



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Mosaic

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Be Not Afraid

"The words you speak become the house you live in." – Hafiz

It feels as if fearful words have been overwhelming our thoughts and spirits recently. We are surrounded by politicians, preachers, pundits, and prognosticators who want us to act, vote, and live in a constant state of fear. Fear is a motivator, especially for Western Christianity. It's not about the joys of oneness with God but of trying to stay out of hell. With a pandemic, an election, economic turmoil, and global unrest, it is easy to see why fear is the "go to" mechanism to gain power and persuade a population. But fear isn't the story of Jesus. Because, you see, Jesus was the perfect love that cast out fear.

Our Advent and Christmas theme for 2020 is "Be Not Afraid." The Christmas story is filled with messengers bringing people the words, "Be not afraid." Zechariah needed to be reminded to not be afraid of having a baby in his old age, a baby that would become the prophet, John the baptizer. Mary, the mother of Jesus, received the comforting message to not be afraid when she wondered who this baby was growing inside her. Joseph was told to not be afraid when he was confused about Mary's pregnancy and wanted to divorce her. And the shepherds, watching their flocks by the light of a heavenly star, received the words, "Do not fear," when brought the good news by the host of angels.

"Be not afraid." These are lifegiving words. I wonder if words of inclusion, generous welcome, and love should be what we speak to one another and to ourselves in these increasingly fearful days? Wouldn't it be meaningful if we saw one another as beloved rather than something to be feared? What if we become like the messengers of old and encounter the world through the words, "Be not afraid!" These are words that speak life and love into our world and become the house in which we might seek to live.

So, let's choose our words carefully in the coming days, especially as we enter the Advent season. Consider the words we use to describe others. Consider the words we use when talking about ourselves. Because who we are and how we treat others, as well as ourselves, will leave an indelible mark on our social media pages, on our society at large, and on our own hearts. What kind of house do we want to live in?

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for November 18 & December 2, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

A Royal Priesthood Remembered

All Saints Day, November 1, 2020

Anne Kibbe	June 22, 2019
Ed Bright	May 1, 2020
Jo Ferguson	August 14, 2020
Ray Vickrey	September 17, 2020
Doug Leinneweber	October 17, 2020

Melissa Caufey Stout	October 29, 2019	Cousin of Steve Sumter
Howard Edgmon Harrison	November 11, 2019	Brother of Harold Harrison
Gene Sprout	November 25, 2019	Brother-in-law of Wayne Meachum
George T. Sturch	December 26, 2019	Father of Terry Berrier
Olive Meier	January 10, 2020	Mother of Don Meier
Harold Moore	January 14, 2020	Brother of Bettie Meachum
Marilyn Lanfear	January 19, 2020	Mother of Theresa Helms
James "Sammy" Viverette	January 24, 2020	Uncle of Scott Bryant
		Brother-in-law of Marge Bryant
Minnie Macias	February 7, 2020	Mother of Rodney Macias
Doug McGhee	February 16, 2020	Uncle of Laurence Schultz
Larry Thomas Lebioda	March 10, 2020	Step-father of Joey & Rosa Belgard's Niece, Randi
		Grandmother of Laura Keller
Dorothy Nelson	March 16, 2020	Great Nephew of Shirley Bohanan
Jacob Overholser	April 26, 2020	Brother-in-law of Martha Box
Steve White	April 27, 2020	Mother of Dennis Turnbull
Wilma Turnbull	May 27, 2020	Brother-in-law of Karen Simmons
Don Simmons	June 24, 2020	Son of Joey Belgard's cousin, Roger Jolly
Lamar Jolly	June 25, 2020	Mother of Joe Belgard's cousin, Roger Jolly
		Founding leader, CBF
Rev. Dr. Hardy Clemons	July 1, 2020	Son of Rex Raiza
Gary Raiza	July 9, 2020	Uncle of Scott Martin
James Larue Martin	July 22, 2020	Step-father of Jeff Page
Norman Morris	July 28, 2020	Cousin of Cookie Stokes & Kristene Ruddle
Leroy Anderson Bolen, Jr.	August 4, 2020	Grandfather of Nathan Jones
		Brother of Harold Harrison
Clyde Edward Jones	August 23, 2020	Brother of Jack Mullinax
Laurence Wayne Harrison	September 4, 2020	Sister of Larry Allen
Randy Lee Mullinax	October 5, 2020	Sister of Jack Mullinax
Hazel Dietel	October 19, 2020	
Donna Marie Rogers	October 24, 2020	

IN FOCUS

Beloved Community:

Honoring Our Vets — Learning from the "Greatest Generation"

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, November 11, at 6:15 pm, for our November IN FOCUS. Beloved Community: Honoring Our Vets — Learning from the "Greatest Generation." Talking with 98-year-old WWII veteran, Opal Keith.

Coming Events

Friday	November 6
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	November 7
9:00 am	Deacon Retreat — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	November 8 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	4-6 Year Old Sunday School — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship – Jason Smith, Guest Preacher — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Tuesday	November 10
9:00 am	Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall
Wednesday	November 11 – Veterans Day
6:15 pm	IN FOCUS – Beloved Community — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel Honoring our Vets – Learning from the “Greatest Generation” with WWI Veteran, Opal Keith
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
Friday	November 13
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	November 14
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	November 15 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	4-6 Year Old Sunday School — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
2:00 pm	Youth Gathering – Visioning the Future — Zoom
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Wednesday	November 18 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg, Luke 24:1-27, Jesus Resurrection and Walk to Emmaus — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
Friday	November 20
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	November 21
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

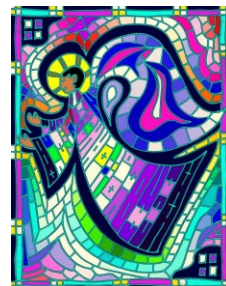
The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

“Like” RLBC on Facebook or “Follow” RLBC on Twitter

Advent – 2020: “Be Not Afraid”

It feels as if 2020 has been a year filled with fear. Yet, messengers throughout the Bible sought to comfort the people of God by telling them to not be afraid. It was a word that those looking for a Messiah and birthing Divine Love needed to hear. And we need to hear it too. The theme for this Advent Season at Royal Lane is “Be Not Afraid.” Maybe God is telling us this year, as we wait with trepidation and anticipation, to offer up our fears to the divine and to hear God’s comfort in the angel voices: “Do not be afraid.”

Image – “Messenger”, John Stuart, stushieart.com, used by permission.





Have You Pledged for 2021?

As we plan for next year, we are asking that you make your 2021 financial commitment so that the division chairs can budget and plan programming for next year. Although stewardship will look a little different this year, your commitment to this community will continue to help our church thrive and fulfill its mission.

In Grace, Ed Meier, Finance Chair

November Missions Project

Join us for our third annual collaboration between the Missions Committee and Women of the Church to bring Christmas cheer to our youngest neighbors in need. Please bring small toys and candy that will fit and fill 15 -inch stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the medical clinic at Healing Hands Ministries. Donations will be accepted through the month of November. Our goal is to fill 100 stockings! Drop off dates at RLBC will be announced soon.

Suggestions: small plush animals, stretchy gloves and hats, fuzzy socks, small Christmas toys, card games, flavored lip gloss, hand sanitizer and hand lotion, ear buds (for teens), small holiday puzzles or coloring books, Play-Doh, Hot Wheels, Christmas candy and hot chocolate...



Tango Tab Thank You!

Your generosity is overwhelming! This picture only shows about half of what you donated to Tango Tab. We are feeding the hungry. Thank you, Royal Lane!

American Red Cross Blood Drive at RLBC

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in Vickrey Hall at RLBC on 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.

Space is available at Royal Lane for November 10. Sign Up with the Red Cross and be a part of this Blood Drive.

Columbarium Garden



Royal Lane Baptist Church is blessed to have a Columbarium Garden available to its members and loved ones. The first phase of the Columbarium will have 80 niches and we will add an additional 80 in the second phase. Each niche holds two urns and the cost is \$3,000.00 per niche.

The RLBC Columbarium will be nestled in a lovely garden between the Cunningham Arcade, the Sanctuary, and the Library. It is a Spiritual Site that affords Church members, their families, and loved ones the opportunity to have their final resting place surrounded by their Church and faith community, which has been a central part of their lives.

You can get more information on the Royal Lane website: click on Connect and scroll down to Columbarium.

To receive a Columbarium Garden Brochure and/or application, leave a message with the Church office at 214-361-2809, ext. 11 or send an email to info@royallane.org.



Candlelight Prayer Walk

You are invited to participate in the ***Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk***, Friday, November 20, 7:00 pm. See guide on the next page for parking and gathering group information and more. Please read the participant guide prior to your arrival.

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 - Gathering Site and Walking Path are outside
- Move from your car to the Gathering Site, near the Cottage and the Missions Donation shed.

Arriving at the Gathering Site:

- Silence cell phones
- Pick up a single, sanitized candle, only touching that one
- Greet one another in joy with a sense of fervent expectation as all gather at the Site
- Keep your mask on and maintain social distancing

At the Gathering Site - Instructions from the Site Leader:

- Instructions for the Walking Path - a preview
 - description of Walking Path location given by Site Leader
 - the path for walking is a one-way circuit, walking individually at least 6-8 feet apart
 - move intentionally and with careful steps, remaining in single file as you walk together
 - hold your candle in front of you - hold it especially high as you walk near the shrubs along the perimeter of the parking lot, as a witness to those driving by on Royal and Hillcrest
 - walk the circuit path in the parking lot until you are done meditating
- A Walking Path is available for those who cannot negotiate steps down - *Guide identified*
- Participation available for not able to walk - *Guide identified*
- 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 the table provided in the parking lot when you're done walking
- Move quietly away from the parking lot where participants are still walking and meditating
- If desired, have conversations near your car, maintaining social distancing and wearing your mask.

Deacons of the Week

November 8

Terry Berrier

Karen Miller

November 15

Joey Belgard

Sandy Washington

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

November 11

IN FOCUS

Beloved Community

Honoring Our Vets

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

November 18

Bible Study with Mike Gregg

Luke 24:1-27

Jesus' Resurrection and
Walk to Emmaus



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,
contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or
bmerry@royallane.org.

Scriptures of the Week

November 8

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 15

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

September 2020 Financials YTD Actual

Revenues	\$558,740
Expenses	\$559,362
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$622)

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

Columbarium

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Other

Optional Memo Line available.

Happy Birthday!

November

Marcia Parrish	4
Terry Jones	5
Grace Watson	5
Kevin Fallis	7
Debi Wooten	8
Ashley Ragsdale	10
Alden Stewart	10
Mike Gill	12
Laurie Page	13
Lynette Orten	14





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Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom

Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom

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

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