



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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We Keep On

We wait a lot these days. It feels as if everything ground to a halt a year ago when the pandemic quarantine went into effect. Over the course of the pandemic, we've waited for the curve to be flattened, the weather to change, and the vaccines to be rolled out. We've seen social injustice rise this past year in black and brown communities and poor populations due to the harsh effects of the criminal justice system, lack of community assistance, and the spread of disease. We feel as if waiting isn't getting us any closer to resurrection or new life.

And so, it makes sense that Royal Lane's Lenten theme has been "I Wait" from Psalm 130. Because that's what Lent is. Lent is waiting with anticipation for the good news of Easter as we travel the long road to the cross together. We wait. Yet, even in the Lenten waiting, we keep on.

We keep on worshipping and congregating virtually through YouTube and Zoom. We will have a small Flowering of the Cross service in person and outside (registration information on royallane.org) knowing that we've waited to be back together for over a year. However, we still have to wait a tad bit longer for hugs, no mask visiting, and hands on caring for one another. But, we keep on writing letters, making phone calls, and doing what we can do from afar as we wait. We are waiting for our Children's and Youth areas to be repaired after the pipes burst from the winter storm. But we keep on creating and implementing imaginative programming for our young ones. We keep on.

We keep on working to improve the lives of all Texans by learning how we, as a faith community, can be more anti-racist, decrease mass incarcerations, and abolish the death penalty. There are many important bills moving through the Texas legislature in 2021 like ones that will get rid of Confederate Heroes Day, ban no-knock warrants (one year after Breonna Taylor's murder), halt juvenile curfews which affect mostly black and brown children, and enact many good reforms though the George Floyd Act.

We are also keeping an eye on the bad bills, the ones that will harm people. One such bill impacts our efforts at bail reform. Over the past year, I've worked with Faith in Texas to bail out many individuals who should've been released, but were not because they couldn't pay their small bail. Keeping people behind bars because they can't make bail hurts families and their communities. There is a bill, SB 21, that will make it harder for charitable organizations, like churches, to pay bail for incarcerated people while also taking immigration status into account. Many of us have written letters to the state legislature for legislators to oppose SB 21. Faith in Texas will have a briefing about this bill on March 28 at 3:00 PM. We keep on.

We keep on shifting, growing, moving, and loving as a congregation even in this time of waiting. The Alliance of Baptists, Royal Lane's main congregational affiliate is changing to become an anti-racist denomination. If you want to see how they are moving forward in this work, they will have open meetings this week to discuss their new covenant and by-laws on Thursday at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 5:00 PM. Also, Fellowship Southwest, our other congregational affiliate, is transitioning to a new director, Stephen Reeves, who is a lawyer, advocacy leader for CBF, and native Texan. And we say goodbye to our good friend, Marv Knox. We keep on.

We keep on because Easter is coming. We keep on because we know how the story ends when the deep grave and the bondage of death-dealing forces do not hold us anymore, when life and liberty are the celebrations we pronounce when we sing "Christ's redeeming work is done."

I know we are waiting. But in the waiting, we... keep... on.

Pastor Mike

Easter Flower Dedications

It's time to submit dedications for Easter Flowers. These may be submitted online at royallane.org/easter-flower-dedications/. You may also email the church office at info@royallane.org, or leave a message at 214-361-2809, ext. 11. Printed forms are available in the church office. \$15.00 per dedication.

Payment Options:

Check – mail or bring to the church office.

Credit card – contact Janet to provide information or email to instruct her to use information on file

Online bill – through personal bank account

Pay online – click the link provided in the online order which opens in a new window - complete payment then return to form window to SUBMIT Easter Flower Dedication.



**Please submit dedications by
Tuesday, March 30 (Deadline extended)**

Called Church Conference – March 28, 2021

Tex Quesada has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of a deacon. Members are asked to participate in a zoom conference call following worship, to vote on this nomination.

Procedure for the Election of a Deacon to Fill an Unexpired Term

- At the close of worship Sunday, March 28th, members of RLBC will access the special church conference via a Zoom meeting. The Zoom ID for the meeting will be sent to members via their email.
- Once the church has been called into conference, a link to access a ballot will appear in “Chat.”
 1. Members will open the ballot, mark the ballot, and submit it to be counted.
 2. Ballots must be accessed and submitted by 2:00 PM Sunday afternoon.
- Drive-by balloting will be available from 12:00 to 2:00 PM Sunday in the parking lot behind the sanctuary.
- Members of the Tabulating Committee will be tasked with counting the ballots and reporting the results to the deacon chair.
- The deacon chair will be responsible for communicating the results of the ballot the congregation.

Make a Donation Today

to

The Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship
Fund

<https://bit.ly/3eLvqbC>

Donations may also be mailed to the church office. Please mark your check “scholarship fund” in the memo line or contact Janet in the church office to make a donation with a personal credit card.

214-361-2809, ext. 11



Coming Events

Friday	March 19
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	March 20
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	March 21 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist Church
YouTube Channel	
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
12:15 pm	Program Council — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Tuesday	March 23
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	March 24
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study, Acts 3:1-26, Healing at the Temple and Peter's Speech – with Mike Gregg — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Thursday	March 25 – Easter Flower Dedications Due in Church Office
Friday	March 26
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	March 27
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist Church YouTube Channel
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
7:00 pm	Connections Care Group — Zoom
Tuesday	March 30
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	March 31
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study, Acts 4:1-31, Peter and John Arrested and Praying Together – with Mike Gregg — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Friday	April 2 – Good Friday
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
7:30 pm	Good Friday Service — Virtual
Saturday	April 3
2:00 pm	Drive Through Holy Week and Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom (tbd)
Sunday	April 4 – Easter Sunday
9:00 am	Flowering of the Cross Service – Weather permitting — South Lawn & Sanctuary Steps – Registration Required Flowering of the Cross – Cross Open for Drive-By Placement of flowers after Flowering of the Cross Service
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Zoom (tbd)
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom (Weather permitting, class will be attending Flowering of the Cross)
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist Church YouTube Channel
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom (tbd)

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Coming Events - Continued

Tuesday	April 6
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	April 7 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study, Acts 4:32-5:11, Living in Radical Community – with Mike Gregg — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
Friday	April 9
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	April 10
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.

"Like" RLBC on Facebook or "Follow" RLBC on Twitter

EASTER SUNDAY
9:00 AM

Flowering of the Cross Service

**SOUTH LAWN
&
SANCTUARY
STEPS**

**LIMITED
NUMBER OF
WORSHIPPERS**

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**
Details to Follow

**NO CHILD
CARE**



**MASKS
REQUIRED**

**SIT IN
DESIGNATED
SEATS**

**BRING
FLOWERS**

**EXTRA
FLOWERS WILL
BE AVAILABLE**

WILL CANCEL IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

Flowering of the Cross

Sunday, April 4, 9:00 – 9:30 am

South Lawn and Sanctuary Steps. Registration Required.

No Live Stream for the Flowering of Cross Service

Registration required:

Register online at royallane.org

Those with no online access may ask a friend or family member to complete their registration. Or you may contact the church office at 214-361-2809, ext.11.

The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 7 & 21, 2021.

The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.

Deacons of the Week

March 21

Charlotte Sewell
Terry Berrier

March 28

Tex Quesada (tbd)
Sandy Washington

April 4

Alan Greider
Christin Lavery

Scriptures of the Week

March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10

Psalm 51:1-12
John 12:20-33

March 28

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 31:9-16
Mark 14:1-15-47

April 4

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-4. 12-10
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

March 24 – April 7

Acts of the Apostles
Bible Study
with Mike Gregg

January 2021 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues	\$65,102
Expenses	\$54,815
Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,287

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
- Easter Flowers
- The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Happy Birthday!

April

Brian Watson	1
Jordan Weilage	1
James C. Walker	2
Iris Jo Bever	4
Kellar Cavins	5
Jane Carter	6

Happy Birthday!

March

Rick Crutcher	19
Von Irwin	21
Lily Brashear	22
Rod Cook	22
Amber Luckett Seymour	23
Michael Estill	26
Melanie Ferguson	26
Jan Quesada	26
Marcy Waters	28
Jenny Cechan	29
Jack Mullinax	31



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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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