

# Royal Lane Baptist Church

Diverse People United in Christ

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#### Celebration! Steve Graham

August 5, 2022 is our 50th Wedding Anniversary! Jennifer and I were married on August 5, 1972.

Just a little over two years later in 1974 we moved to Dallas to serve with you at Royal Lane! That was yesterday, but it is hardly gone. We are still very much encouraged by your initiatives to be a gracious people.

Though our anniversary date is not until August, we will travel next week with family and friends to Santa Fe, New Mexico. On Saturday night, July 16, we will share a celebration dinner at Rancho de Chimayo in Chimayo, NM. Many years ago we dined at this restaurant while on a mission trip with a wonderful group from RLBC! We have valued our memories of that evening.



This Sunday, July 10th, after worship we plan to begin our travel and our celebration.

I'm grateful that Rick Carpenter and Charles Johnson will preach on July 17th and 24th.

I will return to Dallas on July 25.



The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for July 20 & August 3, 2022. The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.



The Education, Missions, and Worship Divisions invite you to participate in **A Celebration of Public Education** 

on Saturday July 16 from 4:30pm-6pm in Vickrey Hall with Charles Foster Johnson, Executive Director of Pastors for Texas Children.

- 4:30pm to 5pm a time to gather and visit with light refreshments
- 5pm to 5:20pm a time to hear about the work of PTC and the cause of public education
- 5:20pm to 6pm a time for facilitated conversation on how we can cultivate support of our schools through acts of social justice and legislation that puts the needs of Texas children, families, and communities first.

Pastors for Texas Children believe that public education is a human right, a constitutional guarantee, and a central part of God's plan for human flourishing. Not beholden to any special interest group, political party, or church office they believe in local democracy, cooperation across lines of difference, and organizing to support public education opportunities for Texas children. This is lived out in acts of prayer, service, and advocacy that respect God's good gifts of religious liberty and church-state separation.

### Charles Foster Johnson, Guest Preacher, Sunday, July 17



Charles Foster Johnson is a pastor and public education advocate.

He is founder and pastor of Bread, a faith community in Fort Worth, Texas. Throughout his forty-five-year pastoral ministry, he has served churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas, including the Second Baptist Church of Lubbock and the Trinity Baptist Church of San Antonio.

Rev. Johnson served on the faculty of McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, as Visiting Professor of Preaching. He has served as a pastoral mentor for students at Perkins School of Theology (SMU) and Brite Divinity School (TCU), where he has served as a trustee since 2013. He is involved in civic and denominational life and has been twice named "Baptist of the Year" by the Baptist Center for Ethics (in 2004 and

2018). He was inducted into Morehouse College's Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers in 2008. He was named national "Outstanding Friend of Public Education" by the Horace Mann League in 2020.

In 2013, he founded Pastors for Texas Children, a statewide ecumenical organization mobilizing the faith community for public education support and advocacy. PTC now has over 2,500 faith partners throughout Texas. The national organization, Pastors for Children, now has networks in eight states.

Rev. Johnson is a frequent preacher and speaker in university, church, business, education, and non-profit circles. He has written for numerous publications and has made guest appearances on cable network news shows. He is married to Jana, has three children, and three grandchildren.

## **Coming Events**

Sunday	July 10 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
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	
12:15 pm	Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall	
7:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting & Program Council — Zoom	
	Monday – Thursday — Summer Fun Days	
	July 11 – July 14	
	6:00 – 7:30 pm — Vickrey Hall	
	Monday – Campout Under the Stars	
	Tuesday – Christmas in July	
	Wednesday – Water World	
Thursday – Dinner & a Movie		
Monday	July 11	
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Zoom	
Tuesday	July 12	
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee	
Wednesday	July 13	
	No Wednesday evening activities	
Saturday	July 16	
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom	
4:30 pm	A Celebration of Public Education (4:30 – 6:00 pm) — Vickrey Hall	
Sunday	July 17 – Sunday	
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building	
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)	
10:55 am	Morning Worship – Charles Johnson, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel	
12:30 pm	Program Council — Vickrey Hall	
	Monday – Friday — Children's Camp	
	July 18 – 22	
	Disciples Crossing, Athens Texas	
Monday	July 18	
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library	
Tuesday	July 19	
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee	
	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	

#### Quarterly Church Conference 6:30 pm, Wednesday, July 20 – Zoom

What is going on with the Children & Youth Building? Will we be celebrating Royal Lane's 70th Anniversary this Fall? Join the upcoming Royal Lane Quarterly Church Conference to find out! Updates from our Division Chairs and financial reports will be presented as well, along with reports from our Staff. The Quarterly Conference will be held only via Zoom, Wednesday, July 20th, at 6:30 PM. Check out the QR Code for the Zoom link and meeting materials.



### 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 Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

### **Trivia Contest Winners**

And the winners of the Independence Celebration Trivia Contest are . . . Bill Ferguson, Anne Sewell, Shirley James, Karen Miller, Lauren Miller, Jordan Weilage, Patsy Meier, and Cookie Stokes.



### Drop Everything and Read!!!



On Tuesday, July 5, we had 4 readers for Drop Everything and Read. Cookie Stokes, Grace Watson, Sadie Watson and Charlotte Sewell had a great time reading and doing puzzles and memory work with the children served by Youth Believing in Change. We would love for you to join us next Tuesday from 12:15 pm-1:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call the church office or Charlotte Sewell 214-533-7326. We hope to see you then!



### **Deacons of the Week**

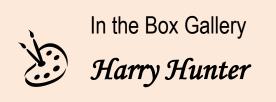
**July 10** Jamie Luckett Donna Wood-Martin

> **July 17** Blake Miller Cathy Walling

### Quarterly Church Conference Wednesday July 20, 6:00 p.m. Zoom

### Midweek Programs will resume Wednesday August 3, 6:15 p.m. Vickrey Hall

Join us for Fellowship at 5:30 pm. Bring your Own Meal (Drinks Provided)



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

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### **Scriptures of the Week**

#### July 10

Amos 7:7-17 Colossians 1:1-14 Psalm 82 Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:15-28 Psalm 52 Luke 10:38-42

### May 2022 Financials

YTD ActualRevenues\*\$305,081Expenses\$327,798Surplus (Deficit)(\$ 22,717)\*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/

Giving menu includes: General Fund The Lowe Scholarship Fund Columbarium

### Happy Birthday!

#### July

Kathy Hatcher	7
Leslie McKinney	
Harper Wooten	
Claire Keith	9
Jill Hill	10
Behnoush Ghodsi	11
Harrison Wooten	18
Jeff Dobbs	19
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