



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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When Great Trees Fall

Maya Angelou wrote a powerful poem called “When Great Trees Fall” about the impact of important people in our lives. These “Great Trees” have grown among us, becoming fixtures of wisdom, protection, and generosity. We’ve had some great and mighty trees in our families, church, and nation who have fallen this year. Yet, because they were a part of our lives, we find the strength and vision to grow goodness, sprout passion, and enable a thriving vision. As we near All Saints Sunday next month, I know we feel far apart and disconnected as this season of isolation lingers on. Even so, the saints of Royal Lane bind us together, providing comfort when we feel lonely and strength when we feel weak. So, as we remember those who have grown deep roots in our church, sheltering us with comforting shade and flourishing wisdom, may we be better versions of ourselves as we plant hope in our world.

When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou

When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.
When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.
When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.

Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.
Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance, fall away.

We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable
ignorance of
dark, cold
caves.
And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for October 21 & November 4, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

September Missions Thank You

Thank you, Royal Lane Family!

Every week in September we delivered bags and bags of snacks and drinks to the teachers and staff at Foster Elementary School in Northwest Dallas. Irma de la Guardia (pictured below) is the principal at Foster Elementary, and she wanted us to know how much these treats helped boost the morale of the teachers and staff. Many of the families at Foster are experiencing joblessness right now, so both the staff and families are under a lot of stress. Principal de la Guardia explained that they don't have any extra financial resources to treat the teachers, so our gifts came at the perfect time. Because of your generosity, the teachers and staff at Foster began their year feeling appreciated and loved.



October Missions Project

Tango Tab Feed the City

We are excited to bring a new missions project to you that you and your families can do together at home. We are partnering with Tango Tab's Feed The City program. Tango Tab is an organization that has been fighting hunger in our city since 2015. We will pack paper lunch sacks at home with shelf stable food which will be given out to people in need throughout the metroplex.



In each bag you will put

- 1 granola bar,
- 1 apple sauce or tuna pouch, and
- 1 bottle of water

Please write an encouraging message on each paper bag, for example "You are loved".

The Missions Division volunteers will add a piece of fruit before we deliver them to Tango Tab. We would love for Royal Laners to provide at least 100 lunches, and more if we can. How many can your family make?

Drop off your bags at these times at Royal Lane Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 14th, 6-8pm

Friday October 16th, 7:00pm (please stay for the Prayer Walk!)

Saturday October 17th 10am-12pm

If you need another time to drop off your sack lunches, we will gladly work with you, just contact Charlotte Sewell or Laura Keller.

Thank you all!

Coming Events

Friday	October 9
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	October 10
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	October 11 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship – Guest Preacher, Rev. Amy W. Moore — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
	At Close of Worship, Called Church Conference for the purpose of electing Deacons — Zoom
12:00 pm	Drive by vote for Deacons — Parking Lot behind Sanctuary (12:00 – 4:00 pm)
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting — Zoom
Wednesday	October 14
6:00 pm	Drop Off Items for Tango Tab October Missions Project (6:00 – 8:00 pm)
6:30 pm	IN FOCUS– Mental Health— Zoom with panelists, Tracy Newton Wing, Licensed Professional Counselor, MEd, LPC-S and Janna Deardorff, LMFT
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
Friday	October 16
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
7:00 pm	Drop Off Items for Tango Tab October Missions Project (7:00 – 7:30 pm)
7:30 pm	Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk — Church Grounds
Saturday	October 17
10:00 am	Drop Off Items for Tango Tab October Missions Project (10:00 – 12:00 pm)
11:00 am	Drive By Celebration for Tim Schaefer — North Parking Lot (11:00 am – 1:00 pm)
11:00 am	Youth Pizza Party — Church Grounds
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	October 18 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost / Children's Sabbath
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	4-6 Year Old Saturday School — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
	Chat with the Pastor — Zoom (link available in Livestream Chat)
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Wednesday	October 21 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom
Friday	October 23
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

Ministry Note

A virtual memorial service will be held for Ray Vickrey on Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 pm, and can be viewed on the Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel. His obituary appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Sunday, October 4.

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

October 21, 2020 – Quarterly Church Conference

The October Quarterly Church Conference will include a presentation by the Member Resource Committee of the 2020/2021 Church Leadership Roster for congregational approval. The Leadership Roster includes the names of the folks who are being nominated and who have agreed to serve on the various committees of the church.

Participant Guide

Royal Lane Baptist Church - Social Justice Team

Candlelight Prayer Walk

Arriving at church:

- Park anywhere other than the big, corner parking lot.
- Wear masks, have personal hand sanitizer, and maintain social distancing.
- No entrance to buildings - Gathering Site and Walking Path are outside
- Move from your car to the Gathering Site, near the Cottage and the Missions Donation shed.

Arriving at the Gathering Site:

- Silence cell phones
- Pick up a single, sanitized candle, only touching that one
- Greet one another in joy with a sense of fervent expectation as all gather at the Site
- Keep your mask on and maintain social distancing

At the Gathering Site - Instructions from the Site Leader:

- Instructions for the Walking Path - a preview
 - description of Walking Path location given by Site Leader
 - the path for walking is a one-way circuit, walking individually at least 6-8 feet apart
 - move intentionally and with careful steps, remaining in single file as you walk together
 - hold your candle in front of you - hold it especially high as you walk near the shrubs along the perimeter of the parking lot, as a witness to those driving by on Royal and Hillcrest
 - walk the circuit path in the parking lot until you are done meditating
- A Walking Path is available for those who cannot negotiate steps down - *Guide identified*
- Participation available for not able to walk - *Guide identified*
- Keep your mask on and maintain social distancing
- Rehearse Responsive phrase
- Listen for a single phrase to focus your meditation
- Plan for the reverent ending (*see below*)
- Practice Responsive phrase one more time

Responsive Reading and Candlelight Prayer Walk - (*keep your mask on*)

LIPS

Participate in the Responsive Reading - listen for your phrase

HEART

Meditate on your phrase - reflect within your heart

FEET (Sites A & B only)

Walk the circuit together - pray in the glow of your candle.

(repeat the circuit until you're done praying)

Reverent Ending:

- Return your candle to the table provided in the parking lot when you're done walking
- Move quietly away from the parking lot where participants are still walking and meditating
- If desired, have conversations near your car, maintaining social distancing and wearing your mask.

October 2020



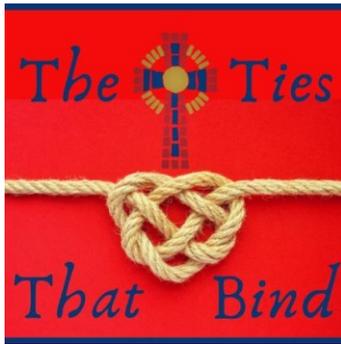
Our dear youth pastor of 5 years, Tim Schaefer, is moving on to become the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Madison, Wisconsin. We are sad to see him go, but want to send him off with all of our love. So, please drive by with words of blessing and/or gifts on October 17th on the North side of the church.

COME CELEBRATE!

DRIVE BY
11:00-1:00

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RLBC: NORTH
PARKING LOT

**PIZZA PARTY 4
YOUTH**
11:00-1:00



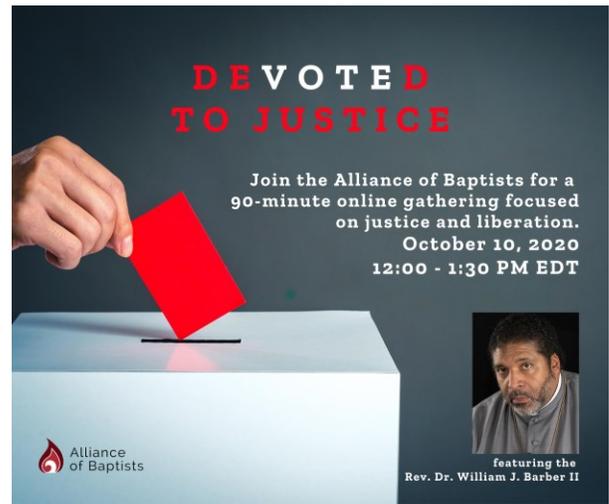
Stewardship 2021

Our stewardship theme for this year is "The Ties That Bind". We are bound together by many aspects of our lives even though we cannot be physically together every Wednesday night and Sunday morning. We are grateful for all the ways our ties have not changed due to COVID-19. As a church community we continue to care for the vulnerable and those who struggle with chronic health issues. We reach out to the elderly. We teach our children. We worship virtually. And we help each other in hard times.

November 1 All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since November 1 of 2019. If you have a family member you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Wednesday, October 21 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member.

You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to bmerry@royallane.org or jschultz@royallane.org.



DEVOTED TO JUSTICE

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

Join the Alliance of Baptists on October 10 for Devoted to Justice, the Alliance's fall online gathering. This 90-minute online gathering will focus on liberation and justice in our current climate and will feature keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. William Barber II. The program will provide the opportunity for inspiration, reflection, connection, a chance to check-in with your Alliance family and to hear the state of the Alliance in these unprecedented times.

Register at <https://bit.ly/32kBiR8>



Thank You Note

Thank you staff for the great job you all are doing keeping us all connected as much as possible. Especially thank you for the Sunday TV Service.

I will be so happy to see those beautiful faces in person!

*Many Prayers for you all,
Jeane McRae Bishop*

Deacons of the Week

October 11

Charlotte Sewell
Amy Ward-Meier

October 18

Paulette Harrison
Cathy Walling

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

October 14

IN FOCUS

Mental Health

Zoom

October 21

Quarterly Church Conference

Zoom

(link to be sent to members)

The Box Gallery
Is Temporarily Closed

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,
contact Barbara Merry, bmerry@royallane.org.

Scriptures of the Week

October 11

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 4:1-9

October 18

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

August 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$522,107
Expenses	\$499,852
Surplus (Deficit)	\$22,255

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/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund

Columbarium

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Other

Optional Memo Line available.

Happy Birthday!

October

Bettie Meachum.....	10
Samantha Fleenor	11
Steve Bush	14
Jennifer Maddox	18
Jasmine Parrish	18
Becky Fuller.....	19
Josiah Henault.....	20
Shelley Mulry	20
Melissa Walker-Luckett	20
Sadie Watson	20



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Monday - Friday: Open by Appointment

Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom

Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am – Royal Lane YouTube Channel

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