



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***When are we?***

*Garrett Vickrey*

In 1978 James Baldwin wrote, "All that can save you now is your confrontation with your own history... which is not your past, but your present."

Ancient peoples thought of time as cyclical. What has been will be again. That recognition made the past a part of their present. We tend to focus on the novelty of each moment. And then there are moments like this.

The 70th anniversary of a church we love seems to make the past all the more present to us. We start thinking back to when we were first welcomed into this fellowship. Some of us were too young to remember that moment, so we have to rely on the memories of others. We remember baptisms, funerals, Easter breakfasts, and mission trips. We remember garage sales, pumpkin patches, and the high school kid peddling gift wrap at Wednesday night supper to raise money for band. Don't you wish we could just pay a little more in taxes and not have to buy gift wrap or \$12 bags of popcorn? But, I digress.

In the mundane moments Sunday to Sunday and Wednesday after Wednesday bonds are formed. The ties that bind God's Spirit to our bones thread us together as the body of Christ. Growth occurs as if overnight. All of a sudden church arrives or maybe grows out of an unseen garden. And it takes moments like this to look back and see how far we've come.

But, Royal Lane, you are toying with time. On the Sunday before your 70th Anniversary you called a new pastor. So even as the past is present to us on this anniversary Sunday, the future also charms us with its possibility. What a wonderful opportunity for confrontation with our history as we meet the challenges of our time with great hope for the future God dreams for this church.

I wonder what those founders would have thought if a woman had submitted her resume to be pastor of Royal Lane in 1952. We would probably be embarrassed of the minutes from such a meeting. This church has never been perfect. But it has erred on the side of grace and sought to be an inclusive fellowship seeking to embody the kinship of God's beloved community. Royal Lane has been a diverse people united in Christ. In other words: a mosaic of grace.

You called a divorced man to be your pastor in 1981. Probably the first divorced baptist pastor in Texas. And you probably would have called a woman to be your pastor sooner had that divorced guy not stayed so long! And now you have unanimously selected a gifted pastor to walk with you faithfully for the facing of this hour.

Elijah Donald once said, "In the truest sense those who are most faithful to the needs of their own time are those who live ahead of their time." Too many churches are empowered more by nostalgia than their hope for the future. May you continue, Royal Lane, to meet the needs of our time and continue as a beacon for free, faithful, and inclusive baptists everywhere.

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for November 16 & December 7, 2022.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

## Rev. Victoria Robb Powers



Victoria Robb Powers is called as our next Senior Pastor! At the unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation of the Pastor Search Committee, Rev. Robb Powers preached in view of a call on Oct. 30th and was wholly embraced by the congregation (by both those in person and watching and voting online).

This is our first female Senior Pastor. It is an exciting new step in Royal Lane's journey, and we are thrilled to welcome Rev. Robb Powers and her family to our community of believers. Husband, Matt, and children Benjamin (7), Ruthie (5), and Hannah (18 months) were in attendance on Sunday. If you did not have the opportunity to see her sermon, you owe it to yourself to go to [Royallane.org](http://Royallane.org) and find the link to Sunday's service.

Rev. Robb Powers comes to Royal Lane from University Park United Methodist Church where she has served as Executive Pastor since 2019.

She will start on Monday, January 2nd, 2023, and her first Sunday to preach will be January 8th.

The Pastor Search Committee thanks all of you for the thousands of hours which you spent in prayer for us, for our search, and for the future of Royal Lane Baptist Church.

*Phil Keith, Cathy Walling, Sandy Washington, Christin Lavery, Shannon Miller, Melanie Ferguson, Percy Parrish, Mike Jones, and Tex Quesada.*

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## Stewardship 2023 – Who Are We...(becoming)?



We are seeking to continue to be a catalyst for love and light in our city and beyond as we journey to:

- be an anti-racist congregation
- advocate for and fully support the LGBTQIA+ community
- boldly support racial and social justice efforts

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary and begin our eighth decade we encourage you to be a part of this journey by prayerfully considering your stewardship through the tithing and offering of your time, talents, and financial resources.

This is who we are and who we are becoming...as we ***Celebrate Our Legacy and Commit to Our Future.***



**Make your pledge today at [royallane.org/pledge](http://royallane.org/pledge)**

**Pledge Update 10/31/2022 – Total units pledged: 47, Total pledged: \$371,220**

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# Coming Events

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 6 – All Saints Sunday / 70th Anniversary Celebration</b>
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship, Garrett Vickrey, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:00 pm	70th Anniversary Celebration Lunch — Vickrey Hall
	After Lunch – Missions Committee — Christian Education Building, Room 201
7:30 pm	Education Division — Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 8</b>
6:30 pm	Women of the Church — Thirsty Lion Gastropub, 7859 Walnut Hill Ln, Suite 140 (Across from Trader Joe's)
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 9</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
	Menu: Chicken Quesadillas served with Beans, Rice, and Salad. Dessert: Cookies
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study with Dean Dickens — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
	<b>Thursday – Saturday, November 10-12 – Alliance of Baptists — Montgomery, Alabama</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 10</b>
6:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 12</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 13 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:10 am	Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am	Morning Worship, Melissa Walker-Luckett, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
	Deacon Ordination
2:30 pm	Memorial Service, Forrest McKinney — Sanctuary, Reception Following — Vickrey Hall ( <i>childcare provided</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 15</b>
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 16 – Mosaic</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
	Menu: Pot Roast with Veggies served with Dinner Roll and a Salad, Dessert: Pie
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study with Dean Dickens — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm	Racial Justice Orientation — Vickrey Hall
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 17</b>
7:30 pm	Children's Committee and Sunday School Teachers — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 19</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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## 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.

## Pumpkin Patch Update and Thank you!

Our Pumpkin Patch season has come to a close, and I am so grateful to all of you who helped make our October so wonderful. The Pumpkin Patch is a very important source of funds which help us pay for the various missions and ministries of our church. It is also a way to reach out to our Beloved Community, and to connect with neighbors who tell us that they come buy their pumpkins from us every year. We cannot run the Pumpkin Patch without all of you who volunteer your time, your marketing and sales experience, and also your muscles. I want to thank every one of you who helped this year. You made this fundraiser a success!

I am very pleased to announce that our total pumpkin sales this year were \$47,163.40. We receive around 40% of these sales, after we subtract any extra costs, and we will have a final profit total to share with you very soon.

*Charlotte Sewell*



### WOC Meeting

**Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 pm**

You told us and we listened...Our November meeting will be at Thirsty Lion Gastropub...no speakers...maybe an update or two. But mostly it will be a time to spend with like-minded friends and enjoy each other's company.

So go vote, then come join us at

Thirsty Lion Gastropub  
7859 Walnut Hill Ln, Suite 140  
(Across from Trader Joe's)

View the menu at [www.thirstyliongastropub.com](http://www.thirstyliongastropub.com)

For further information, contact Karen Miller,  
Paulette Harrison

*Welcome*

*New Member  
Madge Cruse*





## Deacons of the Week

**November 6**

Mike Keith

Garey Wisdom

## Midweek Program 6:00 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

**November 9 & 16**

With Dean Dickens

Join us for a Fellowship Meal  
at 5:30 pm.

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations  
and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.



In the Box Gallery

**Debi Wooten**

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

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,  
contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or  
bmerry@royallane.org.

## Scriptures of the Week

**November 6**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

**November 13**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

## September 2022 Financials

### YTD Actual

Revenues\* \$517,749

Expenses \$583,462

Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 65,713)

\*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!

### November

Tonyia Dotson.....	2
Cheryl Robinson .....	2
Marcia Parrish .....	4
Grace Watson .....	5
Debi Wooten .....	8
Ashley Ragsdale.....	10
Aiden Stewart.....	10
Mike Gill .....	12
Laurie Page.....	13
Lynette Orten .....	14
Judy Mullinax.....	15
Blake Vickrey.....	15



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**Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm**

**Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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