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Martin Luther King Jr. as a Baptist

In 1517, a German morality professor at Wittenberg named Martin Luther published his Ninety-Five Theses criticizing the state church for clergy abuse because the church received money for forgiveness. Salvation came through paying a fee and not by genuine repentance of the heart and true moral change. Because of Martin Luther's actions, Protestantism was born. And you hear it, at the root of the word Protestant is protest. Protestants protested that there wasn't enough freedom, freedom of the people to learn about and experience the inclusive love of God on their own. Freedom is what began Protestantism and one hundred years later freedom created the first Baptists.

The first Baptist church popped up in Amsterdam with Thomas Helwys as its pastor and eventually spread to London with John Smyth. And then, when these Baptist separatists came to the new world, Roger Williams was among them. He was credited with the beginnings of Baptist life in America. Roger Williams started the colony of Rhode Island where religion and citizenship were separated. Yet, those first Baptists in America were persecuted and hated by other colonies around them because of their views against state control and their unwillingness to baptize infants. So, early Baptists knew what it was like to be persecuted in early America.

Roger Williams, the founder of Baptist life in America, fought for freedom. His views on religious freedom and tolerance, coupled with his disapproval of the practice of confiscating land from Native Americans, earned him the wrath of the American church and banishment from the Massachusetts Bay colony. So, Williams and his followers settled on Narragansett Bay, where they purchased land from the Narragansett Indians and established a new colony governed by the principles of religious liberty and separation of church and state. Rhode Island became a haven for Baptists, Quakers, Jews and other religious minorities. And Roger Williams also learned native languages and befriended and included native peoples and all persecuted peoples. So, you can see, at its core, early Baptist belief was founded on protest, on inclusion, and on freedom.

Just as the beginning of Protestantism and Baptist life began with the name of Martin Luther in Germany, that same freedom, inclusion, and protest followed in another Martin Luther three hundred years later in the American South. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was the pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and then later Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. And just like Roger Williams, Dr. King was an avid supporter of Native American rights. You see, when the early Baptists were on these shores, racial hatred against Native Americans was strong. And in Birmingham and Montgomery, Dr. King worked for desegregation for all dark-skinned children, including native born children. It was the Baptist thing to do.

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*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 6 & 20, 2019.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

Coming Events

Sunday January 27 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship – Youth Sunday — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Program Council — Family Hall
- 12:30 pm 20/30 (Young Adult Ministry) – Neuhaus Café, 5959 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230

Wednesday January 30

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Family Supper – Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Vanilla Cake — Family 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 – Bill Morse, Community Engagement Director, New Friends New Life — Family Hall
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday February 2

- 2:00 pm Social Justice Team — Home of Karen Simmons

Sunday February 3 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany / The Gathering

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — 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

Monday – Friday – Brite Ministers Week**Tuesday February 5**

- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library
- 6:30 pm Missions Committee — Room 202

Wednesday February 6

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Family Supper – Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Chocolate Cake — Family 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 – Quarterly Church Conference — Family Hall
- 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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King believed, as stated in his Nobel lecture, that poverty, racism, and war could only be eliminated by nonviolent means. Nonviolence is ultimately love of neighbor. Love was King’s moral imperative. In 1967 in an address to the anti-war group Clergy and Laity Concerned, he said: “When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Muslim-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the first epistle of Saint John: ‘Let us love one another; for love is God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.’”

This Godly love was evident in King’s mother, who was an accomplished organist and choir leader and who took him to various Baptist churches to sing, where he received a good bit of attention for singing, “I Want to Be More and More Like Jesus.” And I think those are good words for us today. It would be well for us to be more and more like Jesus who loved those on the margins and welcomed all to the middle of the circle. It would also be well for us to be more and more like the one who through protest, nonviolence, and freedom, showed love to the world, the good Baptist, Martin Luther King Jr.

Pastor Mike



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>

Midweek Speaker, January 30

NEW FRIENDS NEW LIFE RESTORES and EMPOWERS FORMERLY TRAFFICKED GIRLS and SEXUALLY EXPLOITED WOMEN and CHILDREN.

- There are an estimated 400 trafficked teens on the streets of Dallas every night. Human trafficking is modern day slavery and we must be a voice for these children.
- January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The Education Division asks that you join us to learn more about this issue affecting youth in our city. Bill Morse, Community Engagement Director of New Friends New Life, will educate us on this topic on Wednesday, January 30th.

New Friends New Life was started in 1998 by a women's committee from a Dallas area church that began helping a woman who was looking to get out of exotic dancing. As a result, more and more women who wanted to leave sex trafficking began to seek services. New Friends New Life offers a comprehensive program to more than 1,200 formerly trafficked teens, women and their children each year.

www.newfriendsnewlife.org

New Year Tea – January 12, 2019



Faith in Texas Legislative Summit

Report from Social Justice Team

On Saturday, January 12, Pastor Mike, Joey Belgard, Barbara Gunnin, Scott Gonzalez, Trent Juarez, and Garland Hamic attended a Faith in Texas (FiTX) legislative summit. The purpose of this event was to plan for how the Dallas FiTX cluster will engage with our state legislators in the legislative session that commenced last week.

We learned that FiTX will be focused on three priorities that have a direct impact on the work that the Dallas cluster is doing with local leaders:

1. Protecting Local Control - FiTX opposes efforts to preempt city control broadly and on the following issues specifically: guaranteed sick leave, fair chance housing and hiring, payday lending regulation, policies separating ICE from local law enforcement efforts, affordable housing, and bail reform.
2. Bail Reform - FiTX is working to eliminate cash bail in Dallas County (which was recently found to be unconstitutional) and replace it with a more equitable system.
3. Immigrant Driver's Licenses - HB35 would restore the rights of undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, thereby allowing them to drive legally, reduce insurance rates for everyone, eliminate obstacles to accessing services, and provide a means for proving identity.

The intersection between these initiatives and the three social justice priorities that RLBC has undertaken - racial justice, immigration reform, and healthcare access - is significant. Therefore, the social justice team will be working closely with FiTX to provide support for these efforts.

That's where you come in! Here's how you can help:

1. Volunteer for the March 7th FiTX Lobby Day in Austin. FiTX will be taking a bus of volunteers to the capital to discuss these issues with legislators. It's a one-day trip. They will leave in the morning and return in the evening. If you would like to be part of this opportunity, please contact me.
2. Be a part of the Royal Lane Rapid Action Network (RAN). There will be occasions throughout this legislative session when FiTX learns that something important is happening with respect to these priorities. It could be a committee meeting or a bill being introduced or an amendment being added to an existing bill that has gotten very little attention otherwise. At times like these, it is important that voters' voices be heard in Austin - QUICKLY! The RLBC RAN will be activated by Joey, Trent or myself. You will be asked to call a specific legislator and express specific concerns that will be provided to you in a script. You'll also be asked to report back to the team that you made your call. This practice has been very effective in derailing legislation that would've had a negative impact on the issues that we care most about. If you are interested in being part of the RLBC RAN, please let me know. I will add you to our roster, and you will receive a text message when it is time to engage.

If you have questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to reach out!

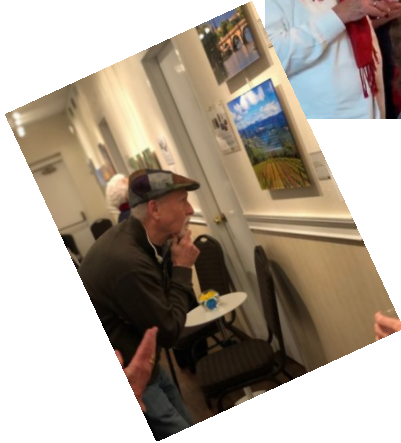
Garland Hamic, Social Justice Team

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Jim Norman Bush Reception – January 10, 2019

Box-Hawkins Gallery



More New Year Tea – January 12, 2019



Prayer Requests:

Mother of Rosa Barrientos

Connie Bechtol

Ray Cox

Farnaz Faghihi, mother of **Behnoush Ghodsi**

Theresa Helms, on the death of her father, **Gene Lanfear**

Ruth May

Forrest McKinney

Gary Raiza, son, **Joan Wright**, sister of **Maebelle Raiza**

Danny Ray

Sally Robinson, mother of **Leslie Cechan**

Janet Schultz, on the death of her friend, **Sharon Watkins Wilson**

Duanne Stockton's niece, **Linda Grezak**, and cousin, **Linda Shelton**

Homer Terry

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

Lindsey Washington, daughter of **Doug & Sandy Washington**

Byron Willey, cousin of **Daryl Willey**

Harry Wooten, on the death of his aunt, **Mae Elizabeth Jones**

Jacquie Wooten, on the death of **Donna Dyer**, mother-in-law of her sister, **Maria**

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; **Barbara Mandeville**, sister of **Sandy Washington**; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Robert Putman**; **Ray Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Sandra Tilden**, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**; **Jordan Weilage**; **John Wolf**, Garland Pipe Organ

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

Blessing of the Guide Dogs – January 13, 2019



New Year Prayer Penelope Meier

Dear God,

Thank you for this time to gather together and celebrate the New Year. Please guide us through the good and bad, the highs and lows. We pray for joy, kindness, hope, peace in the world, and love in our hearts. As we celebrate with food, friends, and family, please help us remember those who do not have what we have. May they be blessed this year. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

Deacons of the Week

January 27

Garey Wisdom [214] 682-1531

Margaret Darden 469] 426-8428

February 3

Blake Vickrey [972] 358-1546

Charlotte Sewell [214] 533-7326

Scriptures of the Week

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

February 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

Midweek Service

6:15 p.m. *Wednesday*

in Family Hall

January 30

"New Friends New Life"

Bill Morse

February 6

Quarterly Church Conference

Join us for a Fellowship Meal

at 5:30 pm.

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, January 30

Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Salad, Rolls,
Vanilla Cake

Wednesday, February 6

Chicken Pot Pie, Salad,
Chocolate Cake

Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person

Families - \$15 per family

Seniors - \$5 per person

*Menus are available on the
RLBC website calendar.*

In the Box-Hawkins Gallery

Jim Norman Bush

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

Happy Birthday!

January

Margaret Darden	25
Shirley James	25
Sylvia Turnbull.....	25
Aidan Brown	28
Donna Ledgerwood.....	28
Isela Chastain	29
Nancy Hyde.....	30
Owen Keith	30
Danny Ray.....	30

February

Ray Cox.....	1
Amanda McKinzie-Waldrop.....	4
Darlene Carpenter	5
Kristie Weilage.....	5

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Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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