



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***The Coming of the Crèches***

*Cookie Stokes*

*A description of the Crèches on display in the windows of the Sanctuary*

West Window 1. This is a 1950's vintage cardboard nativity from Theresa Helms in 2013. Theresa uses the word *vintage* instead of *old*.

West Window 2. The Makonde set of black ebony from Tanzania is from Surtida Bhandari in 1995. Surtida's family was from India but went to Tanzania as refugees. No one since her grandmother had been back to India. Surtida was a music major at Arkansas Tech, one of the college international students that Cookie Stokes hosted for Christmas in 1994. Surtida was a professed agnostic but got the nativity set on her trip home to Tanzania the next year, because she knew that it meant something special at Royal Lane. Cookie has a large doll made by her mother named Surtida because it looks like her.

The tiny stick figures, handmade from straw and corn husks, are from Kenya on a trip with Anna Lou Brown in May 2013.

West Window 3. The wooden one-piece crèche was painted in 2017 by Royal Lane children: Sadie Watson, Brodie Keller, Penelope Meier, Shirley Bracewell, and Ashley Fleenor.

West Window 4. This is a combination of sets. The pieces of cloth from Guatemala have a unique arch. The small white and purple pottery set from Mexico is from Corrie Stokes when she was a student at Trinity University in San Antonio. The colorful clay figures are from Ecuador and include the traditional rooster.

West Window 5. This Native American crèche is a favorite for many people.

East Window 1. This is a combination of 3 Parastone figures and a crèche of Alaskan Inuits from Margaret and Doug Ross, after their cruise to Alaska in 2003.

East Window 2. This set of large, red clay pottery pieces from Mexico, was a gift from Joey and Rosa Belgard in 1997, the first year that Royal Lane used the diverse crèches in the sanctuary windows for Advent.

East Window 3. This is a whimsical African American crèche that Cookie Stokes bought at Pike's Place Market in Seattle, Washington, in 1993.

East Window 4. This marble sculpture came from Vietnam in 2003 or 2004 when Cookie Stokes and Nancy Ferrell went to support the work of her brother Roger who had a passion for helping the Vietnamese people. The carving depicts the Holy Family at a later time in the story of Jesus birth. Jesus is a toddler in his mother's lap as she rides a donkey that Joseph leads.

East Window 5. This is a hand-made crèche from Thailand of beautiful, colorful cloth and paper pieces.

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for January 5 & 19, 2022.*

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

## Stewardship Thoughts and Reminders

As we close out 2021, a few things have come to mind concerning some Whys and Ways we can *pledge and give* to Royal Lane Baptist Church. Just so you are informed, consider...

### Some Whys:

- The Personnel Division reports that the Staff at Royal Lane have not seen wage raises in several years
- The Properties Division is reporting that maintenance and insurance is increasing by over \$64,000 for 2022
- The IT Division reports the need for new Audio-Visual equipment for both in-person and livestreaming capabilities
- We have a need to maintain our excellent Christian Education, Worship, Outreach, Missions, and Fellowship programming
- Our current pledge amount for 2022 is \$575,650. Our goal is for \$ 664,650, an increase of \$89,000.
- We now have 76 pledges for 2022. We have a goal of an additional 24 pledges, increasing to 100 family units pledging.
- As Christians, we have a need to give cheerfully, even as we know the cost of operations

### Some Ways:

- Pledge a carefully considered amount for 2022
- Consider an increase in your existing pledge for 2022
- Incorporate a charitable gift to Royal Lane in your estate plan
- Give stocks to Royal Lane
- Use Amazon Smile, which can send a small portion to Royal Lane each time you purchase a product
- Use a charity-focused credit card, or redeem “cash back rewards” to donate to Royal Lane

At this time of year, it is hard to find the time to contemplate our giving, and then to realize it. But it is also a time of reassessing and renewing! We are looking to increase our pledges by \$144,000, and we have faith that our current situations will reveal God’s plan for us in how we will work and mission together. This is a time for opportunity, hope, and possibility!

*Terry Berrier, Deacon Chair*  
*Patricia McNutt, Treasurer*

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## WOC New Year Tea



2022 will start off with a favorite celebration – the New Year Tea sponsored by Women of the Church.

Save the date, January 8, 2:00 – 4:00 pm in Vickrey Hall. Get out your hats and other “tea clothes” and join our children and youth for an afternoon of tea and fun.

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# Coming Events

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
9:15 am	Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am	Formations Class — Room 202
9:45 am	Foundation Stones Class — Room 206
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am	Children ages 3 year through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
	Youth Tuesday Fun — Galleria Ice Skating & Scavenger Hunt
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
	No Wednesday Activities
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 24 – Christmas Eve</b>
	Church Office Closed
4:00 pm	Family Christmas — Sanctuary (childcare provided)
6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service, Holy Communion Offered — Sanctuary (childcare provided)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 25 – Christmas Day</b>
	No Christian Education Classes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas</b>
	No Christian Education Classes
10:55 am	Morning Worship – Blake Miller, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 29</b>
	No Wednesday Activities
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 1 – New Year's Day</b>
	No Christian Education Classes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 2 – Epiphany Sunday</b>
9:15 am	Children's SS Classes — Zoom
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 5 – Mosaic</b>
10:00 am	Holy Rollers — Room 212 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:15 pm	Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

*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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## How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — [royallane.org/resources/events](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

## Christmas Eve Missions Offering

This Christmas Eve, we are thrilled to announce that our special Missions offering will go to The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief. Named for Fellowship Southwest's founder Marv Knox, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of 2021, The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief provides resources to pastors on both sides of the United States-Mexico border to serve immigrants and refugees. Fellowship Southwest regularly receives requests for financial assistance or ministry supplies from our partner pastors all along the border. Because of donations from churches like ours, they have been able to respond to these requests without interruption. Giving to this fund helps us be the presence of Christ for people Jesus called "the least of these." Join us in making a donation to this important cause.



**Donate Online by selecting the fund Christmas Eve Missions Offering.**

## Stocking Stuffing for Helping Hands Ministries



***A Picture is Worth  
a Thousand  
Words!!!***



## Poinsettia Dedications

### Give in memory of

Katie & George Walter, my parents  
*by Connie Bechtol*

Dan Bohannon  
Dan's parents  
My parents  
Louise Finke  
*by Shirley Bohannon*

Rose Griffin  
Dorothy Griffin  
*by Dottie Brashear*

Paula and Ed Bright  
*by Sheila Bright*

Donnie Cechan  
*by Leslie Cechan*

Doud Cox, who taught me to love  
God and to love music  
*by Ray Cox*

Patricia Crutcher  
*by Rick Crutcher*

Lynn Darden  
Margaret & Sam Furr  
*by Margaret Darden*

Kathy Peck, my mom  
*by Tonyia Dotson*

J. C. Edwards, my dad  
Judge Fred Edwards, my brother  
*by Elwanda Edwards*

Jo Ferguson  
Doris & Forrest Gambill  
*by Sheryl Gambill*

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

James & Earlene Lackey  
Jean Ann Graham  
Nancy Moreland  
Chris Graham  
*by Steve & Jennifer Graham*

Gerry Gunnin  
*by Barbara Gunnin*

Anna Marie & Bruce Lowe  
*by Paulette & Harold Harrison*

Steve Dolloff  
*by Harry Hunter*

Calvin James  
Alvie & Pauline Cork  
Wendell & Opal James  
*by Shirley James*

Dana Hanson, friend and co-worker  
*by Brittany Jones*

Mr. & Dr. Jesse & Jeannette Phillips  
*by Michael Jones*

Ann Charlesworth  
Marie Tomlin  
Tom Tomlin  
*by Christin Lavery*

Esther Luedke, mother  
*by Bruce Luedke*

Ruth & Roy Moore and sons  
Lorraine and Zackary Meachum, Sr.  
Gene Sprout  
Pauline Salazar  
Richard Seib  
*by Bettie Meachum*

Zackey & Lorraine Meachum  
Mary Katherine & John Roberts  
Allie Ruth & Roy Moore and Charles  
Harold, Bubba, Billie and Scott  
*by Wayne Meachum*

Jo Ferguson  
*by Don & Patsy Meier*

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

Jonathan Barber  
Christian Ndenga  
*by Rita Nsumbu*

George A. Quesada, Sr.  
Maxine S. Quesada  
Charlie Jaynes  
Jo Ferguson  
*by The Quesadas*

Richard George and  
Ed & Fumiko Jones  
Clifford & Emelda Schultz  
*by Laurence & Janet Schultz*

Terry L. Simmons  
*by Karen Simmons*

Raymond L. Vickrey  
*by Sharon Vickrey*

Royal King Luckett  
Mary Walker  
Mark Walker  
*by Jamie &  
Melissa Walker-Luckett*

Anna Walling, mom  
*by Cathy Walling*

Mark S. Brandon  
*by Marcy Waters Cason*

Dennis H. Waters  
*by Marcy Waters Cason,  
Lisa Waters, Erin Waters,  
Rebecca Sparling*

Jim Sewell  
Ruth & Bill Logan  
*by Charlotte Sewell &  
Brian Watson*

Orville & Elnora Wisdom  
Chuck & Linda Spear  
William Logan Irby  
*by Garey Wisdom*

Douglas Martin  
Donna & Billy Wood  
Polly & Larue Martin  
Ozzie & Jack Anderson  
*by Donna Wood-Martin &  
Scott Martin*

Duane D. Young, Sr.  
*by DeeDee Young*



## Poinsettia Dedications

### Give in honor of

Laura Bechtol &  
Lew Bechtol, my children  
*by Connie Bechtol*

Shirley Bohannan  
*by Holy Bohannan*

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

Lily Brashear  
*by Dottie Brashear*

The three Bright Girls and their  
families  
*by Sheila Bright*

Bobbie Joyce Edwards, my mother  
*by Elwanda Edwards*

All friends here at Royal Lane Baptist  
*by Sheryl Gambill*

The Hammett Family: Jeff, Jennifer,  
Jonah, & Jacob

The Keiths: Phil, Kelley,  
Claire, & Owen  
*by Paulette & Harold Harrison*

Percy Parrish  
Marcia Parrish  
Jasmine Parrish  
Jayda Parrish  
*by Martha & Kathy Hatcher*

Steve & Jennifer Graham  
*by Interim Pastor Search  
Committee*

Summer A. Jones  
*by Michael Jones*

Emmy & Granddaddy  
Grandmom & Grandad  
*by Claire & Owen Keith*

Kurt, Amy, Allie, Kendall, Ben  
Meachum  
Aubrey, Adam, Mary Katherine,  
Mac Connatser

Ruth Seib  
Charlotte Sewell  
Royal Lane Ministers and Staff  
*by Bettie Meachum*

Kurt & Amy Meachum and Allie,  
Kendall and Ben  
Aubrey & Adam Connatser and  
M.K. and Mac  
Suzanne Duvall  
*by Wayne Meachum*

Charlotte Sewell  
Laura Keller  
Harry Wooten  
Steve Graham  
Terry Berrier  
Susie Jaynes  
*by The Quesadas*

The Sewell/Watson Family  
The Whitaker/McFadyen Family  
*by Anne Sewell*

Amy, Aaron, Aidan, AJ, & Avery  
Stewart  
Amber, Kevin, Luke, &  
Rutledge Seymour  
Zadie Luckett  
James Walker  
*by Jamie &  
Melissa Walker-Luckett*

RLBC Staff  
Anne Sewell  
Bob & Sue Watson  
Grace, Emma & Sadie Watson  
Donna Sewell  
*by Charlotte Sewell &  
Brian Watson*

Brad Carter  
Linda Hueston  
Questers Sunday School Class  
*by Garey Wisdom*

Brittany & Nathan Jones  
Barrett, Jacquie, Harper, Turner &  
Harrison Wooten

Blair Wooten  
Harry Sr. & Nancy Wooten  
Polly Smith  
David Weigle & Mace Welch  
Janet Schultz  
Barbara Merry  
*by Harry & Debi Wooten*

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Brittany & Nathan Jones  
Barrett Wooten  
Jacquie Wooten  
Harper Wooten  
Turner Wooten  
Harrison Wooten  
Blair Wooten  
*by Harry Sr. & Nancy Wooten*

Duane D. Young Jr. & Jana Young  
Steven M. & Debra McClure Young  
*by DeeDee Young*



## *Thank You Note*

*Thank you to all who helped  
prepare the Sanctuary and Royal  
Lane for the Advent and  
Christmas Season.*



## Deacons of the Week

### December 19

Tex Quesada  
Christin Lavery

### December 26

Mike Keith  
Garey Wisdom

### January 2

Jamie Lockett  
Donna Wood-Martin

## Scriptures of the Week

### December 19

Micah 5:2-5a  
Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:46b-55  
Luke 1:39-45

### December 26

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Colossians 3:12-17

Psalm 148  
Luke 2:41-52

### January 2

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Matthew 2:1-12

## All In-Person Midweek Services

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## Fellowship Meals

## Temporarily Suspended

## No Wednesday Evening activities

## December 22 & 29

## 6:15 p.m. Wednesday

## January 5

*The Solace of Fierce Landscapes*

by Belden Lane

with Steve Graham

## October 2021 Financials

### YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$585,450
Expenses	\$558,429
Surplus (Deficit)	\$27,021

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

### 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

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Columbarium

Christmas Eve Missions Offering

## Happy Birthday!

### January

Anthony Hatcher .....	2
Matt Orwig .....	2
Dottie Brashear .....	4
Emma Watson .....	4

## Happy Birthday!

### December

Janet Schultz .....	15
Kate Thompson .....	16
Chris Cechan .....	17
Clint Cechan .....	17
Nolan Meier .....	20
Harold Harrison .....	21
Michael Carter .....	24
James Robinson .....	27
Lindsey Washington .....	27
J.J. Berrier .....	28



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**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom**  
**Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom**  
**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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