VOTING
MAY 18 - MAY 22, 2026
IN TARRANT COUNTY

Fort Worth Tarrant County
NAACP
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YOUR VOICE MATTERS

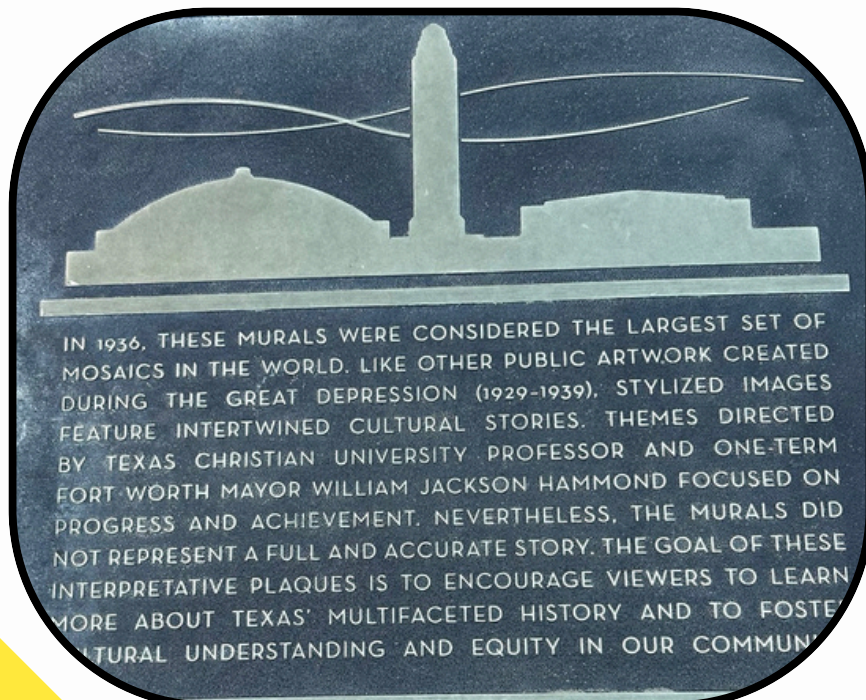
ELECTION DAY
MAY 26, 2026
IN TARRANT COUNTY

Fort Worth Tarrant County
NAACP
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A CELEBRATION HONORING THE INTERPRETIVE PLAQUE PROJECT AT WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL CENTER

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
Please Read the Mural.



BRANCH COMMITTEE UPDATES



ACT-SO

CHAIR: SUNDRA DAVIS

The Fort Worth Tarrant County ACT-SO local competition was held at Texas Wesleyan University on April 11, 2026. The photos above are our medal winners and gold medalists.

Afro Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) is a youth program that the Branch has sponsored for 30 years and has won over 42 national medals. Once again, our students executed their categories well.

We had six students competing in seven of the thirty-two categories at the National Competition.

You are invited to attend the ACTSO Showcase on July 11, 2026. Contact Chair Sundra Davis for more details at sundradavis@att.net.

Fort Worth Tarrant County
ACT-SO
2026
Spotlight on Excellence

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Saturday, July 11, 2026
3pm - 5pm

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church
Monty E Francis Sr, Pastor
956 East Jefferson Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76110

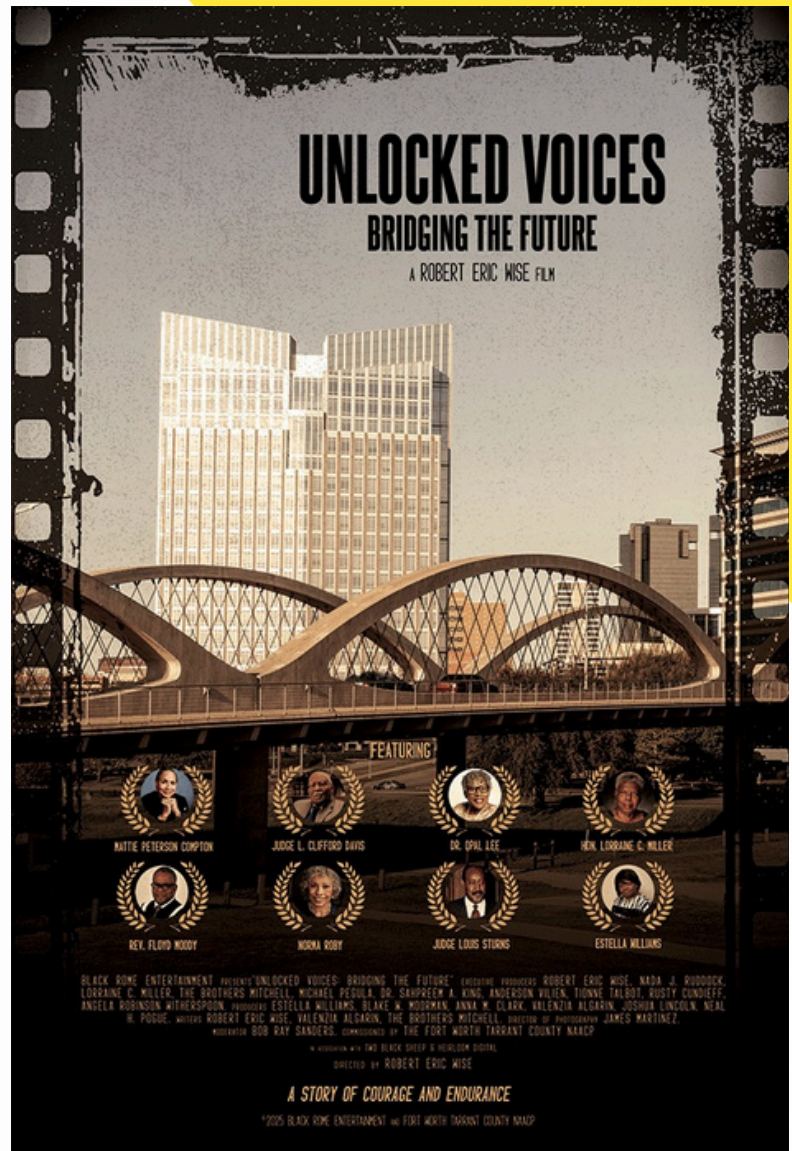
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UNLOCKED VOICES PROJECT: BRIDGING THE FUTURE

Watch the FREE online screening of "[Unlocked Voices: Bridging the Future](#)," an original documentary film commissioned by the Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP. The film is an original, historical documentary commissioned by the Fort Worth Tarrant County NAACP that features 8 iconic citizens of Fort Worth and Tarrant County who have made amazing accomplishments throughout their lifetimes. Icons such as Dr. Opal Lee, the grandmother of the national Juneteenth holiday, Lorraine Miller, the first African American Officer of the United States House of Representatives, Judge L. Clifford Davis, and Rev. Floyd Moody, whose legal efforts led to the desegregation of the Mansfield ISD in 1956 and the Fort Worth ISD in 1962, and more. These passionate and riveting stories are told in their own words and in their own voices, moderated by Bob Ray Sanders, a local journalist and icon himself.

Executive Producers, Robert Eric Wise, Nada J. Ruddock, Lorraine C. Miller, The Brothers Mitchell, Mike Pegula, and Producers, Estella Williams, Blake W. Moorman, Valenzia Algarin, and others. Winner of the 2026 Denton Black Film Festival Virtual People's Choice Best Documentary Feature, this film is a Story of Courage and Endurance.

Contact us to set up a free private screening for churches and local organizations at ftw.naacp.info@gmail.com.



HEALTH COMMITTEE

CHAIR: TIFFANY LOWERY

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Parkinson's Awareness is more than a moment on the calendar—it's a call to see, understand, and support the millions of people navigating life with Parkinson's disease every day.

Parkinson's is a progressive neurological condition that affects movement, but its impact goes far beyond what we can see. While tremors, stiffness, and slowed movement are often the most recognized symptoms, many individuals also experience fatigue, sleep disturbances, depression, and cognitive changes. It's a complex condition that touches every part of a person's life—and the lives of those who care for them.

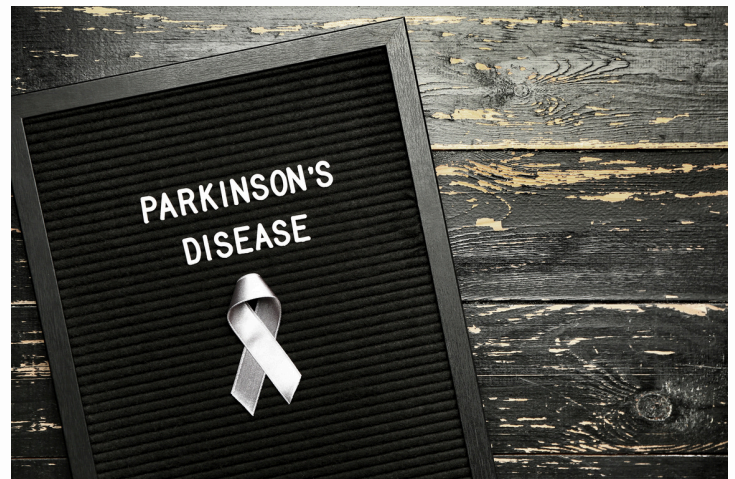
Awareness matters because early recognition can lead to earlier intervention, better symptom management, and improved quality of life. It also helps break down misconceptions. Parkinson's does not define a person. People living with it continue to work, love, create, and contribute in meaningful ways. Their strength often goes unseen, but it deserves to be acknowledged.

Equally important is the role of community. Caregivers, family members, healthcare professionals, and advocates form a network of support that can make an enormous difference. Simple acts—listening with patience, offering help without judgment, and educating ourselves—create a more compassionate environment for those affected.

Research continues to move forward, offering hope for better treatments and, one day, a cure. Supporting organizations, participating in awareness events, and staying informed all contribute to that progress.

Parkinson's Awareness is ultimately about humanity. It's about recognizing challenges while honoring resilience. It's about standing beside those affected and ensuring they are seen, heard, and supported—not just today, but every day.

If you are someone you know are experiencing these symptoms please speak with your Primary Care Physician.



MR. RICHARD D. HILL, JR. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER

The Richard D. Hill Annual Membership Dinner was held on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Dr. James Lewis Boatner, Senior Pastor of Beth Eden Baptist Church, as the Guest Speaker. Mr. Hill will always be remembered for the personal sacrifices he made to faithfully serve as Secretary of the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch NAACP for more than forty-four (44) years.

In 1950, Mr. Hill stood with the late Dr. George D. Flemmings in Mosier Valley as he presented thirty-five (35) African American children for admission to the Eules School District white school. Mr. Hill's action led to the demise of the legal separate system in Texas based on color.

We will remember that in the late 1950's, when the State of Texas, acting through the Governor and Attorney General, tried to secure the membership rolls of the NAACP so that the state could prosecute the members. The Branch knows that it was Mr. Richard Hill who burned the membership rolls of the Branch to prevent the list from being obtained by the state.

Because of Mr. Richard Hill's dedication, great vision, personal sacrifices, and faithful service to the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch NAACP, the President, Officers, and the Executive Committee presented to the daughter of the late Mr. Richard Hill, Ms. Linda Hill Holley, an honorary Silver Lifetime Membership.



Ms. Linda Hill Holley, daughter of the late Mr. Richard Hill.



NAACP MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

The Fort Worth-Tarrant County Branch of the NAACP is accepting new members. Anyone who desires to become a member may join or renew online by logging into the Branch's website at naacpfwtc.org. You can join in person with any member of the branch.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

ANNUAL:

Regular Adult (Ages 21 & Older).....\$30

Youth (Ages 20 & under)\$10

Corporate\$5000

LIFETIME:

Junior Life (Ages 13 & under)\$100

(Payable in annual installments of \$25 or more)

Bronze Life (Ages 14-20) \$400

(Payable in annual installments of \$80 or more)

Silver Life\$1,000

(Payable in annual installments of \$100 or (more)

Gold Life\$2,000

(Only available to Silver or Regular Life Members)

(Payable in installments of (\$200 or more)

Diamond Life \$3,000

(Only available to Gold or Golden Heritage Life Members)

(Payable in installments of \$300 or more)

Premier.....\$5,000

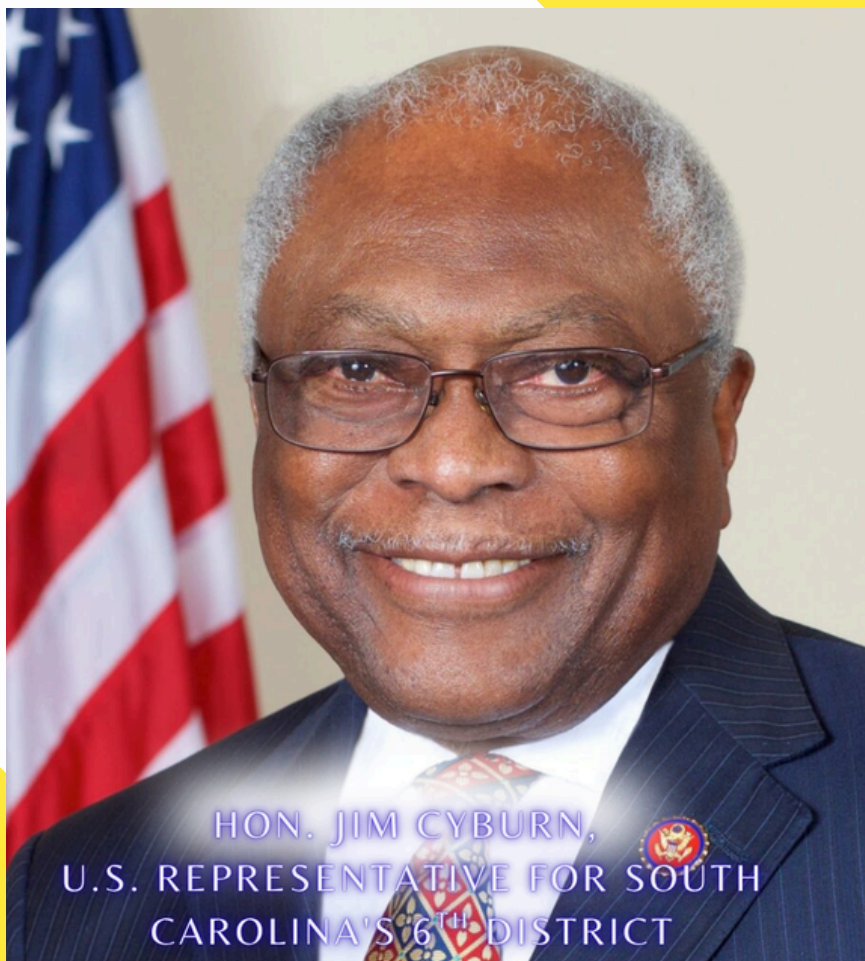
(Only available to Diamond Life Members)

(Payable in installments of \$500 or more

For more information, contact the NAACP Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch by telephone: (817) 332-8919.
THE WORK CONTINUES.

**All Branch activities are in-person.
Join us every 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm for our
general membership meeting at the
William C. McDonald YMCA
2701 Moresby St.
Fort Worth, TX 76105.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR FREEDOM FUND LUNCHEON



Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Time: 12:00pm

Location: Hurst Conference Center

**Guest: Hon. Jim Cyburn, U.S.
Representative for South Carolina's
6th District**

Tickets go on sale June 1st.

**KUDOS TO OUR FORT WORTH/TARRANT COUNTY
BRANCH NAACP PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WATCH, FIGHT AND
ADVOCATE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF HUMANKIND!**

NAACP VISION STATEMENT

THE VISION OF THE NAACP IS TO ENSURE A SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND THERE IS NO RACIAL HATRED OR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

NAACP MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE NAACP IS TO ENSURE THE POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY OF RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO ELIMINATE RACIAL HATRED AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

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