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Note: For this week's focus article, we are sharing one of the homilies from Youth Sunday. Over the next few weeks or months, we hope to "surprise" you with the remaining homilies from our youth.

Youth Sunday Homily – Jasmine Parrish

We're currently living in an uncertain and almost daunting world where life has completely turned our lives upside down. Life during Covid has affected us in numerous ways, and yet I know that **God is good**. The first scripture that comes to mind when thinking about this past year would be Philippians chapter 4: verse 13, "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me." This pandemic has ruthlessly stolen the lives of many leaving families to wonder if there is a God who truly loves them. Throughout all of this, many have questioned where God could be found through the clouds of madness and destruction. My answer to you would be that he is *still here*. He never left.

Senior year has been the craziest year with music auditions, competitions, preparing for college and an overwhelming amount of homework. I have found myself thinking if it is all worth it. I know that preparation meets opportunity, but motivation has been hard to come by these days. However, I know that I can do ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST THAT STRENGTHENS ME. That's the only way to get through it. I tend to stay to myself while feeling the weight of the world on my shoulders to produce good grades all while using the virtual learning space. With college being the number one goal for months, I've kept hope alive. My parents often remind me that God is with me through every step of the way even when I feel lost and afraid.

In John Chapter 20 verse 27, it states, "Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and Believe!" Countless parents have lost their jobs due to COVID. Millions lost power due to the winter storm in February. To say many are blessed would be an understatement. I've seen firsthand negativity spreading in our society. Poverty has risen to unprecedented levels and children are not getting the proper education through a pandemic all while still having to do standardized tests etc. The people in charge need a reality check. I'm blessed to be standing here along with my family members, but we have to recognize that our struggles may not look the same.

This pandemic has taught me that through it all, God is still with us. We cannot see God, but we have to find peace that he is indeed with us through every storm. We must know that this too shall pass. Through every disappointment is a new redirection. Through every denial is a new stop towards something amazing. God knows what we are capable of. If we are brave enough to work together, we could live in harmony. Our selfish ideals cloud us from seeing the pressing issues that face our world daily. Our lack of moving in the ways of God has set us back from walking with God and living the life he has intended for us to live.

As I conclude this sermon, I will leave you with this message, God is GOOD. In the midst of uncertainty, God is GOOD. Covid has taken away experiences but brought me closer to understanding what it means to be a Christian. This is how I KNOW that **GOD IS GOOD**.

The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for June 2 & 16, 2021.

The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.



In-Person Pentecost Service – Sunday, May 23

on the

South Lawn & Sanctuary Steps

10:00 am

Registration required.

<https://bit.ly/2RiAOJQ>



Guest Preacher – Mark Wingfield

Mark Wingfield serves as executive director and publisher of Baptist News Global. He recently served 17 years as associate pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church. Mark and his wife, Alison, have identical twin sons, both professional jazz musicians and educators.

Virtual Pentecost Service — Sunday, May 23

Guest Preacher – Laura Mayo

11:00 am – Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Reverend Laura Mayo is the Senior Minister of Covenant Church, Houston, Texas. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee and Wake Forest University Divinity School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She completed a year-long CPE chaplaincy program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Laura also studied at Regent's Park College of Oxford University.

Laura and her partner, Nicholas Stepp, have two sons, Owen & Grayson, who bring them such joy. Laura, Nick, Owen, and Grayson enjoy sailing, camping, projects, and cooking together.



Special Church Conference

Sunday, May 30

Jamie Luckett has been nominated by the Member Resource Committee to serve as a Deacon, filling the unexpired term of Amy Ward-Meier who will be joining Ed in Washington, D.C. Please join the Special Election by Zoom following worship, Sunday, May 30th.

Procedure for the Election of a Deacon to Fill an Unexpired Term

- At the close of worship Sunday, May 30th, members of RLBC will access the special church conference via a Zoom meeting. The Zoom ID for the meeting will be sent to members by email.
- Once the church has been called into conference, a link to access a ballot will appear in “Chat.”
 1. Members will open the ballot, mark the ballot, and submit it to be counted.
 2. Ballots must be accessed and submitted by 1:00 PM Sunday afternoon.
- Drive-by balloting will be available for one hour, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Sunday in the parking lot behind the sanctuary.
- Members of the Tabulating Committee will be tasked with counting the ballots and reporting the results to the deacon chair.
- The deacon chair will be responsible for communicating the results of the ballot to the congregation.

Coming Events

Saturday	May 22
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	May 23 – Pentecost Sunday
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	4-6 Year Old Sunday School — Zoom
10:00 am	In Person Worship Service – Mark Wingfield, Guest Preacher South Lawn & Sanctuary Steps (registration required)
11:00 am	Morning Worship– Laura Mayo, Guest Preacher 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
6:30 pm	Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
Monday	May 24
9:00 am	Church Office Reopens!
Wednesday	May 26
6:30 pm	Midweek Activity – “Pictionary”— Vickrey Hall (no even meal will be served)
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Saturday	May 29
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	May 30 – Trinity Sunday
9:00 am	American Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	4-6 Year Old Sunday School — 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
6:30 pm	Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
Monday	May 31 – Memorial Day
	Church office closed.
Wednesday	June 2 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Saturday	June 5
10:00 am	Women’s Share & Prayer — Zoom
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

Personnel Announcement

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Laura Keller has accepted the position of Interim Youth Minister effective June 1, 2021. Laura will also continue to serve as our Children's Minister.

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.

**Wednesday May 26th 6:30 PM
Pictionary in Vickrey Hall**

Come play Pictionary with us, in person, in Vickrey Hall. You don't have to be good at drawing. In fact, the worse you are the more fun it is! No food will be served, so please eat before you come.

The Work of Racial Justice Needs Your Help!

In Fall 2021, the Churches that THRIVE for Racial Justice project will send out its first online survey to all constituents in the Alliance of Baptists' database. To avoid assuming or guessing, these anonymous surveys will allow us to know the current beliefs, attitudes, and practices of the Alliance as well as individual congregations.

This first THRIVE survey is VERY important. The more people who take the survey, the more reliable the information. With this information, the THRIVE Core Team will create a report of the 2021 profile of the respondents to the survey. In 2025 the survey will be administered again, providing an amazing look at change in the ecclesial family over that time.

Please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/3bCApsv> to sign up for the Alliance of Baptist's database through which the survey will be distributed. Invite others to complete the form and join the Alliance in the commitment articulated in its newly adopted covenant: to *dismantle systems of white supremacy, patriarchy and abusive power.*



In addition to this first THRIVE online survey, 25 congregational partners have committed to engage in a collaborative process to identify and combat structures of racism through their churches forming a THRIVE Cohort. The lessons learned through these efforts will be shared with everyone. The ministry discoveries will resource racial justice work across all churches, building a shared capacity to meet the commitment to racial justice.

Happy Birthday!

May

Gregg King.....	19
Nate Green	20
Mike Jones	20
Scott Gonzalez	22
Sheila Bright	23
Jacob Hammett.....	23
Betty Renfroe	24
Jane Stubblefield.....	24
Marsha McRae	25
Matthew Keller	26
Rebecca Rempert	27
Jacquie Wooten.....	27
Barrett Wooten.....	28
Daniel Garcia-Glasscock.....	30
Reann Tiemann	30
Blair Wooten.....	31

June

Robin Veninga	1
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We're Back!

The church office staff is happy to announce that we will be back in the office soon!

We have an "abbreviated" schedule this week and plan to return to the office on our regular schedule beginning Monday, May 24.

Come see us!
Janet & Barbara

Deacons of the Week

May 23

Terry Berrier
Karen Miller

May 30

Tex Quesada
Sandy Washington

**Fellowship Meals
Temporarily Suspended
6:30 p.m. Wednesday**

May 26

Come Play Pictionary
In-Person!
Vickrey Hall
(No meal served)

June 2

To be Announced

Scriptures of the Week

May 23

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 30

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

March 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$189,340
Expenses	\$157,802
Surplus (Deficit)	\$31,538

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Follow the prompts to complete the process.
Standard text message rates may apply.

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Giving menu includes:

General Fund
Columbarium
The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Wear RED on Pentecost Sunday!



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

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Come, Holy Spirit



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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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