



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Words of Lent

Every year before Lent, the Royal Lane children help us say goodbye to the word “Alleluia.” They march the letters of the word down the center aisle on the first Sunday morning in Lent and put them in a box for safe keeping. The letters are then taken out and Alleluia returns on Easter morning. By saying goodbye to Alleluia, we recognize that our joyful proclamations are put away for the contemplative season of Lent. As one writer says, “Alleluias are joyful proclamations, which we put away during the more contemplative season of Lent... putting away a favorite toy for a while – to appreciate it better later.”

This should uncover for us the power of words. Words matter. Words prepare us, enliven us, and skim the surface of the mystery of God. And so, I think about the word “Lent.” Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton*, meaning “spring” or “lengthening” during this time of year when the days are growing longer. Lent also comes from the Latin *lentare*, which means to “bend.” Understanding the power of the word “Lent” reveals that this season is a time of personal and communal transformation, a time of bending, lengthening, and changing. Lent is the season in which we look deeply at the life of Jesus and his journey to the cross.

But when we say goodbye to the word Alleluia, we say hello to the words of Lent. This Lenten season, in sermon and in song, we are examining the seven last statements of Jesus from the cross. These words are heavy, vibrantly relational, and very mysterious. Jesus’ first word is “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” In this first statement from the cross we get the relieving assurance of God’s FORGIVENESS. Even if forgiveness is difficult for us, God reminds us that we are loved. Jesus’ second word from the cross is one of SALVATION. Jesus says to the thief being crucified next to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Jesus’ third word from the cross reveals the value of RELATIONSHIP. Even as Jesus died with the weight of the world on his shoulders, he took care of his mother, Mary. The fourth word of Jesus, “I thirst,” reminds us that even Jesus was in DISTRESS. We see that Jesus was human and struggled with the same physical needs that we do.

Jesus’ fifth word is probably the most gut-wrenching word of Lent – ABANDONMENT. Jesus cried out from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” We all go through difficult times when we question the presence of God in our lives. Jesus did too. Then his sixth word from the cross is one of protection and trust when he says, “Into your hands I commit my spirit.” In those times when we feel most abandoned, we eventually find REUNION with God. And then the final word of Jesus from the cross is one of TRIUMPH. Jesus finally said, “It is finished!” This statement was much more than a dying man’s last words. It announced to God that Jesus had accomplished all that needed to be done. Yet, this Lent, we are to continue Christ’s work in the world. These last words from the cross remind us that Lent feels heavy and long, but that the last word at Easter will be one of RESURRECTION and we will all be changed for the better.

Pastor Mike

The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 3 & 17, 2019.

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



Missions Matters

Royal Lane has a long history of answering God's call to love through service. "Missions Matters" will appear in the Mosaic on a regular basis. It will highlight our continuing commitment to missions and other matters where we reach out to the community. This will be a place where we will tell our stories and perhaps help you find what "matters" most to you.

Karen Miller would like YOUR story!

Volunteer Story Form - <https://tinyurl.com/ycfwdytd>

You won't want to miss the Women of the Church Spring Retreat!

Experience Twenty-Four Hours that will change your life!

"SEEKING BALANCE; FINDING PEACE"



Friday

1PM – Check in to your beautiful lodge room that overlooks Lake Texoma!

2PM – Join Barbara Gunnin and friends on a hike around the stunning lake and property

4PM – Listen to Amanda Gregg speak about how the Danish concept of *hygge* can bring more balance and peace to your life

6PM – Welcome dinner in the dining commons

7:15PM – How Balanced Are You? An introductory exercise with Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

7:45-8:30PM – KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles

"Find Rest for Your Souls" – Wisdom on Balance

8:30-9:15PM – Join us at the firepit on the patio for a singalong

9:15-? – Hang out down by the lake; make some new friends; share and care

Saturday

7AM – Begin the day with an optional sunrise prayer service at the lake--lead by Paulette Harrison

8AM – BREAKFAST in the dining commons

8:45AM – Group picture taken outside of the dining commons

9AM – KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Dr. Jan Quesada

"Mindful Silence: Practicing Christian Contemplation"

10:30-11:30AM – Break-out sessions by your stage of life/challenges

Choice One: Laura Keller: "Balance or Bedlam? Seeking Calm in a Sea of Responsibilities: How Mindfulness and Gratitude can Bring Peace to Your Life"

Choice Two: Allison Blankenship: "Aging is Optional: 5 Anti-Aging Lifestyle Essentials to Live a Longer, Healthier and Happier Second Half of Life"

NOON: LUNCH in the dining commons

1PM – Finding Balance through COMMUNION – Rosa Belgard

2PM – Check out of your rooms; feel free to spend as much time enjoying the hiking trails and natural beauty as you want before you head back home



Registration opened on March 17th! Last year, we filled up the lodge.

Please register soon to reserve your spot!

Double room with two queen beds — \$110

Single room with a queen bed — \$150

Registration forms available online, from Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez, or in the church office.

Coming Events

Sunday March 24 – Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am OWL – Our Whole Lives, March Study for Adults — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall
- 12:15 pm 20/30 Ministry — Zoe's Kitchen, 6025 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230
- 6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of Larry Allen

Wednesday March 27

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner – Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Rolls, Lemon Bars — Vickrey Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg; Luke 2:1-21, The Birth of Jesus — Vickrey Hall
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday March 30

- [time] am/pm Foster Care Group — Home of Barbara Gunnin

Sunday March 31 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am OWL – Our Whole Lives, March Study for Adults — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal & Lunch — Vickrey Hall (childcare provided)
- 12:15 pm Youth Work Day & Lunch — Vickrey Hall & Portables
- Afternoon: Kosher Chili Cook-off — Tiferet Israel

Tuesday April 2

- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library

Wednesday April 3 – Mosaic

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS: Child Abuse Prevention — Vickrey Hall
Speaker: Dianna Smoot, Director of Community Education with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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Welcome

Welcome, Jim & Mike Rainbolt-Bailey who joined RLBC on March 10, 2019



Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship

Application forms are available in the church office and on the RLBC Website.
Contributions to the Lowe Scholarship Fund may be made at onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give

You are invited to a

bridal

Shower

honoring

Shannon Simmons & Blake Miller

April 7, 2019

2:00 pm – 4:00 p.m.

**Royal Lane Baptist Church Library
6707 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230**

Hosted by Paulette Harrison,
Brittany Jones, Bettie Meachum,
Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez, Jan Quesada,
Rebecca Rempert, Debi Wooten

RSVP: Rebecca Rempert
rebeccarempert@gmail.com
by March 30, 2019

The couple is registered at: Bed, Bath, and Beyond; Crate & Barrell; Amazon

***Evening of Change 2019* – Youth Believing in Change – April 25, 2019**

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Gateway Church, 12123 Hillcrest Road, Dallas, Texas

On Thursday, April 25, at Youth Believing in Change's annual banquet, Dennis and Sylvia Turnbull will be honored for their service. DeeDee Young and Connie Bechtol will also be recognized.

Keynote Speaker

**Lynn McBee, CEO — Young Women's Preparatory Network
Preparing Future Gatekeepers — Psalm 127:4-5**



Lynn McBee is a seventh generation descendent of Emily Austin, sister to Stephen F. Austin, the Father of Texas.

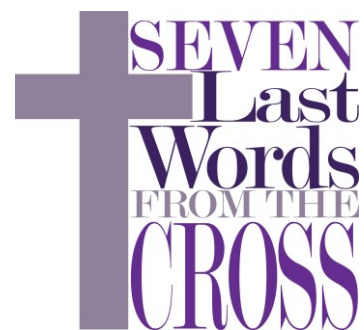
For more than 25 years, Lynn has tirelessly served the Dallas community. Particularly to agencies like YBC, Lyn has used her skills and affiliations to bring unity and parity to areas where there is disparity.

Currently, Lynn is CEO of the Young Women's Preparatory Network (YWPN), which is a public-private partnership with Dallas Independent School District (DISD).

Through mentoring, life skills and STEM, YWPN helps break cycles of poverty among girls from underserved communities. Thus, developing them into young ladies who become first generation college graduates.

Lynn is also an officer for the Dallas County Community College District Foundation, where she provides critical insights on programs and services that remove barriers of entry to college. Lynn also raises funds for financial aid and scholarship so that students who normally do not attend college may do so.

Lent & Holy Week



Lenten Series (March 6 – April 14)

7 Last Words of Jesus

Wednesday March 6 – Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary

Sunday April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday

10:55 am Morning Worship – Procession of Palms

Wednesday April 17

5:30 pm Family Supper — Vickrey Hall

6:00 pm Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement

6:15 pm Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall

6:15 pm Children's Seder — Children's Building

7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Friday April 19 – Good Friday

5:30 pm Choir Dinner — Library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

8:00 pm Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)

“The Seven Last Words of Christ” – Théodore Dubois

8:00 pm Children's Good Friday Service — Children's Building

Saturday April 20

2:00 pm Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

Sunday April 21 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Front Lawn

Testimony of Joy – Karen Miller

8:30 am Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1

10:55 am Morning Worship – “A New Word of Beginning” — Sanctuary

Prayer Requests:

Joey Belgard, on the death of his aunt, **Hattie Deville JJ Berrier**

Carmen Conaway, wife of **Erin Conaway**, pastor at Seventh & James, Waco, Texas

The Family of Henry Foster, former member, on his death

Neal Kelley and Family (friends of **Steve Gooch**), on the death of his daughter, **Rachael**

Sue Ann Grass, sister of **Nancy Ferrell**

Sharon Gregg, mother of **Mike Gregg**

Phil Hudson, father of **Amanda Gregg's** best friend in Atlanta and **Tim Taylor**, **Amanda Gregg's** uncle

Shari Lewis' (first time visitor) son, **Kevin**

Jackson Maddox

Rick Mathews, friend of **Danny Ray**

Ruth May

Kenny Mash and his mother, friends of **Larry Wilkerson**

Wayne McClellan

Forrest McKinney

Jack Mullinax

Gary Raiza, son of **Maebelle Raiza**

Danny Ray

Daniel Solyom

Sandra Tilden, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

Brett Washburn

Jordan Weilage's friends & family: **Mehran, Keyvan, Shahin, Ladah & Family**

Please continue to pray for:

Jackie Arnold, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Jerome Collins**, friend of **Mike Hurder**; **Robbye Foster's** brother, **Robert**; **Doug Leinneweber**; **Minnie Macias**, mother of **Rodney**

Macias; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Robert Putman**; **Ray Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Jordan Weilage**; **Byron Willey**, cousin of **Daryl Willey**; **John Wolf**, **Garland Pipe Organ**

Remember the homebound: **Norman Morris**; **Betty Renfroe**; **Libba Studdard**; **James C. Walker**

Thank You Notes

Pastor Mike, I want to thank you for this, and for all your thoughtful columns. Years ago (nearly 2 decades, now), I was the pastor of City Church, a church that Royal Lane sponsored, along with two other congregations. Since that time, I have watched as the church has grown, changed, and remained true to our calling. Today I am a hospice chaplain, and I always look forward to receiving The Mosaic in my inbox. Thank you for this, and for your ministry to all of us, many of whom consider ourselves Royal Laners in the diaspora!

Sincerely,
Vicki G. Lumpkin



Easter Flower Orders

Easter Flower Order forms are available as inserts in the order of worship and in the church office.

Please return forms to the church office by Wednesday, April 10, in order to include your dedication in the Easter Sunday order of worship. Make your check payable to Royal Lane Baptist Church and designate in the memo section "Easter Flower".

Cost: \$15 per Easter Flower/Dedication.

Deacons of the Week

March 24

Scott Bryant [972] 814-4013

Melanie Ferguson [310] 927-1341

March 31

Percy Parrish [214] 457-6613

Charlotte Sewell [214] 533-7326

Scriptures of the Week

March 24

Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalm 63:1-8
Luke 13:1-9

March 31

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Psalm 32
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Midweek Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday In Vickrey Hall March 27

Bible Study: Luke 2:1-21
with Mike Gregg

April 3

IN FOCUS:

Child Abuse Prevention

with Dianna Smoot

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, March 27

Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Rolls,
Lemon Bars

Wednesday, April 3

To be announced

Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person
Families - \$15 per family
Seniors - \$5 per person

Menus are available on the
RLBC website calendar.
Open "Midweek Family Dinner" for details

In the Box Gallery

Jim Norman Bush

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

Happy Birthday!

March

Von Irwin	21
Lily Brashear	22
Rod Cook	22
Amber Luckett-Seymour.....	23
Michael Estill	26
Melanie Ferguson.....	26
Jan Quesada.....	26
Marcy Waters Cason	28
Jenny Cechan	29
Jack Mullinax	31
Gena Mukasa-Magoye	31

April

Brian Watson.....	1
Jordan Weilage.....	1
James C. Walker.....	2

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,
contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or
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Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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