



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***Saddling Up Anyway***

During a recent conversation, church member and dear friend, Carol Barger, reminded me of a John Wayne quote – “Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway.”

It feels as if we need a lot of courage in this time. Dallas County just recently hit its highest single day record for the number of people who have died from the coronavirus. That’s pretty scary stuff, especially for those of us with loved ones in the hospital. Royal Lane and the Reopening Task Force are taking a conservative approach to opening back up as it has always been the mission of our church to take care of the vulnerable. We are in no rush to bring people back into a shared, communal space for worship and fellowship.

However, although our building is closed, the church as a helping people is still wide open. In this time, people are hungry and they are scared that they cannot feed their kids. Faith communities and faithful people have an opportunity to respond. And so, a local restaurant owner and an Imam have come together to “saddle up” and make sure everyone eats. My brother-friend, Imam Azhar Subedar, of the Islamic Association of Collin County Plano Masjid and Ram Mehta, the owner of In-Fretta Pizza and Pasta in Plano, saw the hunger in our communities and it scared them. Those on the edge of poverty are having to choose between paying rent or putting dinner on the table. These two friends, a Sikh and a Muslim, had the courage to remedy one of those choices. They decided that everyone eats. They decided to begin distributing thousands of free meals to anyone who needed it.

Everyone Eatz is the name of the organization they created in response to the onset of poverty during the pandemic. So far, they have distributed over 60,000 meals. And Everyone Eatz makes sure that EVERYONE can eat as your skin color, nationality, immigration status, financial situation, or religious beliefs shouldn’t stop you from getting food for your family. Ram has volunteers begin at 2 AM on food distribution days in order to hand out prepared dinners to waiting individuals.

Our congregation at Royal Lane is proud to partner with Everyone Eatz in an interfaith food distribution day as we hope to supply a record breaking 10,000 meals on Memorial Day to those in need. Sikhs, Muslims, Jews, Christians, Unitarians, and those with no religious beliefs will gather at Royal Lane alongside law enforcement, politicians, and sports figures to distribute thousands of meals to hungry people in Dallas. We will of course wear proper protective equipment and socially distance ourselves. In order to provide these free meals, Everyone Eatz must raise \$30,000 at \$3 a meal. If you would like to contribute to this venture, you can give to Royal Lane online or by check with Everyone Eatz as the designation.

For faith leaders and faithful people during this time, many of us are indeed scared and worried. We are worried that people do not have enough to eat. Yet, we at Royal Lane are honored to participate with Everyone Eatz as we all seek to have the courage to saddle up and produce a miracle during these scary days, one meal at a time.

*Pastor Mike*

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for June 3 & 17, 2020.*

*The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

# #EVERYONEEATZ

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

INTERFAITH FREE MEALS EVENT

10,000 MEALS  
AND COVID 19  
TESTING

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Royal Lane Baptist Church  
6707 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230



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# Coming Events

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**Sunday**      **May 24 – Seventh Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday**

10:00 am      Foundation Stones — Zoom  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Virtual Worship  
4:00 pm      Formations Class — Zoom

**Monday**      **May 25 – Memorial Day**

11:00 am      EveryoneEatz — Church Grounds, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Tuesday**      **May 26**

12:00 pm      Pastor's Book Group – "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles — Zoom

**Wednesday**      **May 27**

6:30 pm      Midweek Bible Study — Zoom

**Friday**      **May 29**

12:00 pm      Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

**Saturday**      **May 30**

10:00 am      Zoom Coffee and Prayer — Zoom  
2:00 pm      Questers Class — Zoom  
8:00 pm      Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

**Sunday**      **May 31 – Pentecost Sunday**

10:00 am      Foundation Stones — Zoom  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Virtual Worship  
4:00 pm      Formations Class — Zoom

**Tuesday**      **June 2**

12:00 pm      Pastor's Book Group – "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles — Zoom

**Wednesday**      **June 3 – Mosaic**

6:30 pm      Midweek Bible Study — Zoom

**Friday**      **June 5**

12:00 pm      Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

**Saturday**      **June 6**

10:00 am      Zoom Coffee and Prayer — Zoom  
2:00 pm      Questers Class — Zoom  
8:00 pm      Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

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## *Thank You Note*

Dear Mike & Staff,

Please know how much I appreciate the services live-streamed every Sunday. Even the technical issues don't diminish the value of the worship experience.

Thank you for all the effort that you put into every service and keeping Royal Lane the vital part of my life that it has been for 38 years.

*I am ever grateful*  
*Wayne Meachum*

## RLBC Projected Reopening Plans

Good day, beloved friends,

With the announcement of Governor Abbott's plan for a staged lifting of quarantine or shelter in place orders, the Pastor and staff began to consider the best plan for our community. In consultation with internal and external professionals including members of the medical and business communities, it has become apparent that we at RLBC must begin steps toward our own reopening. Upon conversation among staff and Deacon Leadership it was decided that a Taskforce should be formed and appointed by the Chair of the Deacons to move us toward reopening our doors. The Taskforce is charged with developing a plan for a gradual reopening consistent with the desires of the community to gather and cognizant of the health needs of all, informed by the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), other national health organizations as well as state and local regulations and laws.

Deacon Chair Paulette Harrison recommended the appointment of the following persons to act as the Taskforce and the list was approved by the Deacon body. All have agreed to serve.

Co-Chairs Jamie and Melissa Walker-Luckett

Members:

Terry Berrier  
Alan Greider  
Harry Hunter  
Greg King  
Bettie Meachum  
Sandy Washington  
Cathy Webb  
Jacquie Wooten

The Taskforce will be planning toward a timeline of mid to late summer, for in-person worship in the sanctuary only. **All online activities will continue as they are.**

Conservative Safety and distancing guidelines set by the CDC, the medical community and local and state officials will be followed. (i.e. seating of six feet between family groups, alternating between empty pews, face coverings [cloth masks], hand sanitation upon entering and leaving, compliance with percentage of occupancy guidelines).

We recognize some of our congregation may still be uncomfortable with returning to the church building in mid to late summer. The staff will continue the livestream in order to provide worshippers with connection to the online worship community.

In the past July has been a sabbatical month for Wednesday evening gathering. **We recommend that be the same this summer.** The staff and Taskforce agree that resuming regular, in-person Sunday school and Wednesday evening services will be a flexible target for August. During June and July no small groups will meet in person to make certain the educational spaces, children's area and Vickery Hall are ready to safely accommodate our small groups in August. **All Small groups utilizing Zoom will continue meeting virtually.**

There is much to be done, details to be determined, practices and procedures to be articulated that will keep our worshiping community vibrant, welcoming and safe for all. Be prayerful for all the Royal Lane Community. Volunteer to help or say "yes" when asked to participate in making our sanctuary a safe place and our fellowship and education practices filled with life and growth.

We will keep you updated, welcome your involvement using your gifts and will be always mindful of our congregational and individual health needs.

Sincerely,

*The Task force for reopening RLBC*

## Deacons of the Week

**May 24**

Dennis Turnbull

Cathy Webb

**May 31**

Alan Greider

Harry Hunter

## All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

### Zoom Meetings:

6:30 pm

Zoom

898-5373-0279

### May 27 & June 3

Midweek Bible Study

with Mike Gregg



The Box Gallery  
is  
temporarily closed.

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,  
contact Barbara Merry, [bmerry@royallane.org](mailto:bmerry@royallane.org).

## Scriptures of the Week

**May 24**

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

**May 31**

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

### April 2020 Financials

Revenues\* \$339,163

Expenses \$248,744

Surplus (Deficit) \$90,419

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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## Happy Birthday!

### May

Nate Green.....	20
Mike Jones .....	20
Scott Gonzalez .....	22
Sheila Bright.....	23
Jacob Hammett.....	23
Betty Renfroe .....	24
Jane Stubblefield .....	24
Marsha McRae .....	25
Matthew Keller.....	26
Rebecca Rempert .....	27
Jacque Wooten .....	27
Barrett Wooten.....	28
Daniel Garcia-Glasscock.....	30
Reann Tiemann .....	30
Jeane McRae-Bishop.....	31
Blair Wooten .....	31

### June

Robin Veninga .....	1
Chloe Clark-Soles .....	2





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**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm**

**Sunday School: 9:45 am**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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