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Thank You, Church

(Adapted from Pastor Mike's report for the Quarterly Church Conference in January)

It is my job to write and say words. But words are not really flowing right now. Words are tools, but often we need artisans to use those tools to chisel away at the surrounding stone in order to pull the beautiful art pieces into view. Without artists, we have lifeless tools and unrealized materials.

At the Presidential Inauguration, I listened to the twenty-two-year-old Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman, preach her poem, "The Hill We Climb." She is an artist. I was struck how she weaved simple and even uninteresting words into a masterpiece of heart, passion, and defiance. She said, "There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

With this artist in mind, my words for the church emerged. And those words are: "Thank you, Church."

Thank you, Church, for being brave this past year. Thank you for not only seeing the light of God in the midst of stormy days, but for being the light of God in a hurting word.

Thank you, Church, for opening your parking lot for anyone to get free COVID testing during the pandemic, seeing hundreds of cars a day and possibly saving hundreds more lives.

Thank you, Church, for opening your doors to the Red Cross, so that when schools and businesses had to shut down, Royal Lane became a spot for the donation of life-giving blood.

Thank you, Church, for hosting food and clothing drives, partnering with North Dallas Shared Ministries and Hope Supply, to get resources to hungry and hurting people.

Thank you, Church, for showing up for difficult racial justice conversations, gearing up for the hard work of anti-racism, and standing up for lives that are oppressed or have even been extinguished.

Thank you, Church, for providing online COVID-19 resources where a mother of two young daughters responded with these words: "I wanted to quickly reach out to say how helpful your [COVID-19 Resources Webpage] 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!"

Thank you, Church, for honoring your financial pledges last year. You gave every single penny that you said you would give for 2020. Even with other revenues, like weddings and the Pumpkin Patch being down due to the pandemic, we ended the year with a \$40,000 surplus due to the diligence of leadership and staff in managing expenses. This surplus will be a safety net for the upcoming year as we navigate more pandemic separation. And, through it all, we still met all of our missions giving obligations.

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

Thank you, Church, for being flexible and learning to do activities, events, and worship online. Organized and institutional Christianity may never be the same and we may not get back to the way things were. So, thank you for being courageous as we've navigated uncharted territory together; as we've connected our children and youth around bonfires and miniature golf; as we've gone to Sunday School on Zoom in our pajamas; as we've worshiped and prayed on a computer screen; as we've studied the Bible online on Wednesdays nights; and as we've attended virtual funerals of people very dear to us.

Thank you, Church, for loving my family as we've welcomed a fragile Ford during a pandemic and spent tedious months with him in the hospital. We continue to invest in him in order to get him strong. He can't wait to meet all of you face to face.

Thank you, Church, for being brave in everything that you did in 2020 and will do in 2021. Thank you for being brave and for being a light... a light at Royal and Hillcrest and in our city.

And so, when words don't seem to flow and we fear the future, I have found that these simple words, "Thank you, Church," remind me of God's love and God's hope for you, for me, and for this world.

So, thank you, Church.

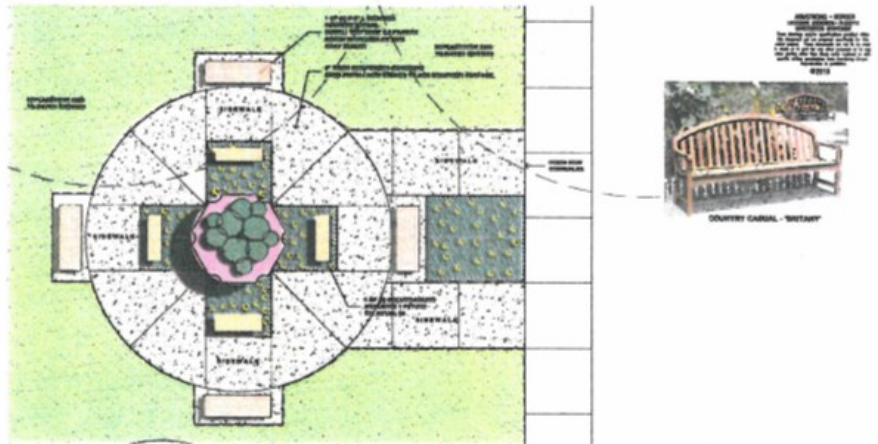
Pastor Mike

Royal Lane Baptist Church Columbarium Garden

Royal Lane is blessed to have a Columbarium available to its members and loved ones. The RLBC Columbarium is 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.

Visit royallane.org/columbarium or call the Church office at 214-361-2809, ext. 11 for an application.

Make a contribution at royallae.org/give
Select Fund: Columbarium



Columbarium Purchase and Contributions:

- **Niche** - \$3,000.00 pre-construction and \$3,500.00 post constructions*
- **Garden Teak Bench** - \$3,000.00 (with plaque)
- **Honor/Memory Bricks** - \$250.00 each (engraved to honor or in memory)
- **6' Nellie R. Stevens Holly Tree** (along the Cunningham Arcade) - \$1,500 (with plaque)
- **Contributions** to construction of the Columbarium Garden - you can donate to purchase a tree, bush, entry arch, other landscape elements

*All contributions, except purchase of a niche are considered a donation to the RLBC Columbarium Garden

How to Connect with RLBC

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.

Coming Events

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
Sunday	February 7 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / Baptist Women in Ministry Month
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 Joslyn Henderson, Guest Preacher – Baptist Women in Ministry
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
7:00 pm	Connections Care Group — Zoom
Tuesday	February 9
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	February 10
6:15 pm	IN FOCUS – The Beloved Community: An Anti-Racist Church — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Friday	February 12
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	February 13
10:00 am	Drive Through – Palm Frond & Ashes Pick Up — North Parking Lot, by Portables Enter via entrance closest to ball field.
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia
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 Following Worship – Chat with the Pastor— Zoom
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm – Deacon Chat)
Tuesday	February 16
9:00 am	Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 3:00 pm) By appointment, RedCross.org, sponsor code: royallanebaptist
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	February 17 – Ash Wednesday
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Friday	February 19
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	February 20
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.

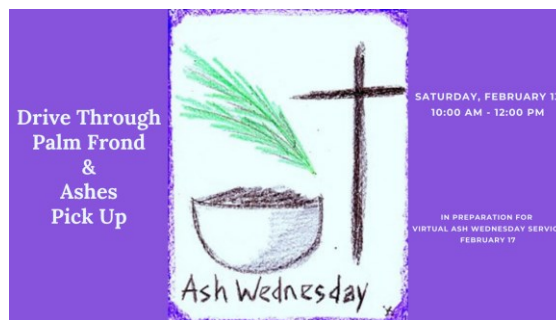
"Like" RLBC on Facebook or "Follow" RLBC on Twitter

IN FOCUS

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, February 10, at 6:15 pm for our February IN FOCUS. — The Beloved Community

Questions for a meaningful conversation:

1. Is racism a problem we need to tackle and does this conversation have a place in our faith?
 2. How did you see race when younger and how do you see it now? Has your view changed?
 3. Is racism too difficult or divisive to discuss in church? What makes it divisive?
 4. What might be the cost to the congregation if we engage in anti-racist work?
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In preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent, we invite you to pick up ashes and palm fronds and **MORE** as we move toward Lent and Holy Week.

The **MORE**? A plastic zip bag of pre-made ashes, several palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday, instructions on how to make your own ashes, family devotional and activity books for children (for families with children). And MORE! We are happy to deliver some of those packets with plenty of notice if there are those who cannot get out. Contact the Harry Wooten at hwooten@royallane.org, or Barbara Merry at bmerry@royallane.org to request packets.

Drive Through open 10:00 am to noon on Saturday, February 13.

Enter via entrance closest to ball field.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 6:30 pm — Zoom.



Join us for a time of contemplation and prayer as we enter the season of Lent.

2021 Lent & Holy Week

Theme: *I Wait...based on Psalm 130*

First Sunday in Lent: “Out of the Depths, I Cry”

Second Sunday in Lent: “My Cry for Mercy”

Third Sunday in Lent: “If You, Lord, Keep a Record”

Fourth Sunday in Lent: “With You, Forgiveness, So We can Serve”

Fifth Sunday in Lent: “In God’s Word is My Hope”

Palm/Passion Sunday: “I Wait for the Lord”

Easter Sunday: “For with the Lord is Unfailing Hope”

Saturday February 13

10:00 am Palm Frond & Ash Drive Through (10:00 am – Noon)
Drive Through to pick up Ashes, Palm Fronds and Lenten Packet
in preparation for virtual Ash Wednesday Service on February 17, and Lent.

Sunday February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia

11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Wednesday February 17 – Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Zoom

Sunday March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday

11:00 am Morning Worship – Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Friday April 2 – Good Friday

7:30 pm Good Friday Service – Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Saturday April 3

2:00 pm Drive Through Holy Week & Easter Egg “Hunt” (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

Sunday April 4 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Front Lawn (*Open All Day with Social Distancing*)

11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel



Lenten Devotions – “Deepen your journey through Lent” by Rev. Roger Gench

Lenten Devotions will be posted online and distributed via email.

Print copies available upon request.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Please join the Red Cross for a blood drive at Royal Lane Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor keyword **royallanebaptist** to schedule an appointment.

All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies and results will be available in the Red Cross Donor app in 1-2 weeks. Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Dining Hall
6707 Royal Ln
Dallas, TX 75230

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **royallanebaptist** to schedule an appointment.

Special offer from our partners at Amazon: To thank you for coming to give Feb. 1-28, we'll send you a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/gc-legal. Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/together

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Deacons of the Week

February 7

John Helms
Cathy Walling

February 14

Melissa Orwig
Blake Miller

Scriptures of the Week

February 7

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

February 14

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

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

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

February 10

IN FOCUS:

The Beloved Community:
An Anti-Racist Church

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

February 17

Ash Wednesday Service

December 2020 Financials

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

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

Easter Flowers

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Other

Optional Memo Line available.



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.

Happy Birthday!

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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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