



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***While We Waited***

We waited. Our Lenten and Easter theme this year was “I Wait.” We waited throughout as Jesus journeyed to the cross, was placed in the tomb, and rose from the clutches of death. We’ve also waited for an entire year to be back together for in-person church worship, if even for a moment. And we were finally able to do so as we gathered on the front lawn for the Flowering of the Cross Service on Easter morning.

The “waiting place” is often a difficult place to be as waiting lies in the uncomfortable “in-betweenness” of life. Often waiting is the agony before the coming of something tragic. Other times, waiting is the eager anticipation of an expected joy. Yet, waiting is usually not the moment we remember or cherish. It’s simply the hallway leading to the next room, the next destination. It’s sometimes difficult to feel the love of God surrounding us in the endless waiting.

Father Richard Rohr says, “Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity (it did not need changing!) Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God.” It is my hope that you will continue to experience God in the hallways and “waiting places” of your life. It is my deep prayer that in your waiting, you will know you are loved by the One who created you from the active particles and atoms of the earth. This Easter, seeing your faces, (at least your smiling and tired eyes) has reminded me that God’s unfailing loves surrounds us in our places of deep and intentional waiting.

So, what are we to do as we wait in hospital rooms with loved ones, by the bedside of the dying, in the long queues of vaccine lists? How are we to feel in the heaviness of grief, the volatility of job struggles, and the precariousness of the “not yet?” We actively wait. We actively and receptively acknowledge that we are already accepted by the Divine. We lean into the love that God has for us as we’ve experienced in the Gospel story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, knowing that we are loved just the way we are. This Easter proclaimed for me, while we were waiting, that God’s love has always surrounded us and will surround us still.

*Pastor Mike*

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 21 & May 5, 2021.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

# Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!!!

**Easter Baskets for Hope Supply Co.**



**RLBC Children & Palm Sunday Filming**



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# Coming Events

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<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday</b>
9:30 am	Education Division — Zoom
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 – Led by the Youth of RLBC — 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
6:30 pm	Middle School Class — Zoom
7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm – Deacon Chat)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 13</b>
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
6:30 pm	IN FOCUS – Continuing the Discussion about Becoming an Anti-Racist Church — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 16</b>
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 18 – Sunday</b>
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	Missions Division
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm	Middle School Class — Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 20</b>
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 21 – Mosaic</b>
6:30 pm	Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 23</b>
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
7:00 pm	Ramadan Iftar Dinner — Zoom ( <i>Register to pick up Dinner. No registration required for Zoom Event</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 24</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

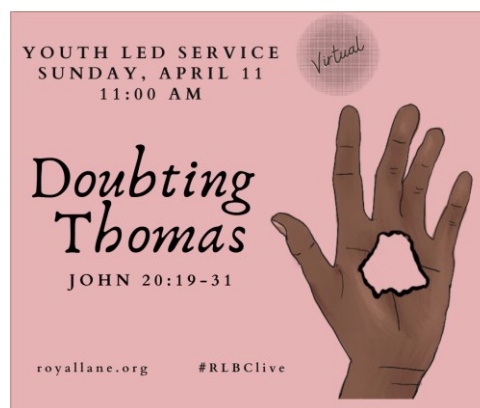
*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

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## April 11 is Youth Sunday!

Join us at 11:00 am as we worship  
under the leadership of the  
RLBC Youth.



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## Quarterly Church Conference

The quarterly Church Conference will be held on April 21, 6:00 pm — Zoom

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## Ramadan Iftar Celebration

Our good friends and faith partners from the Dialogue Institute Dallas would like to celebrate Ramadan with Royal Lane again this year. Due to pandemic safety concerns, we will share a Ramadan event and meal on Zoom.

Please REGISTER to reserve your meal through the link on the Royal Lane Website or at <https://bit.ly/2QDbU71>

If you do not need a meal, you do not need to RSVP. You can simply show up for the online portion of the event. A link to the Zoom room will be created nearer to the evening.

Dinner will be provided by our friends at the Dialogue Institute Dallas. You may pick up your reserved Turkish dinner at the church before the event. You will be able to eat after the Zoom time and at sundown. We thank the members of the Dialogue Institute for the generosity and hospitality.

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## When we give...

Have you taken a moment to read the very last page of the Order of Worship? On this page you will find the names of our Deacons of the Week, the report from your Finance Committee, the staff of Royal Lane who continue to work in a new environment (often remotely while juggling family needs), and a new "When we give" statement each week. January end of month reflected a surplus of \$10,287. At the end of February we went full circle to a deficit of \$11,828.

We need your support and your tithes and offerings to continue the many ministries of Royal Lane as we move towards a time when we can gather again. When we give, we support our church and our community.

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## We Receive Mail

### Prayers for RLBC from Providence Church, Charleston, SC

Our pastor alerted us to your congregation's recent problems resulting from the weather and power outages. We can only imagine the frustrations you are facing. Please know that we are praying for you and your congregation in the days ahead as you repair and rebuild.

*Prayers to all – Providence Prayer Circle*

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## 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](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.





# Easter Flower Dedications

*This year's list includes Dedications from 2020  
that we were unable to honor due to  
COVID-19 and suspension of on-site services.*

**Easter Flowers have been given  
In Memory of**

Rev. George T. Sturch  
I.J. & Marie Berrier  
*by JJ & Terry Berrier*

Chad Edward Julian  
*by Clay Bohannon &  
Faith Julian*

Dan Bohannon, Terry Kahutek  
My parents and Dan's parents  
Chad Julian  
*by Shirley Bohannon*

Rose Griffin  
*by Dottie Brashear*

I.E. (Gene) Garrett  
Nell & Ed Thomas  
Emmy Lou & Otis Kerley  
*by Betty Garrett*

Calvin James  
Our Parents  
Maybelle Raiza  
*by Shirley James*



Oscar & Ruth Owens, my parents  
Jacque Neatherlin  
Babs Arnswald  
*by Susie Leinneweber*

David Matthews  
*by Susan Matthews*

Ruth & Ray Moore and sons  
Lorraine & Zackey Meachum  
Pauline Salazar  
Gene Sprout  
Richard Seib  
*by Bettie Meachum*

Betty Blanck  
*by Betty Morchower*

Laurence Ambler, father  
Jewel Ambler, mother  
Grant Ambler, brother  
*by Marilyn Munro*

Richard George, Fumiko &  
Edward Jones  
Clifford & Emelda Schultz  
*by Laurence & Janet Schultz*

Jim Sewell  
Laura McFadyen  
*by Anne Sewell*

Jim Sewell  
*by the Sewell Watson Family*

Jimmy & Mary Strobel, special friends  
Johnny & Coral Reiser, my parents  
*by Cookie Stokes*

Dr. Raymond L. Vickrey  
*by The Family of  
Raymond Vickrey*

Roy King Luckett  
Mary Walker  
Mark Walker  
Karrie Oertli  
Rev. Ray Vickrey  
*by Jamie & Melissa  
Walker-Luckett*

Orville & Elnora Wisdom  
Chuck & Linda Spear  
Marilyn Ratliff  
*by Garey Wisdom*

Donna & Billy Wood  
Douglas Martin  
*by Scott & Donna  
Wood-Martin*

**Easter Flowers have been given  
In Honor of:**

Louise Finke, mom  
Shirley Bohannon, mom  
*by Clay Bohannon &  
Faith Julian*

Shirley Bohannon  
Clay Bohannon, Faith, Hope,  
Shelby & Blake  
*by Holly Bohannon*

Holly, Clay & Faith  
Shelby, Hope & Blake  
Mel & Louise  
Judy, Bonnie & T.D.  
*by Shirley Bohannon*

The Hammett Family: Jeff, Jennifer,  
Jonah, and Jacob  
The Keith Family: Phil, Kelley,  
Claire and Owen  
*by Paulette & Harold Harrison*

Shirley Bohannon  
Patricia McNutt  
Karen Simmons  
*by Shirley James*

The Hatcher Family (Martha &  
Kathy)  
*by Susie Leinneweber*

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie,  
Kendall and Ben  
Aubrey & Adam Connatser  
Mary Katherine and Mac  
Royal Lane Staff and Volunteers  
who deliver Sunday Services  
*by Bettie Meachum*

Pastor Laura Keller  
RLBC Music Program  
*by Don & Patsy Meier*

Entire Sewell/Watson Family  
*by Anne Sewell*

Bob & Sue Watson  
Anne Sewell  
The Staff at RLBC  
*by The Sewell Watson Family*

Jean Stokes Bilson, my aunt  
Lou Ray & Carol Williams,  
special friends  
*by Cookie Stokes*

James C. Walker  
Zadie Lockett  
Amy, Aaron, Aidan, AJ, Avery Stewart  
Amber, Kevin, Luke,  
Rutledge Seymour  
Mike, Amanda, Analeigh, Beatrice,  
Ford Gregg  
Joey & Rosa Belgard  
*by Jamie & Melissa  
Walker-Lockett*

Brad Carter  
Linda Hueston  
*by Garey Wisdom*  
Jacquelyn Martin  
*by Scott & Donna  
Wood-Martin*

## Women of the Church Picnic "Together Again" – Brown Bag Picnic Saturday, May 1, 11:00 am

We'll gather to reminisce about the past year, make plans for the coming year and enjoy each other's company.

Bring your own lunch, wear your mask and we'll visit outside under our beautiful trees.

For more information, contact Karen Miller,  
kmiller238@sbcglobal.net

## IN FOCUS

**April 14 – 6:15 pm**

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, April 14, at 6:15 pm for our April IN FOCUS. Beloved Community: Continuing the Conversation about Becoming an Anti-Racist Church. Engage with us as we discuss what it means to be an anti-racist community with breakout groups, discussion, and questions.



**Friday, April 23 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

Our good friends and faith partners  
from the Dialogue Institute Dallas  
would like to celebrate Ramadan  
with Royal Lane again this year

**TO HONOR COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS**  
Ramadan Event and Meal will be on ZOOM

Turkish Meal provided by our friends at the  
Dialogue Institute Dallas

**RESERVE MEAL(S)**  
<http://royallane.org/event/2021-04-23-ramadan-iftar-event-reservation/>  
**PICK MEAL(S) UP AT THE CHURCH**  
**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Reserve your meal(s) at <https://bit.ly/3cFO8Qt>  
No reservation needed for Zoom event.

## Deacons of the Week

**April 11**

Charlotte Sewell

Amy Ward-Meier

**April 18**

John Helms

Cathy Walling

## Scriptures of the Week

**April 11**

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

Psalm 123

John 20:19-31

**April 18**

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36b-18

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

**6:15 p.m. Wednesday**

**April 14**

IN FOCUS

Continuing the Conversation on  
Becoming an  
Anti-Racist Church

**6:00 p.m. Wednesday**

**April 21**

Quarterly Church Conference

## February 2021 Financials

### YTD Actual

Revenues \$93,029

Expenses \$104,857

Surplus (Deficit) (\$11,828)

### 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/](http://royallane.org/give/)

Giving menu includes:

General Fund

Columbarium

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

## Happy Birthday!

**April**

Megan Thompson Simpson .....	7
Brad Carter .....	9
Cynthia Kupres .....	10
Melissa Robinson .....	10
Erin Waters .....	11
Katie Faulkinbury .....	16
Oz Osbourne .....	16
Ron Abbe .....	17
Diana Stouffer .....	17



The Box Gallery  
is Temporarily Closed

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contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or  
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**The Mosaic is published twice a month**

**Office Hours:**

**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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David Weigle, Organist

Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship