



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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The Phases of the Moon

My daughters are studying the night sky as part of their science curriculum for school. They are learning about constellations, planets, and satellites. On Friday, my wife, Amanda, set up a lesson for them to learn the phases of the moon. They read about those phases, used matching cards to play a game about the phases of the moon, and created their own moon phase chart. When I came home on Friday afternoon last week, they began to ramble on about a waxing gibbous and a waning crescent and I realized at that moment that my children are already far smarter than I am.

As I thought about the phases of the moon and how it goes through a cycle of birth and death every month, I thought too about the phases of a church community and the journey we are on at Royal Lane. Sometimes we have to grieve a loss and sometimes we have to stay strong through the pains of change. But this change is the rhythm of life, the rhythm of ministry.

There are days when beloved church members die, when the budget is tight, and when disagreements seem intense. It is in those moments when we don't see anything up in the night sky. Everything is in the shadows. But there are also moments when the glow of the heavens is so intense that everything is illuminated and we can see clearly our mission and vision. We feel that everything we are doing is right in line with God's plan for us. People are energized and everything is smooth. But, for the most part, a majority of the cycle of the moon happens in the "in-between," with a little light and a little darkness, with more light and more darkness. That is the difficulty and the invitation to being created by God.

We just had our Quarterly Church Conference to approve our 2019 budget. Although the budget was approved and done so with optimistic energy, it is clear we aren't where we want to be financially. It might feel like there is more shadow to the moon than light. But, even in the darkness, we know the moon is still present even when we can't see it. God is with us, even if God seem to be behind the scenes. Yet, I believe that we have the right Committees, Committee Chairs, Deacons, and Staff to realize a season that is aglow with opportunity. We have an opportunity this year to right size our budget, to solidify our mission and vision, and to celebrate our church's unique presence in Dallas. And if you need hope about this, just look into the night sky.

Pastor Mike

The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for March 6 & 20, 2019.

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

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

Coming Events

Sunday February 24 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany / Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box-Hawkins Gallery
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship – Tiffany Pittman, preacher — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Q&A Luncheon with Tiffany Pittman — Vickrey (Family) Hall (*childcare provided*)

Wednesday February 27

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey (Family) Hall
Sloppy Joe's, Roasted Garlic Rosemary Potatoes, Salad, Apple Pie
- 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 — Vickrey (Family) Hall
Luke 1:26-56, The Birth of Jesus and Mary's Song
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Sunday March 3 – Transfiguration Sunday / The Gathering

- 9:00 am Equity in Access — Library
- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Vickrey (Family) Hall
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
- 5:00 pm Fat Tuesday on Sunday (Youth & Children's Fundraiser) — Vickrey (Family) Hall

Tuesday March 5

- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library

Wednesday March 6 – Ash Wednesday / Mosaic

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner –Soup and Bread — Vickrey (Family) Hall
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Prayers — Vickrey (Family) Hall
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary
- 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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Equity in Access – at Work for RLBC

The Accessibility Committee wants to draw your attention to the completed pew project and give special recognition to Team Wooten and Hurder for accomplishing this task. You will notice that six spaces (four in front and two behind the columns) are now shortened, allowing space for individuals to either sit in those spaces while remaining in a wheelchair, or to transfer to the pews while parking a mobility device next to them, out of the aisles. You will also note that the carefully crafted custom design blends very well with our existing pews.

Additionally, reserved handicapped parking spaces has been added to the north side of the Sanctuary, allowing ramp access to the newly automated side doors.





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>

Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 pm, March 6 — Sanctuary

*We invite you to join us in Family Hall at 6:15 pm
as we transition, in prayer, to the Sanctuary.*

The Significance of Lent

John B. Coburn

Lent is a time to begin again. It is the best time to begin again. It is the time that is *now*. It may be the only time we have. Of course, any time is a good time. We cannot pick and choose the time. But Lent presents itself "in our face."

Lent gives us time to look again at Jesus as he was "led by the Spirit for 40 days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil." It was the time when he had to sort things out for himself, to wrestle with the options before him, to decide what road he was to travel, who were to be his companions, and what he could count on.

Lent gives us time to pause and take stock: am I becoming the kind of person I want to become? Or am I letting things slide, giving way to the comfortable, the easiest way, the popular way? Do I stand for something I can be proud of? Lent is a good time to stand up and be counted. What can we be counted for? What can we do to help our church stand for something? When we "go along to get along," we find ourselves on a slippery slope that is hard to get off.

Lent is, finally, a time for hope. Life doesn't have to be a time of discouragement, when we give up trying to make something of ourselves. The Christian life is, in part, a decision to keep looking at the One who went through all we have to go through, who was buffeted even more than we are, who died and rose again.

This is the Christ whom we are to "put on." Lent is a good time to do it. Again.

John B. Coburn is retired Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

You are invited Royal Lane Mardi Gras & Karaoke

aka Fat Tuesday on Sunday before Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 3
RLBC Vickrey (Family) Hall
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Fundraiser for Children's and Youth Ministries
Pancake Dinner & King Cake!



OUR WHOLE LIVES

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY
EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

WHEN:

**Sunday Mornings in March
9:45 - 10:40 AM**

WHERE:

**Royal Lane Baptist Church
Vickrey Hall**

FACILITATORS:

**Sandy Washington &
Tim Schaefer**

PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION DIVISION
OF ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

**ALL ADULTS
WELCOME!**

MARCH 3

Introduction to OWL:

Discussing OWL program values,
sexuality in a faith community,
sexually healthy congregation
assessment

MARCH 10

Sexuality & Values:

Exploring personal and societal
values and attitudes around sex,
understanding how these attitudes
and values change

MARCH 17

Sexual/Gender Diversity:

Understanding sexual orientation
and gender identity, exploring
societal tolerance of sexual and
gender diversity

MARCH 24

Sexuality & Life Stages:

Sexuality and family, gender roles,
sexuality and aging, sexuality and
(dis)ability

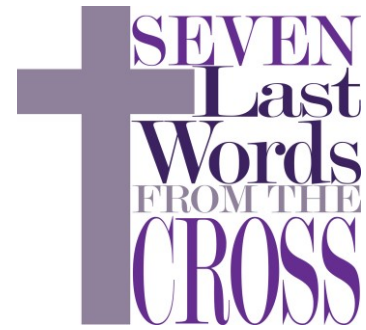
MARCH 31

Sexual Health w/ Shavon Griffin from Prism Health North Texas:

HIV & AIDS, sexually transmitted
infections, importance of safer sex
practices at all ages

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL:
TSCHAEFER@ROYALLANE.ORG

Lent & Holy Week



Sunday March 3 – Fat Tuesday on Sunday

5:00 pm Royal Lane Mardi Gras & Karaoke — Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
Fundraiser for Children’s and Youth Ministries

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:

Rosa Barrientos, on the death of her mother, **Gregoria Olvera (Ama Golita)**
Connie Bechtol, on the death of her cousin, **Jeff Groves JJ Berrier**
Ashley Fleenor's teacher's daughter, **Fiona Cami Gaffney**, daughter of **Natalie Levy Gaffney**
Sue Ann Grass, sister of **Nancy Ferrell Leonard Gresham**
Neva Harvey, mother of **Susie Leinneweber's** son-in-law
John Kalinowsky, former member
Ruth May

Forrest McKinney
Judy Mullinax
Gary Raiza, son of **Maebelle Raiza**
Alice Rannells, mother of **Dianna Stouffer**
Sally Robinson, mother of **Leslie Cechan**
Daniel Solyom
Sandra Tilden, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden Ray & Sharon Vickrey**
Lindsey Washington, daughter of **Doug & Sandy Washington**
Jordan Weilage's friends & family: **Mehran, Keyvan, Shahin, Ladah & Family, Massoud**

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

John Leonard, myself and our family thank Royal Lane Baptist Church for your support during our father's recent passing. We are thankful for our RLBC family and your prayers. We also thank everyone who attended our father's service and those who welcomed and assisted with people who were with us on that day. We are humbled and thankful for the outpouring of love.

Thank you.

Steve Sumter & John Leonard Gresham

Dear Pastor Mike & Church,

A note of thanks for prayers and kind words during my recent hospital stay. Royal Lane has been a beacon of Light through God's grace during these past couple of months.

I am home and on the mend. Praying for the work of Royal Lane and your teaching us each week. Will be back next Sunday.

*In His Love,
Pam Keith*

Faith in Texas Lobby Day – March 7
Register online at faithintexas.salsalabs.org

FAITH IN TEXAS
The Power of Faithful People

FAITH IN TEXAS LOBBY DAY

We are taking **the power of faithful people** to the 86th Texas State Legislature

DATE: MARCH 7, 2019
TIME: 6AM-9PM

Get on the bus with us as we head to Austin, where we will call on our lawmakers to help us create a more just community. We will provide snacks and water, meals will be on your own.

REGISTER AT:
faithintexas.salsalabs.org/2019LobbyDay

MEET @ CITY TEMPLE SDA CHURCH
1530 BONNIE VIEW RD.
DALLAS, TX 75224

Deacons of the Week

February 24

Cathy Webb [214] 354-4766

Scott Bryant [972] 814-4013

March 3

Ray Cox [940] 385-9880

Kelley Keith [214] 334-5068

Scriptures of the Week

February 24

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

March 3

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 [gospel]

Midweek Service

February 27

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

Vickrey (Family) Hall

Bible Study - Luke 1:26-56

with Mike Gregg

March 6

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday Service

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, February 27

Sloppy Joe's, Roasted Garlic Rosemary
Potatoes, Salad, Apple Pie

Wednesday, March 6

Soup & Bread

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-Hawkins Gallery

Jim Norman Bush

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

Happy Birthday!

February

Glenn Brown	23
Dina DiMaria	23
Daniel Robinson.....	23
Lisa Waters.....	23
Ashley Fleenor	24
Amy Brown.....	26
Franklin Gitlin.....	27

March

Addison Birdwell	1
Mark DeWitt	2
Karen Simmons.....	3
Rex Raiza	4
Cookie Stokes.....	5
Dan Thompson.....	5

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Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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