



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Savior, Like a Shepherd

We celebrated Earth Day a couple of weeks ago in worship and Harry Wooten visited Sister Grove Farm and recorded Rev. Sarah Macias giving the sermon in front of the pasture with sheep and dogs in the background. Harry then sang "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" in the sheep's pen. And the marvelous beauty of the Earth was declared by the choir. In her sermon, Sarah reminded us how God, in God's mercy and care, shepherds us and, thus, we possess the responsibility to shepherd and restore the planet. And I also learned a new word, *flerd*, a combination of herd and flock.

I've felt the tug of a kind and loving shepherd in these busy and somewhat harried days since submitting my resignation as the Pastor of this flerd called Royal Lane. Every week, I've received a call from Jordan Weilage. Sometimes I am available to answer it and sometimes it goes to voicemail. But the message is always the same. Jordan reminds me that he is thinking about my family. He whimsically quips that he won't be able to call me Pastor Mike anymore (although, I will gladly always be his pastor). And he says that he cares about me and prays for baby Ford. Jordan has shepherded me through this time of grief and change.

It is my hope that I was able to shepherd Royal Lane through the open fields and also through the rocky crevices. We've sat by still waters and eaten in green pastures. We've even made it through some dim and shadowy valleys as well. I pray, on some of those days, our souls have even felt restored.

As Psalm 23 assures us, God is with us through it all. Today, some of us might be in a time of green pastures and still waters. Others of us may be lost in the labyrinth of uncertainty and doubt. Wherever we find ourselves as followers of Jesus, we are not alone. We will never be abandoned. God will always come looking for us. God will always love us. Because God is the Good Shepherd leading us through our one "wild and precious life."

May the sweet Spirit of our Creator breathe purpose and passion into our nostrils, giving us hope and strength to go wherever the next adventure takes us. And let us remember, this day and every day, that "Thou has bought us, Thine we are."

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for May 19 & June 2, 2021.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Recommendations for Pastor Search Committee

Please submit suggestions by May 10th

We are in the beginning stages of our search for a new Pastor. The Member Resource Committee is asking that you prayerfully consider people in our church who you believe are well-suited to help find and recommend a new Pastor for Royal Lane. This is your opportunity as a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church to submit written recommendations of persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. Use this QR Code, or go to <https://forms.gle/ufzkJyEHXv5kNZay8>, either of which will take you to the Google Form to make your recommendations. Please submit by May 10th and *thank you* for your participation in this process.



GREGG FAMILY FAREWELL

SATURDAY MAY 8TH

2-4 PM



CELEBRATE
PASTOR MIKE

SEND GREGG FAMILY
OFF TO NASHVILLE
WITH 

BASKET FOR
LOVE GIFTS



PHOTO BOOK
TO SIGN

GATHER ON THE
EAST PARKING LOT
CORNER OF
HILLCREST AND ROYAL

MONETARY LOVE GIFTS CAN BE SENT TO THE CHURCH, OR SELECT LOVE GIFT FOR PASTOR MIKE ON THE WEBSITE UNDER "GIVE"

Coming Events

- Saturday** **May 8**
2:00 pm Send off for Gregg Family — East Lawn (2:00 – 4:00 pm)
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**
9:45 am Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am 4-6 Year Old Sunday School — 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
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School —
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
7:15 pm Deacon's Meeting — Zoom (7:15, Deacon Chat)
- Wednesday** **May 12**
6:30 pm IN FOCUS – Beloved Community: Creating a Culture of Radical Candor — Zoom
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
- Saturday** **May 15**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **May 16 – Seventh Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday**
9:45 am Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:00 am 4-6 Year Old Sunday School — 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
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
- Wednesday** **May 19 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study — Zoom
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Virtual
- Saturday** **May 22**
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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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.

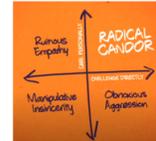
IN FOCUS

BELOVED COMMUNITY: CREATING A CULTURE OF RADICAL CANDOR

Wednesday, May 12 -- 6:15 PM

Engage with us as we discuss how to create a culture of compassionate candor, build cohesive teams, and achieve results collaboratively.

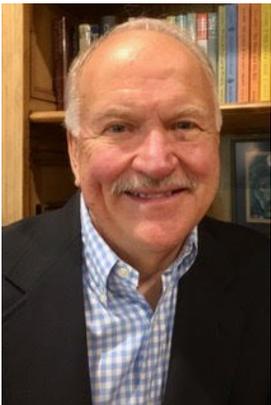
Radical candor is needed for any relationship, team, or organization.



Rev. Kristin Warthen, Minister of Family Ministries at White's Chapel, will guide us in conversation about Kim Scott's book, Radical Candor.

Beloved Community – Creating a Culture of Radical Candor

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, May 12, at 6:15 pm for our May IN FOCUS> Beloved Community: Creating a Culture of Radical Candor. Engage with us as we discuss how to create a compassionate candor, build cohesive teams, and achieve results collaboratively. Radical candor is needed for any relationship, team, or organization. Rev. Kristin Warthen, Minister of Family Ministries at White's Chapel, will guide us in conversation about Kim Scott's book, *Radical Candor*.



Guest Preacher – Sunday, May 16

Michael (Mike) Massar

Associate Pastor of Faith Formation
Woodland Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas

Mike hails from west Texas. His education background includes Baylor University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mansfield College of Oxford University, the Graduate Theological Foundation and the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California.

He is married to Lisa, an early childhood specialist, and has three grown children whose families include four grandchildren.

To Families with Graduates!

Graduates will be recognized on June 6, 2021. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student by Monday, May 17, for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and in a June issue of the Mosaic.



Deacons of the Week

May 9

Mike Keith

Margaret Darden

May 16

Nate Green

Donna Wood-Martin

Scriptures of the Week

May 9

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

May 16

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 17

Luke 24:44-53

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

Wednesday

May 12, 6:15 pm

"Creating a Community of
Radical Candor"
with

Kristin Warthen

May 19, 6:30 pm

Midweek Bible Study

March 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$189,340
Expenses	\$157,802
Surplus (Deficit)	\$31,538

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Standard text message rates may apply.

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General Fund

Columbarium

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Love Gift for Pastor Mike



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

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contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or
bmerry@royallane.org.

Happy Birthday!

May

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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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