



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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An Imperfect Church

Those who know me well (and not so well) recognize that I'm a perfectionist. I don't hide it. It is a blessing and a curse. Perfectionism drives me to give my best, but it also feels like I'm dragging a fifty-ton weight on my ankles as I try to move forward. Although I'm a perfectionist, I am far from perfect. I continue to learn how to lean into grace as I stumble through this imperfect life.

Churches are the same. Most congregations try hard to contact every sick person, perform every wedding and funeral, bring their best to worship, make the right decisions, and give energy and hope to the places where hurt occurs in the world. But I'll let you in on a little secret – churches still mess up. Churches flail and fumble as they seek to greet new people, point people to a mysterious God, and care for the lonely. Churches will never be perfect.

Adam Copeland wrote a reflection about the local church for the Christian Century magazine recently. He said, "I also have in mind a comment by Tim Brown, a Lutheran pastor in North Carolina: congregations will always fall short. 'You're going to join the wrong church, or have the wrong pastor.' he writes on his blog, 'because our ideas of what makes 'a right one' are romantic.' Your church will one day be a place of disappointment, difficult change, and dissatisfaction. But even in the midst of these certain challenges, Brown holds up the value of congregations: they are 'about loving each other into a different way of being' in the presence of God."

In this Lenten Season, it is my hope that you will let go of your perfectionism and embrace your beautiful blemishes because that is how a perfect and loving God made you. And as we, as imperfect people, lean more into grace, may we be convicted to give grace to all of our holy institutions that seek to lead us into the presence of God despite their missteps and mistakes. Because in the end, to achieve more and be better, we must love each other into a different way of being. Royal Lane Baptist Church isn't perfect, but we will love you, albeit imperfectly, as you become more of who God created you to be.

Perfection, Perfection, by Fr. Kilian McDonnell

I have had it with perfection.
I have packed my bags,
I am out of here.
Gone.

As certain as rain
will make you wet,
perfection will do you
in.

It droppeth not as dew
upon the summer grass
to give liberty and green
joy.

Perfection straineth out
the quality of mercy,
withers rapture at its
birth.

Before the battle is half begun,
cold probity thinks
it can't be won, concedes the
war.

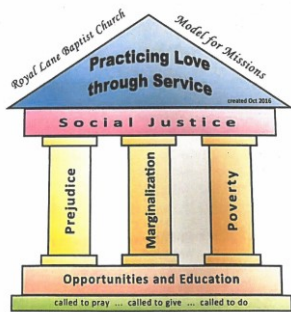
I've handed in my notice,
given back my keys,
signed my severance check, I
quit.

Hints I could have taken:
Even the perfect chiseled form of
Michelangelo's radiant David
squints,

the Venus de Milo
has no arms,
the Liberty Bell is
cracked

Pastor Mike

The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 17 & May 1, 2019.



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 Forms available in the Church Office

Nathan Watts Ordination – Request for Fabric Swatches

Nathan Watts has been called to serve as the pastor of First Congregational Church, Flagstaff, Arizona and will be ordained on May 5, 2019, at The Good Shepherd UCC, Sahuarita, Arizona.

RLBC will participate in this celebration by collecting swatches of fabric to be made into a stole and presented to Nathan at his ordination. Please include an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (suitable to be placed in a notebook) with this information:

- Your name
- Why you chose this fabric
- A note of encouragement for Nathan

Bring to the church office on or before April 15.



The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Sundays throughout Lent - 10:55 AM

Good Friday, April 19 - 8:00 PM

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

by Theodore Dubois



Easter Sunday, April 21 - 10:55 AM

Children ages 3 - 1st Grade: **GODLY PLAY**



Royal Lane Missions Fundraiser



May 3 & May 4

Donate

(please bring all items to the Northwest Portable)

March 31-May 2

Clothing	Dishes	Arts & Crafts Items
Scarves & Hats	Pots and Pans	Office Supplies
Belts & Ties	Travel Mugs	School Supplies
Purses & Handbags	Small Appliances	Books
Luggage	Home Décor	Movies/CDs
Linens	Hanging Art/Posters	Pet Supplies
Towels	Holiday Décor	Sports Equipment
Baby Items	Gift Wrap	Garden Tools
Toys	Electronics	Garden Pots

Volunteer

WORK DAYS: Wednesdays, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 – 4:00-5:30 - sorting & pricing
 Sunday, April 14 (12:30-3:30) – sorting and pricing
 Saturday, April 27 (10-3) - sorting and pricing
 Sunday, April 28 (12:30-3:30) – sorting and pricing
 Thursday, May 2 (9:00-3:30) – set out tables and all items to be sold
 Friday, May 3 (8:00-6:00) – sell, sell, sell!
 Saturday, May 4 (8:00-2:00) – sell, sell, sell (& clean up)

Shop!!!

Coming Events

- Sunday** **April 7 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**
8:30 am Finance Committee — Library
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
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
2:00 pm Bridal Shower – Shannon Simmons & Blake Miller — Library
- Tuesday** **April 9**
6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday** **April 10**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Room 206
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner – Beef and Rice Stuffed Peppers, Salad, Rolls, Coconut Cake — 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 2:22-52, Jesus at the Temple — Vickrey Hall
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **April 11**
6:30 pm Missions Committee — Library
- Friday** **April 12**
10:00 am Second Friday at NDSM— NDSM, 2875 Merrell Rd, Dallas, TX 75229 (10:00-11:30 am)
6:00 pm Artist’s Reception, Sherry Houpt — Box Gallery (6:00 – 8:00 pm)
- Saturday** **April 13**
9:00 am We Over Me Farm — Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd, Dallas, TX 75241 (9:00 – 11:00 am)
- Sunday** **April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Artist’s Reception, Sherry Houpt — Box Gallery (12:15 – 1:30 pm)
12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch and Work Day
- Wednesday** **April 17 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner – Chicken, Spinach, Tomato Pasto, Salad, Texas Toast, Strawberry Cake — 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 3:1-38, The Baptism of Jesus — Vickrey 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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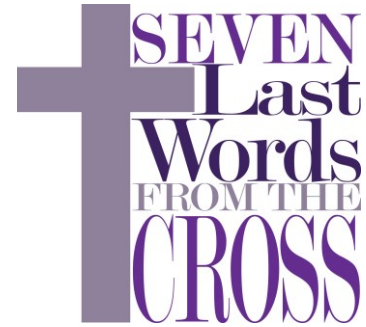
Box Gallery Exhibit

“NATURESCAPES” by Sherry Houpt

Vivid landscapes that capture the bold beauty of
Northern New Mexico, Wyoming, and East Texas.

“Naturescapes” by regional artist Sherry Houpt is exhibited at the Box Gallery at Royal Lane Baptist Church, from April 1 to June 28. Public receptions are Friday, April 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 14, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Lent & Holy Week



Lenten Series 7 Last Words of Jesus

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

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Soloists

Suré Eloff, soprano

Rita Nsumbu, mezzo-soprano

Dan Thompson, tenor

Blair Wooten, baritone

Brittany Wooten, soprano

David Weigle, organist

Harry Wooten, director

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

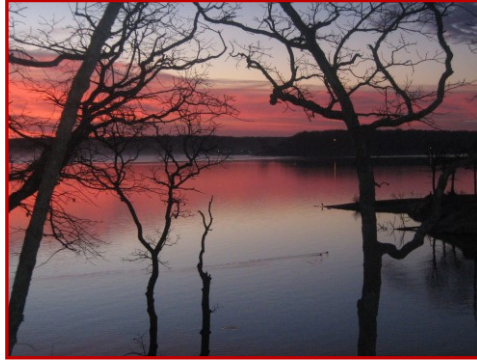
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1

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

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 from
Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez, or in the church office.

Prayer Requests:

Kevin Blackburn, step-son-in-law of **Harry Hunter**
Carmen Conaway, wife of **Erin Conaway**, pastor at
Seventh & James, Waco, Texas

The Family of Dot Edwards, on her death

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

The Family of Reed Hoover, artist and friend of RLBC, on
his death

Melinda Huff & Family, former members, on the death of
Wayne Huff, husband of **Melinda Huff**

Jackson Maddox

Ruth May

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

Wayne McClellan

Forrest McKinney

Don Mullinax, brother of **Jack Mullinax**

Gary Raiza, son of **Maebelle Raiza**

Steven Rhodes' (long time visitor) niece, **Amber**

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

Mace Welch, husband of **David Weigle**

Daryl Willey, on the death of his cousin, **Byron Willey**

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**;
John Wolf, Garland Pipe Organ

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



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

The Artist Behind the Lent & Easter Artwork

Rev. John Stuart began his pastoral ministry at Erin Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee in 1995. A native of Scotland, he and his wife Evelyn became US citizens in the spring of 2001. John grew up in Glasgow, Scotland, and served several small churches for nine years in S.W. Scotland before accepting the call to Erin. He is an honors graduate of Glasgow University, Scotland, where Prof. William Barclay taught New Testament.

John is a well-known devotional writer and many of his 4-minute devotions have been used by churches all over the world.

He is also an accomplished artist and has displayed his work locally in Knoxville. His religious art has been used by various denominations for missions, conferences, worship, and educational materials. They have also appeared on the front covers of national and international religious magazines. You can view his latest works at www.stushieart.com.

Deacons of the Week

April 7

Garey Wisdom [214] 682-1531

Margaret Darden [469] 426-8428

April 14

Blake Vickrey [972] 358-1546

Charlotte Sewell [214] 533-7326

Scriptures of the Week

April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

April 14

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Midweek Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

Bible Study with
Mike Gregg

April 10

Luke 2:22-52, Jesus at the Temple

April 17

Luke 3:1-38, The Baptism of Jesus

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, April 10

Beef & Rice Stuffed Peppers, Salad,
Rolls, Coconut Cake

Wednesday, April 17

Chicken, Spinach, Tomato Pasta,
Salad, Texas Toast, Strawberry Cake

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

March 29 – June 28, 2019



Sherry Houpt

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

Happy Birthday!

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bmerry@royallane.org.



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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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