



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Celebrating Women in Ministry Every Day

At Royal Lane Baptist Church, we don't simply want to acknowledge that women are equipped, gifted, and called to lead in all ministry positions during one Sunday of one month. We want to affirm that women can be ordained leaders in the church each and every day of every week. To that end, the ministry staff of Royal Lane invited four women to be our guest preachers for the month of February. Our Martha Stearns Marshall Women in Ministry Day of Preaching became a month of preaching as the ministerial staff hoped to bring attention to not only the prominence of women in ministry, but to the number of women who continuously help lead congregations across Dallas.

Royal Lane's Women in Ministry month began with Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Associate Pastor at University Park UMC preaching about the wild and unrestricted blessings that God gives all people through Jesus. Then, Rev. Robin Murray, the Assistant Minister of Children's Ministry of Abundant Life AME preached boldly about how God orchestrates miraculous things through powerful women. Rev. Kristin Warthen, Pastor for Marriage and Family Ministries at White's Chapel UMC, told the story about the woman of Endor, the medium, who did what most men wouldn't do – she fed her enemy. And finally, Rev. Lisa Hancock, PhD candidate in Religious Studies at SMU, preached her own powerful story of being married to a person with cerebral palsy. She told of how Jesus' power dramatically flowed out of him in a way that made him the disabled Christ.

When preparing to bring our four fabulous guest preachers to Royal Lane, we noticed that all of the suggested proclaimers serve in Methodist congregations. Each of them noted that they had Baptist roots and heritage, but were unable to find ministry positions or places of inclusion in Baptist churches. Although Royal Lane participates in Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching in February every year at the prompting of the Baptist Women in Ministry organization, all four of our preachers do not serve in Baptist congregations. And that has to change. Baptist churches should continue to create ministry positions for women and hire women as pastors. We need more than one Sunday a year to hear from ministry leaders who are women as the story of women in ministry must be preached, taught, and celebrated all the time. Until that day comes, Baptist women will find it difficult to find or remain in ministry roles in their chosen denomination.

Rev. Warthen shared an African proverb that rang true for Royal Lane during Women in Ministry month. The proverb says, "Until the story is told by the lion, the story will always glorify the hunter." It seems that the narrative of men being the primary ordained leaders doesn't support the powerful story of women and their prominence in the church. It is my hope that by having four women share their journeys of ministry and leadership at Royal Lane, we have not only celebrated women in ministry, but have told the story of the divine and glorified God.

Royal Lane Baptist Church affirms that all people, men and women of all ethnicities, identities, and orientations, have been created and called to serve God and lead God's people. Women in Ministry Month has reaffirmed for Royal Lane Baptist Church and, I hope, for the city of Dallas that we are all helpers and servants of God and mightily equipped to lead the Church into a new and powerful story, a story which affirms that every month is Women in Ministry month.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for March 18 & April 1, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Lent & Holy Week



Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...

Sundays March 1 – March 29 – First thru Fifth Sundays in Lent

Sunday April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday

10:55 am Morning Worship – Procession of Palms — Sanctuary

Wednesday April 8

6:15 pm Children's Seder — Children's Building

Friday April 10 – 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*)

A service of solemn remembrance & Communion

8:00 pm Children's Good Friday Service — Children's Building

Saturday April 11

2:00 pm Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

For children and families to recount the events of Holy Week

Sunday April 12 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn

Testimony of Joy – Steve Sumter & Leonard Gresham

8:30 am Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall

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

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

Featuring Classic Brass & Percussion



Beloved Community Mission Trip

June 3-7, 2020

THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,
"WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?"
AND I SAID, "HERE AM I. SEND ME!" ISAIAH 6:8

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RLBC MISSION TRIP
working along side faith communities at the border

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The Missions Committee is planning a trip to Brownsville, TX in June. We will work alongside faith communities at the border. We have planned for about 20 people from Royal Lane to travel there by bus. We hope you can join us. Details and registration to follow.

Coming Events

- Sunday** **March 8 – Second Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings Time Begins**
8:30 am Deacon's 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
- Tuesday** **March 10**
12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Room 202
- Wednesday** **March 11**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Chicken Tortilla Bake, Salad, Tres Leches
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children's Activities — Children's Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall
 Luke 13:1-35, The Nature and Warnings of Time, The Coming of the Kingdom
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday** **March 13**
7:00 pm Youth Lock-in — Youth Basement (ends at 9:00 am, Saturday, March 14)
- Saturday** **March 14**
9:00 am Youth Lock-in ends
- Sunday** **March 15 – Third Sunday in Lent**
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 Third Sunday Youth Lunch — Lunch at Tiferet Israel Chili Cook-off (Meet in the Library following worship.)
12:15 pm Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall (Lunch at Tiferet Israel Chili Cook-off)
 Mission Project — Fill Easter Baskets for Hope Supply Company
2:30 pm Faith & Film – "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: — Room 101
- Tuesday** **March 17**
12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Room 202
- Wednesday** **March 18 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Room 206
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Beef, Cheese, Sour Cream & Noodle Bake; Salad, Texas Toast, Brownie
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: Building Beloved Community with Kristen Warthen — Vickrey Hall
 Building Beloved Community through Civil Conversation and Radical Candor
 All are encouraged to read *Radical Candor* by Kim Scott prior to this session.
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.

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***Daylight Savings Begins Sunday, March 8
Spring Forward . . .***



Faith & Film: March 15



A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

"This was a movie about forgiveness, but it's also a movie about anger management."

—Noah Harpster, screenwriter

Support Congregation Tiferet Israel's Chili Cook Off – March 15

Wear your Royal Lane T-Shirts! See kosherchilicookoff.us for more information.

Tickets:

Adults \$12

Children, 3-10 years of age, \$6
(includes a free hot dog)

Children under 3, free

Kid Rides Unlimited Wristband, \$15
(additional to ticket price)



The Chili Cook-Off at Congregation Tiferet Israel is an annual event – now in its 27th year. Proceeds are shared with not-for-profit agencies in the Metroplex.

The cook off offers you:

- An art show – new this year
- Dozens of teams competing for top honors for the best beef and veggie chilis
- Rides and games for children on the mini-midway
- Live Music
- Vendors showing off their products and services

WOC & Missions – March 15

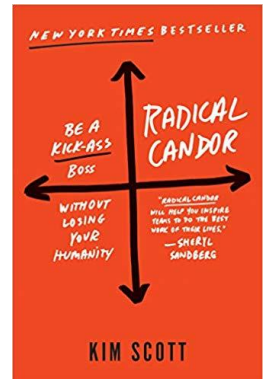
Women of the Church will fill Easter Baskets for Hope Supply Company



IN FOCUS: Building and Pursuing the Beloved Community – March 18

Building Beloved Community through Civil Conversation and Radical Candor. Kristen Warthen will be the presenter for the March IN FOCUS. All are encouraged to read *Radical Candor*, by Kim Scott, prior to this session.

Radical Candor's aim is to teach managers and bosses how to communicate, so their teams are both more efficient and healthy. What this book actually accomplishes, however, goes so much deeper. What Scott writes about the ability to candid and clear with one another moves far beyond the office or work team and into all parts of life because it speaks to both our desire to do well and to see and promote the best in others. It blends accountability and acceptance in ways that profoundly impact all areas of our life—and most definitely our church. What kind of transformation might occur if we could—as Scott suggests—care personally about one another while challenging each other directly? How might God move in the life of a church committed to the candor Scott presents in this book—the candor of Jesus?



WOC May Retreat

Calling all women aged 16-96...It is time once again to come together for fun and growth at the annual Women of the Church Spring Retreat!

For the third year we are fortunate to have booked the absolutely gorgeous Prothro Conference Center on Lake Texoma for Mother's Day weekend—you will of course be back for Mother's Day...May 8th and 9th.

Already Laura Keller, Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez, and Charlotte Sewell have been working hard to ensure that your time there will be well spent. While they last, single rooms are available, or you can room less expensively with one or two of your friends.

So we will know if we need to reserve more rooms, please text or email Christine to let her know to reserve a space for you and if you want a single, double, or triple room. Do it soon before the space is filled up.

Pricing—\$120 for one night in a shared lake view room with all meals and activities included, \$160 for one night in a single lake view room with all meals and activities included.

Contact: Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez
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Deacons of the Week

March 8

Melanie Ferguson

Blake Miller

March 15

Terry Berrier

Karen Miller

Scriptures of the Week

March 8

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Psalm 121

John 3:1-17

March 15

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

Psalm 95

John 4:5-42

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

March 11

Bible Study

Luke 12:35-59

with Mike Gregg

March 18

IN FOCUS

Building Beloved Community

with Kristen Warthen

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, March 11

*Chicken Tortilla Bake, Salad,
Tres Leches*

Wednesday, March 18

*Beef, Cheese, Sour Cream & Noodle Bake,
Salad, Texas Toast, Brownie*

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

*Sharon Hodges &
Kay Wyne*



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

Happy Birthday!

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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

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Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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