



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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A friend and colleague, Rev. Amy Moore, former Senior Pastor at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on Royal Lane and interfaith leader in Dallas, posted this article on her blog recently. It speaks profoundly to what we are feeling as a people of God in the midst of societal change. She gave me permission to print this as the feature article this week. I pray we have ears to hear, eyes to see, and murmuring in our hearts.

Pastor Mike

What Am I Murmuring?

News of the week disheartens me. Currents of injustice, inequality, accusations. Defensiveness and hate. It seems all too pervasive to change, to have a goal and go after it, determined to create something new. Then again, maybe it is all in the approach - or so I learned from watching starlings. I invite you to take 2 minutes (literally) of silence to watch this wonder-full dance <https://vimeo.com/58291553>

Defined, synchronized patterns. Swooping and swirling in beautiful unison. And there is no single leader directing what seems to be an orchestrated dance. I learned that each single starling is in energetic connection with 7 of its neighbors, and each of those 7 with 7 more. Each one sharing its energy with those around it, 7+7+7...until an entire flock (a phenomenon called 'murmuration') is unified in motion. The movement is not created by a choreographed goal. The shape emerges organically as each bird murmurs in connection with those around it. Each one IS the goal that spreads throughout the flock as it moves dynamically with the currents.

Be the change you wish to see in the world, Gandhi murmured. Gandhi lived nonviolence. People followed and a movement grew in the current of the day. *Follow me*, Jesus murmured. Jesus lived the fullness of Love and walked the way of peace and *there were many who followed him*. (I need a sidebar here, a "reminder to self". Jesus never said, "worship me." That's too easy. Worship a leader and then go do as I please? But *follow me*, that's a whole different story!) Jesus' way became a movement, through practicing what he preached and building relationships, and bringing healing. Jesus was the change he wished to create in the world. Love and Life. Rather than go after a goal or worship one, he lived the goal.

As news disheartens me (with its deepening divides), am I going to worship the goal of a choreographed dance of justice, equality, hope and love? Or am I willing to look within myself and live what I wish to see amid the current of the day?

I better think about what my murmuring sounds like! I think I'll watch the starlings again.

Rev. Amy Moore

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for October 7 & 21, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

**Social Justice Team
Candlelight Prayer Walk
Friday, September 18 – 8:30 pm**

You are invited to participate in the **Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk**, Friday, September 18, 8:30 pm. See guide on the next page for parking and gathering group information and more. Please read the participant guide prior to your arrival on September 18.

Participant Guide

Royal Lane Baptist Church - Social Justice Team

Candlelight Prayer Walk

Arriving at church:

- Park anywhere other than the big, corner parking lot.
- Wear masks, have personal hand sanitizer, and maintain social distancing.
- No entrance to buildings - Worship Sites and Walking Paths are outside.

Choose your Gathering Site:

Site A: east of Vickrey Hall - (stairs included when walking) (max 12 participants)

Site B: corner parking lot - (flat, level walking) (max 24 participants)

Site C: front steps of Sanctuary - sit on the steps or stand nearby, at least six feet apart - no candles - no walking (max - till area is full)

Arrive at your Gathering Site:

- Silence cell phones
- Pick up a single, sanitized candle, only touching that one (Sites A & B only)
- Maintain a sense of solemn yet fervent expectation as all gather at your Site
- Keep your mask on
- Maintain social distancing

At your Gathering Site - Directions from your Site Leader:

- Preview instructions for Walking Path (Sites A & B only)
 - describe path for walking in a one-way circuit
 - walk individually at least 6 feet behind the person in front of you
 - move intentionally and with careful steps
 - remain in single file as you walk together
 - hold your candle in front of you, as a witness to those driving by
 - walk the circuit path until you are done meditating
- Keep your mask on and maintain social distancing
- Rehearse Responsive phrase
- Listen for a single phrase to focus your meditation
- Plan for the reverent ending (*see below*)
- Practice Responsive phrase one more time

Responsive Reading and Candlelight Prayer Walk - (*keep your mask on*)

LIPS

Participate in the Responsive Reading - listen for your phrase

HEART

Meditate on your phrase - reflect within your heart

FEET (Sites A & B only)

Walk the circuit together - pray in the glow of your candle.

(repeat the circuit until you're done praying)

Reverent Ending:

- Return your candle to your Gathering Site when you're done walking
- Move quietly back to your car, maintaining a sense of meditation
- If desired, have conversations near your car, maintaining social distancing and wearing your mask.

Coming Events

Friday	September 18
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
8:30 pm	Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk — Church Grounds
Saturday	September 19
2:00 pm	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	September 20 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Wednesday	September 23
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg – Luke 21:1-38, Jerusalem's Destruction and End — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
Thursday	September 24
12:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (register at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)
Friday	September 25
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	September 26
2:00 pm	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	September 27 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship – Steve Sprinkle, Guest Preacher — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Wednesday	September 30
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg – Luke 22:1-38, A Betrayal and a Farewell — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
Friday	October 2
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
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12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	October 3
2:00 pm	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	October 4 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Wednesday	October 7 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg – Luke 22:39-71, The Trial of Jesus — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom

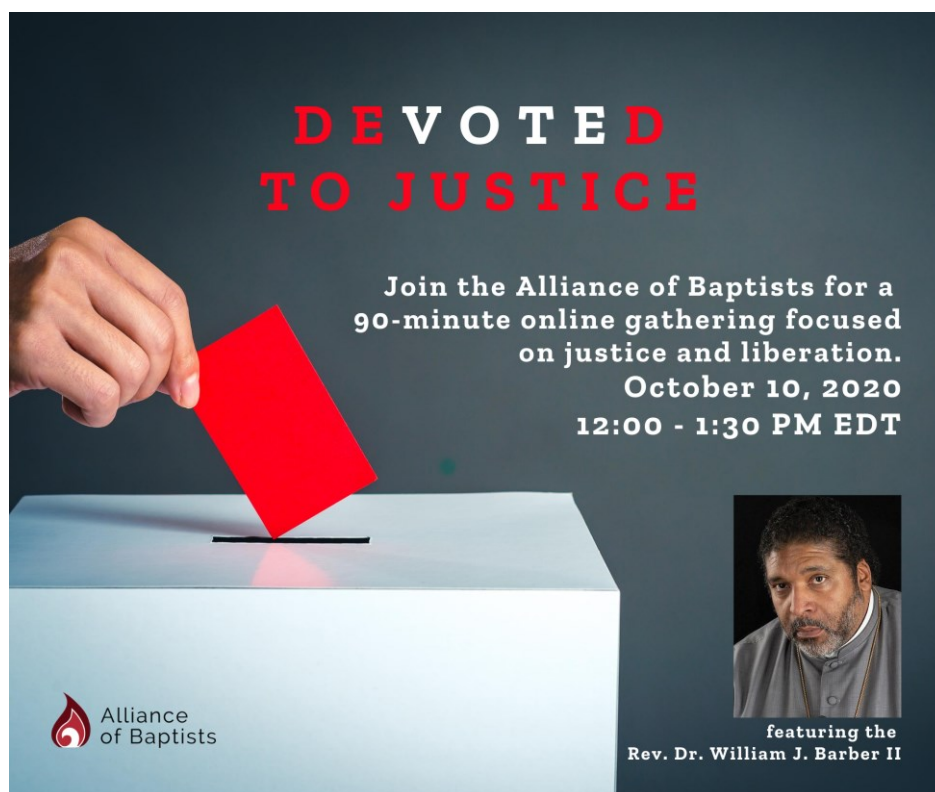
The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

DEVOTED TO JUSTICE

October 10, 2020, 12:00 pm, Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join the Alliance of Baptists on October 10 for Devoted to Justice, the Alliance's fall online gathering. This 90-minute online gathering will focus on liberation and justice in our current climate and will feature keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. William Barber II. The program will provide the opportunity for inspiration, reflection, connection, a chance to check-in with your Alliance family and to hear the state of the Alliance in these unprecedented times.

Register at <https://bit.ly/32kBiR8>



September Missions Project

Please join the RLBC Missions Division in supporting the teachers and staff at Stephen C. Foster Elementary School in Dallas. We will be providing snacks and drinks to bless the teachers and staff as they return to distance learning in September. If you want to contribute, visit our wish list on Amazon at Missions at this link:

RLBC Missions Project for Foster Elementary School
<https://amzn.to/3gTUkms>



You can purchase items which will ship to a central location, where Missions Division members will collect and deliver the goodies to the teachers and staff at Foster Elementary. Help us bless these amazing hard-working educators. If you don't use Amazon but still want to contribute, you can contact Charlotte Sewell (charlottesewell@yahoo.com) or Laura Keller (lkeller@royallane.org) to find out how to help.

COVID 19 – COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Starting 8/20 | Monday through Thursday | 9am - 5pm

Register at [GoGetTested.com](https://www.GoGetTested.com)



Or Call 1-877-TEST-GO-1

Blood Drive at RLBC

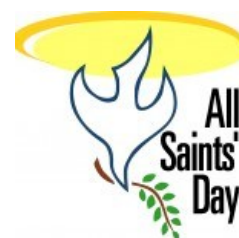
The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in Vickrey Hall at RLBC on September 24, October 27, November 10, and December 8. We hope you will schedule a donation through the American Red Cross at Royal Lane or the location of your choice.

Find a blood drive at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive.

November 1, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since November 1 of 2019. If you have a family member you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Wednesday, October 21 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member.

You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to bmerry@royallane.org or jschultz@royallane.org.



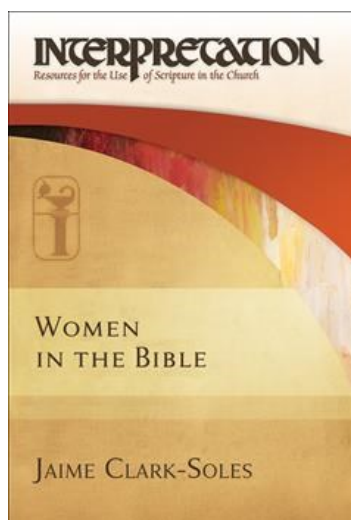
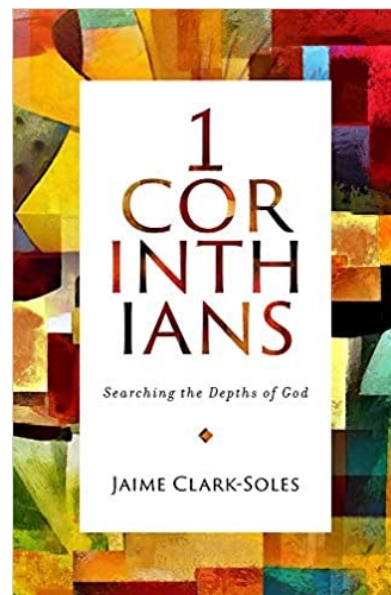


**Congratulations to Jaime Clark-Soles
on the upcoming release of two new books.**

1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God

Available for pre-order: <https://amzn.to/35EfaEz>

1 Corinthians is one of the most gripping books in the Bible. In this letter, Paul, the complicated, layered apostle, writes to the people trying a wild new social experiment known as a Christian community. Not unlike the church today, this community dealt with factions, sexual immorality, gender issues, money issues, theological questions, lawsuits, problems in worship, and problems in leadership.



Women in the Bible (Hardback)

*Interpretation: Resources for the Use of
Scripture in the Church*

[Jaime Clark-Soles](#)

Very excited to announce the publication on Dec.1 of my new book *Women in the Bible*. <https://bit.ly/33wuUXs>

What was it like to be a woman in the biblical period? It depended, in part, on who you were: a queen, a judge, a primary wife, a secondary wife, a widow, a slave, or some other kind of “ordinary woman.” In *Women in the Bible*, Jaime Clark-Soles investigates how women are presented in Scripture, taking into account cultural views of both ancient societies as well as our own..

July 2020 Financials

Revenues*	\$481,535
Expenses	\$439,295
Surplus (Deficit)	\$42,240

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund

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The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Other

Optional Memo Line available.

Deacons of the Week

September 20

Terry Berrier
Karen Miller

September 27

Cathy Webb
Sarah Fuller Phillips

October 4

Alan Greider
Harry Hunter

Scriptures of the Week

September 20

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended 6:30 p.m. Wednesday September 23, 30 & October 7

Bible Study with
Mike Gregg
Zoom



The Box Gallery
Is Temporarily Closed

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,
contact Barbara Merry, bmerry@royallane.org.

Happy Birthday!

September

Dawn Brown	17
Lisa Gill.....	18
Janina Washington	18
Kelley Keith	19
Christin Lavery.....	19
Michael Rogers	20
Denise Turnbull.....	20
Sarah King.....	21
Larry Allen	22
Georgia Bradford	24
Janet Ramirez	26
Michael Robinson	26
Terry Berrier.....	28
Amy Ward-Meier	29
Austen Maddox	30

October

Jaime Clark-Soles.....	1
Daryl Willey.....	1
Harry Hunter	2
Violette McKinney	3
Cathy Walling	4
Jeremy Garcia-Glasscock.....	5
Walter Will.....	5





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Monday - Friday: Open by Appointment

Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom

Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am – Royal Lane YouTube Channel

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