



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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A New Year with New Ways to Connect

As we enter a new year, we need each other now more than ever. I am grateful for a passionate and purposeful community of faith that wants to grow people and change this city for the better. I pray this will be a year where Royal Lane members grow closer to one another, share our celebrations and burdens, and find ways to impact our city with the peace of the gospel.

Here are several ways for us to stay connected in this new year:

Deacon Ministry Group – Every member and regularly attending visitor has been placed in a Deacon Ministry Group with an assigned deacon. That deacon should have reached out to you by now as an initial introduction. It is our hope that your assigned deacon will stay connected with you and find ways to care for your needs. If you are a regularly attending guest of Royal Lane and feel you have not been placed in a Deacon Ministry Group, please contact me and we will get you into a group. This is an important way for you to receive updates about the activities of Royal Lane and also have a point of contact with the ministers and staff of the church in order to receive care and prayers.

Website and Livestream – As you know, RLBC recently transitioned to a beautiful and vibrant new website. I hope you have had an opportunity to scan the website and see all of the ways you can stay connected to the ministries and events of Royal Lane. The homepage is wonderfully organized with links to our new livestream, sermons and services, wedding information, a place to make your online donation, and upcoming events. The entire site is easy to navigate. I hope you take a few moments to visit our website at royallane.org and also check out our YouTube channel for livestream recordings.

Ekklesia360 Database – Since the improvement of our website, the church staff and Technology Committee found value in utilizing the same company that created our website to manage our membership directory and database. By using the same company, Ekklesia360, we can better integrate our database, website, calendars, and ways to give. In this new year, we have already transitioned from our previous database, Realm, to the new database, Ekklesia360. Our new database has an app for you to download onto your phone or tablet. The name of the app is Ekklesia e360 ChMs. If you need the website for the database, it is <https://royallane.e360chms.com/>. Once your profile is created on Ekklesia360, you will have access to a membership directory, your committees and groups, and your financial and contribution records. Ekklesia360 is an easy and accessible way to connect with the people and programs of Royal Lane.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for January 22 & February 5, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

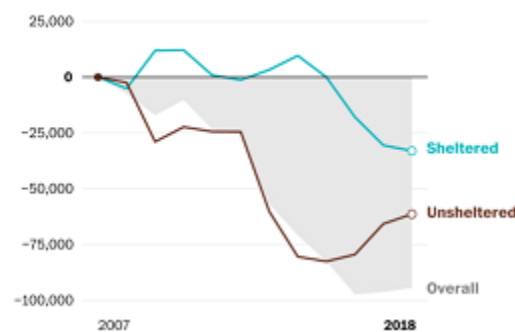
Counting Our Homeless Population in Dallas

Once a year, along with communities across the country, we count our homeless friends. The Count, a requirement under Federal Law, helps communities understand the extent of homelessness, changing trends, and the measure of their success in making homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. It's also an important reminder that in Dallas, everybody counts.

The Metro Homeless Alliance needs 1,500 volunteers, aged 18 or above. The count will take place on Thursday night, January 23, 2020 from 7.00pm-12.00am. We will count in Dallas, Balch Springs, Cedar Hill, Desoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Richardson, Sunnyvale, and Wilmer. Once a group of four people is registered, a beginning location will be determined and an orientation will be provided.

To join a group of four people, contact Karen Miller at kmliller238@sbcglobal.net or 214.724.0655 by Monday, January 20.

Change in U.S. homeless population since 2007



Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching February 2-23, 2020

In 2007, the Baptist Women in Ministry organization invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. The annual preaching month was named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman.

At Royal Lane, we have always sought to be on the leading edge in supporting, ordaining, and advancing the call of women in ministry. To that end, we not only want to highlight one Sunday in February with a woman as our preacher, but every Sunday in February. So, for each Sunday in the month of February, we will feature a woman from the Dallas area as our guest preacher. Join us as we celebrate and support the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching and women in ministry.

Guest Preachers:

February 2 – Rev. Victoria Powers, University Park UMC and Baptist House of Studies Board Member

February 9 – Rev. Robin Murray, Abundant Life AME and Faith in Texas Organizer

February 16 – Rev. Kristin Warthen, White's Chapel UMC

February 23 – Rev. Lisa Hancock, Current PhD Student at SMU on Theology of Disability

Coming Events

- Sunday January 12 – Baptism of the Lord**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1 (childcare provided)
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 Program Council – Calendaring — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday January 14**
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday January 15**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202 (pill bottles no longer needed for this project)
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Room 206
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Chicken & Rice, Salad, Bread, Cookies
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Activities— Children’s Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS – with Dottie Brashear & Sarah Fuller Phillips — Vickrey Hall
Breaking Bread: At Peace with your Body
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday January 16**
6:30 pm Men of the Church — Bubba’s, 6617 Hillcrest Ave, Dallas TX 75205
- Sunday January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany / Youth Sunday**
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 Missions Committee — Library
- Monday January 20 – MLK Day**
Church Office closed
- Tuesday January 21**
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday January 22 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Beef & Vegetable Soup, Salad, Bread, Chocolate Cake
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Activities— 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 Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

“Like” RLBC on Facebook or “Follow” RLBC on Twitter

Hope Supply – February 22

Come join us on Saturday February 22nd from 9am-11am at Hope Supply! We will repackage diapers and Pull-Ups for families experiencing homelessness in our city. Bring your school-aged children if they want to help. Hope Supply has a job for all ages. Please sign up or let Charlotte Sewell know you want to come. Thank you!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/v3x8w8s>



Faith & Film

Sunday, January 26, 2:30 – 4:30 – Vickrey Hall
“Owned: A Tale of Two Americas”



Join us for a screening of this award-winning documentary followed by discussion about housing, facilitated by leaders of our ministry partner, Faith in Texas.



All are invited to a Royal Lane Baby Shower

for the expected newborn son of
Walt Will & Humberto Valtierra

Hosted by Paulette Harrison, Donna Ledgerwood,
Ruth May, Rebecca Rempert, & Cookie Stokes,
in the church library following worship on
Sunday, January 26.

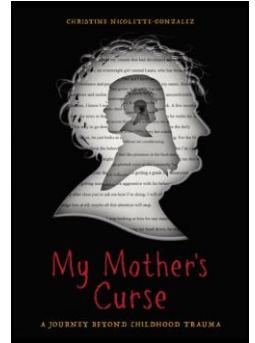
Noah River Will is expected to arrive in Florida on
February 17.

The excited family is registered at Buy Buy Baby, Inc.
(Humberto is the one hidden by the cloud of blue!)



Prayer Place Sunday School Class Book Study

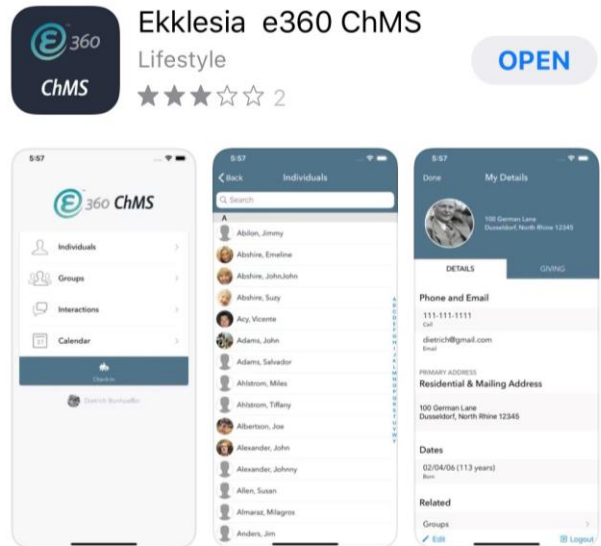
Longtime church member Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez has published an inspirational memoir that tells the story of how she overcame the severe trauma of her childhood. The book, *My Mother's Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*, is available for purchase on the website laureatelifepress.com. On January 26th, in The Prayer Place Sunday School class, Christine will begin a four-week book study of her memoir. Each of you is invited to join her and the class for this study. If you are one of the hundreds of millions of people who endured a challenging childhood, this month-long study may be particularly meaningful to you. It is not necessary to have purchased or read the book to attend.



Official book launch will be held Friday, February 21 at 6:00 pm with reception, reading and book signing. Hold the date!

Need to download the app for the Ekklesia e360 Member database?

Here's what it looks like!



Deacons of the Week

January 12

Terry Berrier

Karen Miller

January 19

Dennis Turnbull

Cathy Webb

Scriptures of the Week

January 12

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

January 19

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Midweek Service

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

in

Vickrey Hall

January 15

IN FOCUS

with Dottie Brashear &

Sarah Fuller Phillips

January 22

Quarterly Church Conference

Join us for a Fellowship Meal

at 5:30 pm.

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, January 15

Chicken & Rice, Salad, Bread, Cookies

Wednesday, January 22

Beef & Vegetable Soup, Salad, Bread,
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.*

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

In the Box Gallery

*Watch for
New Exhibit*



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

Happy Birthday!

January

Walter Idol.....	8
Adam Simmons.....	8
Shawng Lahpai.....	11
Michael Faulkinbury.....	12
Carol Tabor.....	14
Kristene Ruddle.....	16
Sophie McKinney.....	16
Tina Chapman.....	21



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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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