



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***An Extraordinary, Ordinary Time***

My friend, Rev. John Ballenger, the pastor of Woodbrook Baptist Church in Towson, Maryland, follows the liturgical calendar and creatively says that we are in extraordinary, ordinary time. As you know, the Summer and Fall months of the calendar are considered Ordinary Time in the Christian Year. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, which is why you will see our ministers serve communion wearing a green stole.

If this were a “normal” summer, we would be in that long and boring part of the year, the space between Lent and Advent, Easter and Christmas, when not much is going on and when we lean into the soothing rhythm of Summer and the crisp excitement of Fall. But we aren’t in ordinary days, are we? This is indeed an extraordinary, ordinary time.

In the midst of staying away from people, worries about sending our children to school, loneliness of being quarantined, and frustrations about working from home, we’ve had to find a rhythm to this odd way of existing. We’ve had to adapt to long stretches of isolation. We’ve had to cancel vacations. We’ve had to find new jobs. We’ve had to reduce expenses. We’ve had to recalibrate the futures we had planned. And, in the midst of these extraordinary events, life has felt rather ordinary and tedious. In this tediousness and depression, we long for extraordinary moments to break in and remind us that we are still loved and remembered.

The journey Amanda and I have been on for most of this year has been both extraordinary and ordinary. Amanda, whether being in the hospital on bedrest or visiting Ford in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), has been at Baylor University Medical Center every day for nearly 140 days. The rhythm of the NICU feels like extraordinary, ordinary time. The NICU is a rhythm rather similar to the stress and loneliness brought about by COVID as Amanda and I have many long, frustrating, and tiring days... days that are ordinary.

Yet, in the midst of this ordinary time are some bright and hopeful moments. The Baby Shower that the church threw for us was a moment of extraordinary time. We were able to see faces (masked though they were) and receive the gifts of love and meaningful words. The drive-thru back to school blessing organized by Rev. Laura and the Children’s Ministry was also one of those extraordinary times, as we saw children and their parents, caught up with loved ones, and vented our fears about the upcoming school year.

As we move forward as a church family in this difficult season, it’s ok to feel as if we are in an extraordinary, ordinary time. We are exploring uncharted territory. The terrain ahead of us is unknown and we don’t have the luxury of relaxing into the ordinary rhythm of life. So, where might we find extraordinary moments in the tedious and tiring time of COVID? Do we appreciate signs of hope on our morning walks? Do we see love in the masked faces of our friends and family? Do we find peace in the ritual of online worship and Zoom meetings? I hope we do. And I also hope you know, even in the midst of your ordinary life, that you are prayed for by an extraordinary ministerial staff, held close by an extraordinary church family, and loved by an extraordinary God. This is a new season for the church and for you. But, we are in this together. We are in an extraordinary, ordinary time.

*Pastor Mike*

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for September 16 & October 4, 2020.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

## Work Anniversary Celebrations

The RLBC staff celebrates the August and September work anniversaries of our colleagues.

Nelida Sanchez has served in the nursery of Royal Lane Baptist Church since August of 2016 and Nelli Sanchez has served in the nursery since August of 2017.

Mike Gregg has been pastor at Royal Lane Baptist Church since September 8, 2016 and David Weigle has been organist since September 10, 2017.

We are glad that Nelida, Nelli, Mike and David are a part of our team.

*Gratefully, Harry Wooten, Tim Schaefer, Laura Keller, Janet Schultz, Barbara Merry, and Rosa Barrientos.*

## DEVOTED TO JUSTICE

October 10, 2020, 12:00 pm, Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join the Alliance of Baptists for a 90-minute online gathering focused on justice and liberation. Registration is required. Keynote speaker to be announced.

You will note that we have included new questions in the registration process. We are seeking to capture this information so we can have a better understanding of who we are. Your responses to these questions will allow us to better live out our commitment to racial justice by ensuring inclusion of BIPOC in all aspects of Alliance leadership. This info will not be shared with others.

<https://bit.ly/31Lzf9H>



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# Coming Events

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<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 4</b>
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 5</b>
2:00 pm	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 6 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Livestream
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 7 – Labor Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
6:30 pm	"White Fragility" — Virtual Conversation (Registration Required)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
2:00 pm	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 13 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Livestream
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting — Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 15</b>
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 16 – Mosaic</b>
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 18</b>
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 19</b>
2:00 pm	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

*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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Congratulations to Sandy Washington and the Dallas Chapter of Links for achieving a score of 80 or higher combined points on their 2018-2020 program report – Dallas Chapter STEAM Academy. The Dallas Chapter of Links has been designated as a 2020 BEST PRACTICES CHAPTER. The program of this chapter is recognized as a model of transformational programming in the Dallas community.

Free Facebook Event – September 20 at [facebook.com/neverthelesshepreached/](https://facebook.com/neverthelesshepreached/)

**FREE PUBLIC EVENT • SUNDAY SEPT 20**  
**f LIVE 5PM CST**

**2020 NEVERTHELESS, SHE PREACHED**  
DISRUPTING POLITICS. ELEVATING JUSTICE.

HOSTED BY  
REV. KYNDRA FRAZIER  
SPIRITUAL GUIDE

FEATURING  
REV. TRACI BLACKMON

FEATURING  
DR. THELATHIA "NIKKI" YOUNG

**WORKING GROUPS**  
MONDAY SEPT 21 -  
TUESDAY SEPT 22

HOSTED BY  
REV. DR. MARGARET  
ATMER  
REV. AMY BUTLER  
REV. NICOLE GARCIA  
JENNIFER KHAPP  
REV. TUHIMA  
VERMA RASCHE

ACCESS TO WORKING GROUPS - TICKETS: \$25  
REGISTER AT [NSP2020.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://NSP2020.EVENTBRITE.COM)



Register for September 21-22 online events: <https://bit.ly/2Gjllwl>

## COVID 19 – COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GO GET  TESTED .com

### Keeping Texas Tested & Open

Royal Lane  
Baptist Church  
FREE COVID-19  
Testing for All



Royal Lane Baptist Church  
6707 Royal Ln, Dallas, TX 75230  
Starting 8/20 | Monday through Thursday | 9am - 5pm

Register at [GoGetTested.com](https://GoGetTested.com)  
Or Call 1-877-TEST-GO-1

## Blood Drive at RLBC

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in Vickrey Hall at RLBC on September 24 and October 27. We hope you will schedule a donation through the American Red Cross at Royal Lane or the location of your choice. Find a blood drive at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive).



## Deacons of the Week

**September 6**

Ray Cox

Margaret Darden

**September 13**

Melanie Ferguson

Garey Wisdom

## Scriptures of the Week

**September 6**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 8:15-20

**September 13**

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

## July 2020 Financials

Revenues\* \$481,535

Expenses \$439,295

Surplus (Deficit) \$42,240

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

### Text "GIVE" to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process.

*Standard text message rates may apply.*

Donate online at [royallane.org/give/](http://royallane.org/give/)

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General Fund

Columbarium

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Other

*Optional Memo Line available.*

**All In-Person  
Midweek Services  
&  
Fellowship Meals  
Temporarily Suspended**  
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday  
August 5 - September 9**

*"White Fragility"  
Virtual Conversation  
Register Today!*

The Box Gallery  
is  
***Temporarily Closed***



To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*, contact Barbara Merry, [bmerry@royallane.org](mailto:bmerry@royallane.org).

## Happy Birthday!

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**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm**

**Sunday School: 9:45 am**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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