



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Living Out Love – Part 2

In the previous Mosaic I highlighted our upcoming September stewardship campaign called “Living out Love.” One way for us to live out our love in the world is to ask the question, “How would our lives and this city be different if Royal Lane Baptist Church did not exist?” I hope you had time to ponder that question and that it has inspired you to invest in our church’s work.

As Royal Lane Baptist Church lives out love in the city of Dallas, we must also consider a second item. We need to consider something I’ve been pondering in a changing world and a fluctuating landscape for churches. Many, if not all churches, are experiencing tighter budgets and attendance decline. There has been a push by pundits to talk more openly and forcefully about church growth. And I, too, have fallen into the trap of thinking the only thing we need to be doing is growing the church – its bodies, building, and budget. After pondering this question for a while, I have realized I don’t want to grow the church. I’d rather grow people. The church is a structural institution that can only flourish when growing and thriving people lead it.

So, I think our goal for this stewardship season and for our visioning for the future of Royal Lane should not focus on growing the church, but to grow people! I want each of you to be invested. I want each of you to learn more about the Bible and the life of Jesus and the nature of God. I want you to feel more passion about the change you can create in this city. I want you to be equipped to lead that change. I want your children and grandchildren to grow up loving the church and knowing that the church isn’t going to turn its back on the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the traveler. I want you to grow in your capacity to love and care for others. I want the good people of Royal Lane Baptist Church to grow!

So, as we enter Stewardship Month in September, hold these two things in your mind: “How would your life and this city be affected without Royal Lane’s vision and voice?” And, “How will you grow in this next season and how can we cultivate that growth in you?” Both of these things will take a lot of effort and investment from all of us. But if we do the work, I know we will be able to effectively “live out love.”

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for September 4 & 18, 2019.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

Just Housing Survey

Please complete by August 31



- Our Justice Team is working with Faith in Texas on the Just Housing Campaign. Just housing envisions a Dallas that provides diverse, fair and safe housing for all people, regardless of income source, gender identity and sexuality, citizenship status, and criminal history.
- Our faith says that every person has dignity, and therefore should have a dignified place to live. We want to end the housing crisis, but to do that, we have to understand the problem. Filling out this survey helps us find solutions that actually meet the need.
- We believe in listening to the people who are closest to the pain, and who are left on the margins of our society. If you have experienced discrimination, we want to hear about it so we can help stop it from happening.
- Even if you haven't experienced discrimination, fill out the survey - we need an idea of how often discrimination is occurring, which means we need to hear from everyone!
- If you want to help fight for just housing in Dallas, be sure to say so on the survey, so members of our Justice Team can help you get involved!

English: <http://bit.ly/JustHousingSurvey>



Eagle Scout Project Benefits Refugee Children at the Border

Blake Perry collected donations for his Eagle Scout project to help refugee children at the border. He asked for new children's clothing, shoes, and toiletries to help these families as they transition to living in the US.

Thank you to all of our members who brought much-needed supplies for these vulnerable children.



Coming Events

Sunday	August 25 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am	Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am	August Sabbathal – Sing A Long with Harry & Garey — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am	Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Ordination of Reann Tiemann — Sanctuary Reception immediately following service — Library
Tuesday	August 27
8:30 pm	Tech Committee — Conference Call
Wednesday	August 28
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm	Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall Barbecue Chicken Breast, Potatoes, Salad, Chocolate Cake
6:00 pm	Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm	Wacky Wednesday — Children's Building
6:15 pm	Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall Luke 7:18-50, Confessing the Christ
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Thursday	August 29
2:00 pm	Columbarium Task Force — Library
Sunday	September 1 – Twelfth 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 – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Education Committee — Room 206
Monday	September 2 – Labor Day
	Church Office closed
Wednesday	September 4 - Mosaic
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm	Member Resource Committee — Room 202
5:30 pm	Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall Menu to be announced
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 — Vickrey Hall Luke 8:1-21, Jesus Tells Parables
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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September Wednesday Midweek Study Gun Violence and Safety

September 11 – Guest Panel
September 18 – Rev. Deanna Hollas,
first "Minister of Gun Violence Prevention"
September 25 – Blair Taylor, Moms Demand Action



Prayer Requests:

Jean Bilson, aunt of **Cookie Stokes**

Steve & Martha Box

Conway Briscoe

Aidan Brown

Darlene Carpenter

Loretta Chaney, friend of **Karen Miller**

Linda Cross

Dina DiMaria

Bruce Gillette, husband of **Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**,
hymn text writer

Jennifer Hammett

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

Forrest McKinney

Don Meier

Cara Mullinax

Jane Phelan

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

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

Danny Ray

Diane Rempert, mother-in-law of **Rebecca Rempert**

Seth Rempert, nephew of **Rebecca Rempert**

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

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**; **Doug & Suzie Leinneweber**; **Minnie Macias**, mother of **Rodney Macias**; **Douglas McGhee**, uncle of **Laurence Schultz**;

Patricia McNutt; **Patsy Meier**; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **David & Frances Phillips**, friends of **Tina Chapman**, and **Becky Quinn**, sister of **Tina Chapman**; **Robert Putman**; **Ray Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Sandra Tilden**, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**; **Jordan Weilage**

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

Lowes Scholarship Donations

JJ & Terry Berrier

Nate & Deanna Green

Paulette Harrison

Susie Leinneweber

Cookie Stokes

Brian Watson & Charlotte Sewell

Scholarship Donation Dedications

Elwanda Edwards, in memory of **J. C. Edwards**

Scott Gonzalez & Christine Nicolette Gonzalez,
in memory of **Bruce Lowe**

Mike & Pam Keith,

in memory of **Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe**

Harold & Paulette Harrison,

in honor of **Bruce Lowe's 104th Birthday**

Susie Leinneweber,

in memory of **Jacque Neatherlin & Babs Arnswald**

Don & Patsy Meier,

in honor of the **RLBC Sunday School Teachers**

Shirley James,

in memory of **Calvin James**

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

Deacons of the Week

August 25

Garey Wisdom [214] 682-1531

Harry Hunter [469] 662-1855

September 1

Blake Vickrey [972] 358-1546

Charlotte Sewell [214] 533-7326

Scriptures of the Week

August 25

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

Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Midweek Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall August 28 & September 4

Bible Study with Mike Gregg

August 28 - Luke 7:18-50

Confessing the Christ

September 4 - Luke 8:1-21

Jesus Tells Parables

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, August 28

Barbecue Chicken Breast, Potatoes,
Salad, Chocolate Cake

Wednesday, month day

To Be Announced

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

Happy Birthday!

August

Shannon Simmons Miller..... 21

Robbye Foster 25

Don Meier 30

Tex Quesada..... 30

Anna Lou Brown..... 31

Thad Clark-Soles..... 31

Matthew Maddox 31

September

Claudia Nuss 1

Donna Krieger..... 1

Jennifer Hammett..... 2

Dot Johnson..... 3

Corrie Stokes 3

In the Box Gallery

thru September 30



Desmond Blair

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

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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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