



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Let James Dunn's Freedom Ring!

I've been thinking about my friend and mentor, Dr. James Dunn, recently. It is always at this time of year that memories of Dr. Dunn's wiry voice pierce my spirit and recollections of his extended finger point and prod at the slumbering courage in my heart. You see, this July 4 is the fourth anniversary of his death. I think a wry smile crossed God's face knowing that the intrepid freedom fighter and previous Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington D.C. died on the one day of the year that caused his passion to swell and his patriotism to shine.

I reminisce about Dr. Dunn because it was at the beginning of August in 2004 that he preached my ordination charge as I was officially ordained at South Main Baptist Church before becoming their Minister to Children. His support guided me from my first day as Reverend Gregg all the way until he addressed a letter to Dr. Gregg two weeks before his death. The letter I received heralded one of my sermons that another one of my mentors, Kenneth Dean, praised. And I know countless of us progressive and politically-minded Baptists have these many personal and meaningful stories about Dr. Dunn.

And I recently beamed as I read Dr. Bill J. Leonard's recollection of Dr. Dunn causing a stir at a public reading of the Declaration of Independence at Old Salem Village on July 4th in 2007. The document was read by a Wake Forest University colleague of Dr. Leonard and Dr. Dunn, the Moravian historian Craig Atwood. According to Dr. Leonard, "Atwood moved eloquently through the revered document, then came to the Declaration's list of grievances against the English king, George III:

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount, and payment of their salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people. . .

Dr. Leonard continued, "As Atwood read each sentence, James Dunn answered back, a July-4-Baptist-call-and-response: 'Yes he has!' 'Uh huh!' 'Oh yes he did!' Dunn didn't mean the king of England; he meant the president of the United States!"

Since this time of year had a special place in Dr. Dunn's story, I think it is appropriate that I, along with 700 other UCC, Episcopalian, and Baptist clergy, joined an amicus brief filed on July 3 asking the United States Supreme Court to affirm that our federal civil rights law prohibits job discrimination against LGBTQ workers. This is an action that is very Baptist and very Dr. Dunn.

It is my belief that Dr. Dunn, just as he did on that July 4 in 2007, would not remain silent at discrimination, family separation, and the need for equal rights for all people. He would be shaking his head and saying "Uh huh" to the many places in our current political atmosphere where fiery Baptists need to fight for justice and lean into our historical values of inclusiveness and freedom. Dr. Dunn never remained silent during the July 4 season, when Christian leaders weren't living like Jesus. And, with his spirit fresh in our hearts, neither must we.

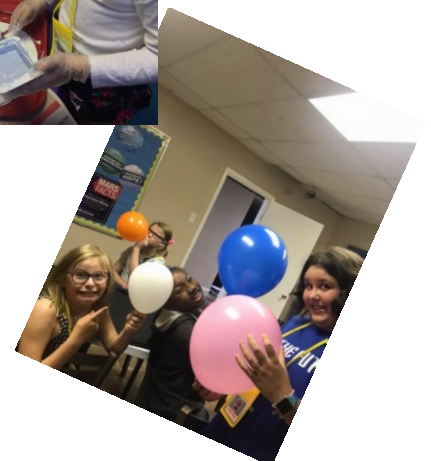
Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for August 7 & 21, 2019.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

Called Church Conference Following Worship, Sunday, July 28

For the purpose of rescheduling the Quarterly Church Conference from July 24, 2019, to August 7, 2019. The Quarterly Church Conference will include the approval of the location of the Columbarium as presented by the Columbarium Team.

2019 VBS! *To Mars and Beyond!!!*



Coming Events

Sunday July 21 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 am Equity in Access — Library
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 Connections Care Group — Cantina Laredo, Preston Royal, 6025 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230

Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26

Children's Camp — Disciples Crossing, Athens, Texas

Monday July 22

- 10:00 am Columbarium Team — Library

Wednesday July 24

No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities
Personnel Committee — Library

Sunday July 28 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
Following Worship — Called Church Conference — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall (childcare by reservation)

Wednesday July 31

No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities

Sunday August 4 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Adult Sunday School Sabbathical — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms
10:55 am Morning Worship — Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary

Wednesday August 7 – Mosaic

- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Frito Pie with Fixings, Salad, Coconut Cake — Vickrey Hall
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Wacky Wednesday — Children's Building
6:15 pm Quarterly Church Conference — 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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Nevertheless She Preached 2019

Third annual celebration of women in the pulpit!

Featured preachers and lecturers include Traci Blackmon, Mihee Kim Kort, Emmy Kegler, Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Margaret Aymer, Lai Ling Ngan, Alicia Reyes-Barrientez, Namsoon Kang, and worship leader, Cathy AJ Hardy.

Sunday, September 22, 6:00 pm / Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 pm

Early Bird registrations end July 22

First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Austin St, Austin TX 78701

August Sabbatical Sessions

9:45 am – Vickrey Hall

Sunday, August 4 – RLBC to Nigeria and back to RLBC

1982-1999, Patsy and Don Meier were in Nigeria working as medical missionaries. They promise not to present the long "Dog and Pony Show." Don is removing the gory medical slides.

Come reminisce with Patsy and Don as they share with us their years and work in Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

Sunday, August 11 – Meet Desmond Blair

For as long as he could remember, Desmond thought he wanted to be an artist. He always insisted that having been born with no hands is no reason for him to give up on his dream.

Desmond's art, on exhibit in the Box Gallery in August, and he will share with us his incredible story.

Sunday, August 18 – A Teacher Appreciation Brunch

Let's honor say "Thank you" and celebrate those who faithfully teach RLBC children, youth, and adults.


Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share. Let Paulette Harrison know what you are bringing.

It will be a two-for-one event.

The Youth will share experiences from their July "Mission Trip" to Austin.

Sunday, August 25 – Sing-A-Long with Harry and Garey

Come join in the fun and the fellowship. Requests are encouraged. It will be an opportunity for us to sing some good old favorites.



BOX GALLERY - ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH
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MEET ARTIST DESMOND BLAIR

Friday, August 9th 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Sunday, August 11 9:45 AM & 12:15 PM

Desmond Blair

Desmond Blair is not your usual speaker, teacher and passionate artist; he is a problem solver and has been since childhood. Blair had to learn how to write since he was born without fingers. He tried writing with his feet, his mouth and soon discovered he could use both hands to accomplish this insurmountable task.

He was the only one in school, only one in church, and the only one in the neighborhood with a limb difference. Blair became unstoppable because THIS was not going to define him; he was going to do everything everybody else could do. Due to his tenacity, determination, and staying focused; he went from crayons to paint brushes and from drawing stick figures to portraits while graduating from high school at the age of 16 years old.

Blair's story has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, Jet Magazine, NBC 5 Midday, Dallas Morning News, CW33, and other various media outlets. Desmond is a true force of nature with his compelling message on how to be the master of the soul with divine passion. He is a transformer that will change your life once you hear his riveting and compelling story of life lessons that can be immediately applied.

Blair earned his degree from University of Texas at Dallas where he honed his traditional abilities and transferred them to digital media. He later returned to UTD where he received his Masters of Fine Arts in Art and Technology with a focus on the development of computer graphics and the study/analysis of emerging media trends. After graduation he found himself teaching at UTD and is now working for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in the Information Technology Department.

Prayer Requests:

Jean Bilson, aunt of **Cookie Stokes**

Steve & Martha Box

Aidan Brown

Darlene Carpenter

Loretta Chaney, friend of **Karen Miller**

Linda Cross

Dina DiMaria

David & Amanda Doom, and their infant son **Eli**, nephew
& niece of **David Doom**

Jack Gresham, friend of **Mike Hurder**

Martha Hatcher

Billie Ingram and her husband **Cecil**, sister of **Paulette Harrison**

Doug & Susie Leinneweber

Forrest McKinney

Wayne Meachum on the death of his cousin, **John Roberts** and prayers for the family of **John Roberts**

Luis Artoro Vargas Ochon & Family, friends of **Claudia & Andrea Nuss**

David & Frances Phillips, friends of **Tina Chapman**, and
Becky Quinn, sister of **Tina Chapman**

Gary Raiza, son, and **Jerry Raiza**, husband, of **Maebelle Raiza**

Maebelle Raiza

Julio Gonzalez Ramirez, friend of **Claudia Nuss**

Danny Ray

Kenna Rogers, sister of **Alexa Rogers**

Daniel Solyom

Ellen Thompson, mother-in-law of **Garland Hamic**

Sandra Tilden, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

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

Please continue to pray for:

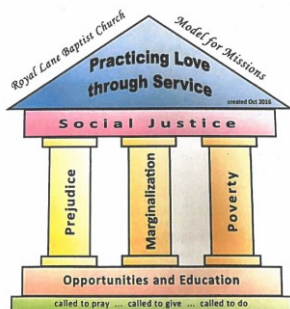
Jackie Arnold, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Kevin Blackburn**, step-son-in-law of **Harry Hunter**; **Robbye Foster's** brother, **Robert**; **Harry Hunter**; **Minnie Macias**, mother

of **Rodney Macias**; **Douglas McGhee**, uncle of **Laurence Schultz**; **Patricia McNutt**; **Patsy Meier**; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Robert Putman**; **Ray Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Jordan Weilage**

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

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.

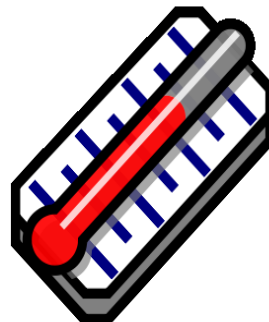


Karen Miller would like YOUR story!

Volunteer Story Forms available in the Church Office

It's Summer Time Temperatures are Rising and Contributions are Declining! Please help

- * Catch up on your contributions
- * Give a summertime extra gift or
- * Use on-line or credit monthly giving. (Check with Janet on how to do on-line or credit/debit card giving)



Deacons of the Week

July 21

Ray Cox [940] 385-9880
Jeff Hammett [214] 577-6518

July 28

Daryl Willey [214] 597-2854
Karen Simmons [214] 675-1200

August 4

Nancy Ferrell [214] 662-3070
Kelley Keith [214] 334-5068

Scriptures of the Week

July 21

Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

July 28

Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) Luke 11:1-13

August 4

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Midweek Services

Resume

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

August 7

in

Vickrey Hall

Quarterly Church Conference

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, August 7

*Frito Pie with Fixings, Salad,
Coconut Cake*

Midweek Meal Prices

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

*Menus are available on the
RLBC website calendar.*

*Click on image for "Wednesday Night
Suppers" in Upcoming Events for details.*

Happy Birthday!

July

Harrison Wooten	18
Jeff Dobbs	19
Cory Fleenor.....	19
Sandra Irwin	19
Bruce Luedke	20
Penelope Meier.....	21
Carson Gill	22
Turner Wooten	22
Forrest McKinney	23
Paulette Harrison.....	24
Jordan Stubblefield.....	24
Ed Meier	26
Sarah Johnson.....	26
Rhona Phillips	26
Andrea Nuss	27

August

Tessa Granowski	1
Patricia McNutt	1
Angela Hanes	2
Laurence Schultz.....	2
Bryan Chastain	3
James Faulkinbury	3
Steve Gonzalez.....	4
Lisa Chastain	5
David Weigle	6
Donna Wood-Martin	6



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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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