



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Where Are We Going?

This year felt different than previous years as our nation celebrated and remembered Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There has been a transition of leadership in Washington. We watched in angst as a seditious riot took place at the Capitol Building. We've had more social unrest and greater calls for justice than at any point in history since the civil rights movement. The wind has literally been knocked out of us with Covid and the disease's impact on vulnerable and even not-so-vulnerable communities. We've entered into 2021 wondering where we go from here.

Royal Lane encountered Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman last Advent during our worship series called "The Work of Christmas." The great African American author, professor, preacher, and mystic said, "There are two questions that we have to ask ourselves. The first is 'Where am I going?' and the second is 'Who will go with me?'"

And that's what I've asked myself over and over again in the past several months and I think it is what we need to ask ourselves in these unprecedented times as a community of faith, especially as Christians. Where are we going, Church? What do we want our congregation to look like? What do we want our work as a loving and justice-oriented church to be?

I see a future where our diversity is our strength, where our diversity is fearless, and where our diversity is our beauty. I see a future where our diversity is our way to bring unparalleled love to the world, where our diversity is celebrated, and where diversity is our teacher. That is the future where I want to go, where I pray we go. And I'm proud of Royal Lane's diaconate, the Social Justice Team, the Racial Justice Team, and our staff as we continue to learn what it means to be antiracist and work for social, economic, and racial justice.

The second question is, "But who will go with us?" I hope more white communities of faith in Dallas will go with us as we work alongside communities of color for racial and economic justice in this city and the nation. I think it is right for Royal Lane, as a predominantly white congregation, to lead the way for other white communities to enter into racial justice work. But also, we shouldn't be the only leaders in this movement. It is also our job, as we move forward, to follow the guidance of black, indigenous, and people of color; their leaders; and their communities as they speak and act and teach us hard truths.

As we move forward in 2021, we are being called. We are being called to actively remember how we got to this point and who died to get us here. We are being called to actively follow. We are being called to actively listen. We are being called to actively pray. And, we are being called to actively educate ourselves, build relationships, and support people who value the beautiful diversity, equality, and justice that we value. Once we identify where we are going, we aren't finished. We have work to do.

And that is why we, at Royal Lane, will spend 2021 learning to be antiracist and striving for racial and economic justice. We will not be silent in support of black lives. We will not be silent that this city and this nation needs to change. We will not be silent in the face of Christian nationalism that encourages the superiority of one faith. We will not be silent as we use our white privilege to dismantle white supremacy. We will not, and must not, be silent.

As Dr. Thurman said, "Do not be silent; there is no limit to the power that may be released through you."

May it be so.

Pastor Mike

The American Red Cross will be testing for COVID-19 antibodies at the upcoming blood drive.

Royal Lane Baptist Church

Tuesday, February 16, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Vickrey Hall

[*Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required*](#)

Don't forget to save time by using RapidPass to complete your pre-donation questionnaire online before you come to your appointment (bring screen shot of bar code provided at the end of the questionnaire). More info: redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

To make an Appointment:

Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code "royallanebaptist" You can also call 1-800-RedCross

[*All donors must wear a MASK or face covering during their donation*](#)

Those who come to give blood Feb. 1-28, 2021, will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card* via email, thanks to our partners at Amazon.**

Thank You for COVID-19 RESOURCES

Good Morning,

I wanted to quickly reach out to say how helpful your page <http://royallane.org/covid-19-resources/> was for my family. We're not in the Dallas area but I've been looking for educational resources & activities for my daughters, since their school is back to 100% remote learning, and they're bummed to miss out on electives like PE and art again. Both Erin and Allyson (they're 2 years apart) are super active! So we decided to start exercising together and keeping track of what we eat. We'll see how long this lasts but I was looking for some fun resources and found some great stuff from your page. We found tons of ideas for activities so thank you!

The girls suggested that we send a thank-you note or E-mail. It does feel like a really good time to show gratitude though and put some positivity into the world, so here we are. Thanks!! Erin and Ally also wanted to pass along a fun resource they found as well, a glossary of phys-ed terms www.playgroundequipment.com/physical-education-vocabulary-for-kids/. We used this to make fun flash cards, definitely a good rainy day resource for PE at home! Allyson & Erin thought it would be a useful link for you to add to your resources. Hopefully it's helpful!

Have a good day and thank you again. If you're able to add the girls' suggestion to your page I'll be sure to show them. They were really excited to see if you liked it so I think they'd be proud seeing it there. Be safe and take care. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gomez (and Erin and Allyson)

BWIM Month of Preaching

In 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. The annual preaching month was named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman with a legacy of powerful preaching. In 2019, BWIM redreamed (and renamed) this emphasis to feature, in addition to Martha, three other significant Baptist preachers: Edna Lee de Gutiérrez, Ella Pearson Mitchell, and Helen Barrett Montgomery.

Royal Lane joins BWIM in this celebration on February 7, 2021, with Joslyn Henderson, M.Div/M.M. Candidate, Baylor University, as preacher.

Joslyn Henderson is currently studying at Baylor University, pursuing graduate degrees in Church Music and Theology. She has served as the Ministry Associate for Worship & Chapel at Baylor, as well as served in many Waco churches as a staff member.



Coming Events

Friday	January 22
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	January 23
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	January 24 – Third Sunday after Epiphany
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 Church YouTube Channel
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Tuesday	January 26
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	January 27
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study – with Mike Gregg – Overview & History of the Acts of the Apostles — Zoom
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Friday	January 29
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	January 30
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	January 31 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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 Church YouTube Channel
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Tuesday	February 2
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	February 3 - Mosaic
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study – with Mike Gregg – Acts 1:1-26, The Ascension and Preparation for Pentecost — Zoom
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Friday	February 5
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	February 6
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.

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*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 3 & 17, 2021.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

See full schedule for Wednesdays at RLBC at <https://bit.ly/3oZvWoH>

WEDNESDAYS AT RLBC

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM
Teaching: Pastor Mike Gregg

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88170730964>

January 13, 2021 – Outline and Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles

January 20 – Quarterly Church Conference at 6:00 PM

January 27 – Overview and History of the Acts of the Apostles

February 3 – Acts 1:1-26, The Ascension and Preparation for Pentecost

February 10 – In Focus – Becoming Beloved Community: An Anti-Racist Church at 6:15 PM

February 17 – Ash Wednesday Online Service at 6:30 PM

February 24 – Acts 2:1-41, The Coming of the Spirit

March 3 – Acts 2:42-47, The New Community

March 10 – In Focus at 6:15 PM

March 17 – Acts 3:1-26, Healing at the Temple and Peter's Speech

March 24 – Acts 4:1-31, Peter and John Arrested and Praying Together

March 31 – Acts 4:32-5:11, Living in Radical Community

April 7 – Acts 5:12-6:7, The Apostles Before the Sanhedrin and Appointing of the Seven

April 14 – In Focus at 6:15 PM

April 21 – Quarterly Church Conference at 6:00 PM

April 28 – Acts 6:8-7:60, The Ministry and Martyrdom of Stephen

May 5 – Acts 8:1-40, The Church is Scattered and Philip's Ministry

May 12 – In Focus at 6:15 PM

May 19 – Acts 9:1-31, Saul's Conversion and Calling

May 26 – Acts 9:32-11:18, Miracles of Peter and Story of Cornelius

June 2 – Acts 9:32-11:18, Miracles of Peter and Story of Cornelius (Continued)



Deacons of the Week

January 24

Alan Greider
Christin Lavery

January 31

Charlotte Sewell
Amy Ward-Meier

Scriptures of the Week

January 24

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Psalm 62:5-12
Mark 1:14-20

January 31

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Psalm 111
Mark 1:21-28

**All In-Person
Midweek Services
&
Fellowship Meals
Temporarily Suspended**
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday
Midweek Bible Study**

with Mike Gregg

January 27

Overview & History of the
Acts of the Apostles

February 3

Acts 1:1-26
The Ascension and
Preparation for Pentecost

December 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$747,063
Expenses	\$706,863
Surplus (Deficit)	\$40,201

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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

Happy Birthday!

January

Tina Chapman	21
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Owen Keith	30
Danny Ray	30
Sarah Plunk	31

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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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