



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Prayer for a Hurting World

God of mercy, as wildfires and wars rage, earthquakes shake the planet, tropical storms threaten, we are at a loss as to what to say or do. In these moments of anguish and fear and grief, we turn to you in prayer, Holy God, confident that you hear the cries of your people.

As we send our daughters back to school, free to raise their hands in class, free to study and to speak, we pray for the daughters of Afghanistan. We pray for women shrouding themselves in fear, for liberties recently gained to hold despite the new oppressive regime. We pray for the Afghani men—fathers, brothers, sons, uncles—desperately seeking refuge for their families. We pray for all the Afghani people whose lives are trapped in a war zone. We pray for American troops, morally torn over leaving this country and their service behind. Lord, have mercy. Turn us from violence as a justified means for achieving our ends. Guide humanity toward your path of peace.

In your mercy, God, hear also our prayers for Haiti. Why, O God, have the people of Haiti suffered so? How long, O Lord, must your people on this island endure tragedy after tragedy? We pray for this nation rocked by economic crisis, political assassination, a spiraling pandemic, and now an earthquake causing death and destruction. O God, we see the faces of those who have lost their homes and their loved ones. We grieve for your beloved ones and cry out on their behalf. Rescue the people of Haiti, God, desperate for help. Protect them from the next deluge heading their way, from the flooding and the mudslides. Guide us in global mission so our efforts might provide relief and support.

Great God of all, you know us so well. You know our pain. You know our loss. You grieve with us as wildfires consume homes and COVID-19 fills hospital beds. You cry with us as tragedies plague your people. You work beside us in ministry and mission. God of grace, open our eyes, hearts and hands to the movement of your Spirit in this broken world. Restore hope to the suffering, mend the hearts of the hurting, grant us all the strength to support those in need. As we forage for hope along the path of tragedy, may we bear the good fruit of faith, turning to each other and to you in love. Restore us, Holy God, with your hope.

We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Teri McDowell Ott

Teri McDowell Ott, Editor and Publisher of the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for September 1 & 15, 2021.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Coming Events

Saturday	August 21
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	August 22 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Formations Class — Library
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Room 208
10:55 am	Morning Worship – Guest Preacher, Jason Smith — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:00 pm	Youth & Parent Planning Meeting — Vickrey Hall
Wednesday	August 25
10:00 am	Holy Rollers — Room 210 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:15 pm	Youth – Homemade Ice Cream
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study — Zoom
6:30 pm	Wacky Wednesdays
Saturday	August 28
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	August 29 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Formations Class — Library
9:45 am	Foundation Stones — Room 208
10:55 am	Morning Worship – Guest Preacher, Doug Watts — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Wednesday	September 1 – Mosaic
10:00 am	Holy Rollers — Room 210 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study — Zoom
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday	September 4
2:00 pm	Questers Class — 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 Will We Fit In?

What are our gifts, interests, and talents? How will we best use them within our church family and in our community?

The Member Resource Committee can answer these questions if you will please complete Royal Lane’s online “Member Interest Survey”. You may access the survey with the following URL address, by using the QR Code below, or by submitting a “pen & paper” survey which you can pick up during Sunday worship. Those who we know prefer a paper copy will be sent a survey by USPS mail. Thank you for participating!

Survey Deadline – August 31.

<https://bit.ly/3f63yhu>



Royal Rides

Royal Rides is rolling out a new program whereby volunteers will drive individuals for routine medical procedures requiring a person on site prior to beginning the procedures. We are seeking volunteers who have schedule flexibility and can offer to be included on the list to drive. If this is something of which you can consider becoming involved, please contact Karen Simmons at 214-675-1200 or kasim0303@gmail.com to volunteer.

Deacons of the Week

August 22

John Helms

Cathy Walling

August 29

Melissa Orwig

Blake Miller

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

6:30 p.m. Wednesday

August 25

Midweek Bible Study

Jan Quesada

September 1

Midweek Bible Study

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Scriptures of the Week

August 22

1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11). 22-30. 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-59

August 29

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

July 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$432,543
Expenses	\$379,995
Surplus (Deficit)	\$52,547

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Follow the prompts to complete the process.

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General Fund

Columbarium

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

The Box Gallery
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Happy Birthday!

August

Jackson Maddox.....	18
Brandon Green.....	19
Doug Washington.....	20
Shannon Miller.....	21
Robbye Foster.....	25
Graham King.....	30
Don Meier.....	30
Tex Quesada.....	30
Anna Lou Brown.....	31
Thad Clark-Soles.....	31
Matthew Maddox.....	31
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Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom

Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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