



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***Missions Donation to Church World Service***

Your Missions Division had donated \$1500 to Church World Service, a multi-denominational Christian organization founded in 1946, which is providing direct assistance to Ukrainian refugees in Moldova and Romania. If you would like to join Royal Lane in supporting aid for these refugees, See link or qr code to donate to the Ukrainian Crisis Response Fund: <https://cwsglobal.org/ukraine-response-fund/>



CWS has been active in Moldova through several local partners and projects for years. Shortly after Russia's invasion, CWS deployed a specialized staff team to Moldova and Romania to assess the needs of displaced and host communities and recommend how CWS and its partners may best respond. Unfortunately, it is increasingly clear that the humanitarian consequences of Russia's invasion have only worsened, and persisting hostilities continue to threaten the safety, well-being, and even lives, of countless Ukrainians and others affected.

CWS is committed to assisting Ukrainians and others impacted by Russia's aggression for the long-term. Their response will focus in three areas:

**Humanitarian Assistance:** Meeting displaced communities immediate humanitarian needs, such as food and shelter, and supporting host communities.

- 1. Protection (including Child Protection, Gender Based Violence prevention, and anti-trafficking measures):** Building and/or strengthening existing protection mechanisms able to ensure refugees receive safe and dignified assistance and accommodation, with a focus on at-risk children and women.
- 2. Durable Solutions:** Assisting displaced individuals access to current, language appropriate information and resources, and assist, when requested, with safe, onward movement, and asylum and protection in countries across Europe and in the United States, when appropriate.



Connect with this great group of people on Wednesday evenings in-person or online for the Midweek Study, 6:15 pm, Vickrey Hall.  
(Bring your own dinner at 5:30 pm, drinks provided, no childcare.)



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for June 1 & 15, 2022.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*



**The WOC Spring Retreat** was a great success as 50 women congregated for ten hours at Sarah and Rodney Macias' extraordinary Sister Grove Farm. Big thanks to Janet Schultz for tirelessly helping with the registration process, to Barbara Merry for helping with the promotion, and to all who served on the three kitchen clean-up crews. We anticipate more time at this beautiful sacred space in the near future.

*Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez*



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# Coming Events

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter / Graduation Sunday</b>
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Congregational Affiliation Committee — Library
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:00 pm	Reception for Graduates — Vickrey Hall
12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 23</b>
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library
6:00 pm	Member Resource Committee — Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 24</b>
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 25</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Room 202 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (Drinks provided, no childcare)
6:15 pm	Midweek Study with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin — Vickrey Hall/Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 28</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
4:00 pm	Inurnment Service & Reception for Ray Vickrey
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 30 – Memorial Day</b>
	Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 31</b>
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 1 – Mosaic</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Room 202 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (Drinks provided, no childcare)
6:15 pm	Midweek Study with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin — Vickrey Hall/Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 4</b>
2:00 pm	Questers 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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**Save these Dates to say your farewell to Laura. Details coming soon!**

- June 18th: Youth PJs with Pastor Laura
- June 22nd: Children's Goodbye with Talent Show
- June 26th: All-Church Farewell

## 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.



The members and friends of

## *Royal Lane Baptist Church*

extend our best wishes and hearty congratulations  
to our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients.  
May God bless you richly.



### **Scottie Gonzalez**

Scottie, son of Steve and Socorro Gonzalez, graduated from Texas A&M University in December 2021 with a degree in Industrial Distribution. Following graduation, he moved to Austin to begin his full-time role as a Marketing Development Representative at Molecula, a data and analytics start-up. He is excited to start his career in tech sales and is loving Austin!

### **Ryah Hill**

Ryah, daughter of Joe and Jill Hill and sister to Jaxson Hill, has been a part of the Royal Lane family since she was born. She has grown up alongside many of the other graduates here this morning, attending many VBSs, music camp performances (*Oh Jonah*, *It's Cool in the Furnace*, and *The Troubbable of Zerubbabel*, anyone?), children's camps, youth camps and many other church events. She will be graduating from Wylie East High School on Saturday, May 28, ranked 13 out of 500 students. While at East, she led Student Council as president, the yearbook as Editor-in-Chief, National Honors Society as Vice President, and took several AP classes, one including calculus with her dad! After graduation, Ryah plans to attend the University of Texas to major in Advertising. Ryah would like to thank all members of Royal Lane for shaping her into the person she is today. Hook 'em!



### **Rebecca Biyu Huang**

Rebecca, our Royal Lane guest from Shenzhen, China, graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies.

### **Jillian Luna**

Jillian, granddaughter of Bruce Luedke, will graduate cum laude from Mansfield Lake Ridge High School on May 27. In August she will be heading to Texas Tech University where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and perform with the Red Raider Band. In addition to her academic pursuits Jillian has worked part-time at Sprouts Farmers Market for the past two years. Her high school activities have been largely focused on band, where she plays trombone and has served as section leader, brass captain, and as an All-District Band honoree. She received the Girl Scout Silver Award for supporting children and families at Children's Health in Dallas in 2019. Jillian is an active member of the youth group at St. John Lutheran Church in Mansfield. Her summer activities, before leaving for Lubbock in August, will include work, travel, and socializing with long-term friends and family.



### **Austen Maddox**

My first visit to Royal Lane was when I was six weeks old with my mom, Jennifer, dad, Matthew and older brother, Jackson. I remember my first time speaking at church reading scripture. Cookie and Theresa helped me practice during Sunday School. I was involved in gymnastics until I was 12 and then moved to diving for a few years. In high school, I learned French for 3 years. I was in yearbook starting my sophomore year and in my junior year took on the role of design editor. For my senior year I switched my focus to my hope for the future, teaching. The class is known as Ready, Set, Teach, but the program is Texas Association of Future Educators. I am heading to TAFE state with my interactive lesson. Next year, I am heading to the University of Oklahoma. My major is social studies education and a minor in sociology. I am hoping to go to Mexico and Uganda with the College of Education to study and teach abroad.



### **Sarah Rebecca Stokes Mesich & Mathias Mesich**

Sarah Rebecca Stokes Mesich, granddaughter of Cookie Stokes and a past recipient of the Lowes Scholarship, received a Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs from the George Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University. Sarah's husband, Mathias Mesich, received his Masters Degree in International Affairs from the George Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University after six years of study. Sarah and Mathias did a scholars program at University of St. Petersburg in 2019. Sarah and Mathias, with their 9-month old daughter, Riah Renée, will leave for Washington, D.C., in June to work with the Department of Defense.

### **Jayda Parrish**

Jayda Parrish studied marketing at St. John's University and will graduate on Sunday, May 22nd, 2022. During her undergraduate career, she worked in Business Engineering and Partner Solutions at Meta, Global Marketing at L'Oreal and Video Distribution at QVC/HSN. She was actively involved in two mentorships, two fellowships and enjoyed being a member of St. John's University's Chamber Music Ensemble. Jayda is excited about the opportunity to bring a fresh perspective to her full-time role where she will be pursuing Digital Marketing based in Hudson Yards, New York. She would like to express gratitude to her family and the Royal Lane community for their support and guidance.



### **Daniel Robinson**

Daniel, son of Cheryl Robinson, is graduating from Hillcrest High School. He played varsity basketball this past year at Hillcrest and is hoping to play college basketball next year. He has been a part of the church for eleven years and has loved belonging to a church with such amazing people. He is currently playing AAU with Be Elite basketball and is looking to pick up some last second offers. He loves to hang out with friends and family. He will be getting his Eagle Scout tomorrow Monday May 23rd at Central Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. He wants to say thank you to everyone for believing in him and taking him as one of their own. He loves you all and will miss everyone very much when he goes off to college.

### **Luke Speaker**

Luke, grandson of Bruce Luedke, will be graduating from Wylie High School on May 28. Besides his academic pursuits Luke has been an outstanding percussionist in "That Wylie Band" and has pitched for the WHS varsity baseball team. He is an active member of his youth group at Wylie United Methodist Church, plays baseball, and has enjoyed coaching and mentoring younger aspiring athletes. Luke hopes to play baseball at junior college in the fall, with the long-range goal of pursuing a physical therapy or sports-related business degree. He will work this summer as counselor and lifeguard at Sabine Creek Ranch Christian Camp in Royse City and he looks forward to his annual family vacation. Luke is confident that God will over time continue to reveal His plan for Luke's future, and he remains open to that calling.







### **Cora Stokes**

Cora Stokes, granddaughter of Cookie Stokes, is graduating from Founders Classical Academy of Leander after six years of schooling there. She has been heavily involved in athletics through all of high school, including cheerleading, soccer, and track. She serves as the President of the National Honor Society at her school and leads the House of Shakespeare as Head Girl. In her free time, Cora enjoys working at Texas Paintball, playing music, hanging out with her friends and family, and spending time with her newborn niece. She plans to attend Texas State University to graduate from the Honors College with a major in history and a minor in philosophy while obtaining her teaching certification.

### **Grace Watson**

Grace Watson is a member of Royal Lane and has been attending since she was born. She is the daughter of Brian Watson and Charlotte Sewell, sister of Emma and Sadie Watson, and the granddaughter of Anne Sewell. Grace is a member of the National Art Honor Society and has been taking Architecture classes for the past three years. She loves to hang out with friends, walk her dog, play tennis, and loves all things Harry Potter. Grace is graduating from The Covenant School of Dallas and will be attending Belmont University in the fall to study Architecture. Grace will miss her Royal Lane family and is excited to see everyone when she comes home for breaks from school.



### **Diana Zavala**

Diana, daughter of Sophia, graduated from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas and plans to work in Dallas DISD as an orchestra director this coming fall. She was selected for, and received, the Emerald Eagle Award for her high school grades and test scores as an incoming freshman, which covered her tuition and fees for all four years.

## **Lowe Scholarship Donations**

*On the Tenth Anniversary of the establishment of the Lowe Scholarship Fund, we invite you to give generously to support current and future RLBC graduates.*

Donations may be made:

- Online at [royallane.org/give](http://royallane.org/give) and selecting The Lowe Scholarship Fund
- Contacting the church office at 214-361-2809, ext. 11 with credit card information
- Mailing your check (with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line) to the church at

Royal Lane Baptist Church  
6707 Royal Lane, Dallas TX 75230

**Give Online**



## Deacons of the Week

**May 22**

Alan Greider  
Sandy Washington

**May 29**

Sarah Fuller Phillips  
Barrett Wooten

## Scriptures of the Week

**May 22**

Acts 16:9-15  
Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:25

Psalm 67  
John 14:23-29

**May 29**

Acts 1:1-11  
Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 47  
Luke 24:44-53

## Midweek Study 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

**May 29 & June 1**

"Holy Envy"  
by Barbara Brown Taylor  
with Steve Graham &  
Barbara Gunnin

Join us for Fellowship  
at 5:30 pm.  
Bring your Own Meal  
(Drinks Provided, no childcare)

## April 2022 Financials

### YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$267,462
Expenses	\$246,427
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 21,034

\*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

## Happy Birthday!

**May**

Karen Miller .....	18
Samuel Quesada .....	18
Greg King .....	19
Nate Green .....	20
Mike Jones .....	20
Scott Gonzalez .....	22
Sheila Bright .....	23
Rick Carpenter .....	23
Jacob Hammett .....	23
Betty Renfro .....	24
Jane Stubblefield .....	24
Marsha McRae .....	25
Matthew Keller .....	26
Rebecca Rempert .....	27
Jacquie Wooten .....	27
Barrett Wooten .....	28
Reann Tiemann .....	30
Blair Wooten .....	31



In the Box Gallery

**Harry Hunter**

Gallery open by appointment  
10-4, weekdays, 10-5 Wednesdays

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**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm**

**Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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