



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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A Church is a Home for Love

William Sloane Coffin describes the church: “A church is a place where we try to think, speak, and act in God’s way, not in the way of a fear-filled world. A church is a home for love, a home for brothers and sisters to dwell in unity, to rest and be healed, to let go their defenses and be free—free from worries, free from tensions, free to laugh, free to cry.”

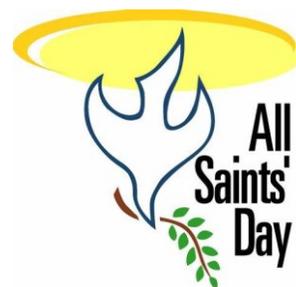
I trust that you and I have found ourselves remembering and reassessing our love for the work of God’s kingdom here at Royal Lane. We really are building life together. In this season of recovery from the pandemic, let us focus now upon renewing our devotion to God and our commitment to give in the coming year. Jennifer and I are praying to discern how we might commit to give of our tithe and offerings during this time of transition. We have a strong sense of understanding about how God has blessed our lives from that day many years ago with you until this present moment in time. Sunday, we will join together with you in bringing our pledge.

Steve Graham

November 7, All Saints’ Sunday

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since October 25 of 2020. 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 Friday, October 29 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 in the church office.



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for November 3 & 17, 2021.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

BOOK RELEASE – August, 2021

“Living the 6B Life: My Story as a Global Surgeon in Africa and Beyond” by Don Meier

Don and Patsy Meier had hoped to have a proper RLBC book launch for Don’s recently published memoir. In 2017, as part of his rehabilitation from a cerebral hemorrhage, Don, using his functional right hand, began to type his memories. Sadly, due to declining memory and another hemorrhage, Don no longer even remembers writing his memoir.

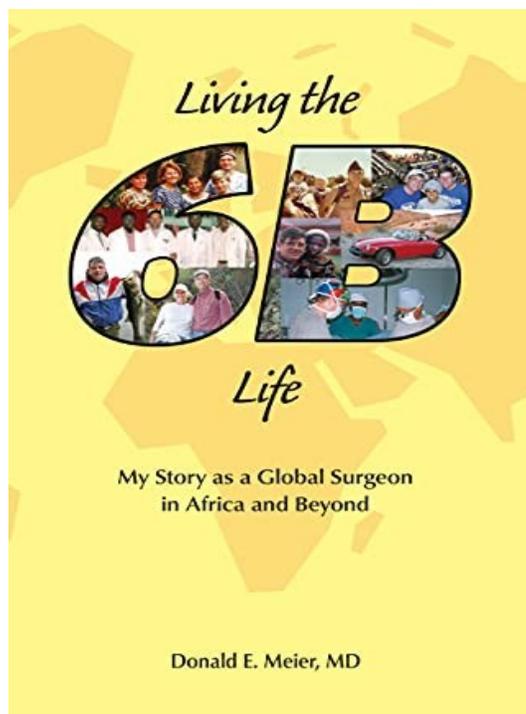
In 1972, Don and Patsy joined RLBC when they moved to Dallas for Don’s surgery residency at Parkland. Departing Dallas in 1977, for Don’s military commitment, the friendships formed and the births of their children during their 5 years at Royal Lane made RLBC their home church no matter where they were living in this wide world.

In 1982, Don and Patsy moved with their three children from Dallas to serve at a Baptist mission hospital in the Nigerian savannah. With a strong faith, a sharp sense of humor, and the willingness to operate by flashlight when necessary, Don accomplished his goal of providing top-quality care while helping to educate a new generation of physicians. The family made lifelong friends as they learned to make do with the constant heat and spotty electricity, and to appreciate a culture so very different than their own. From the humorous to the heartbreaking, [Living the 6B Life](#) is infused with love and open-hearted dedication.

In addition to his years in Nigeria, Don provided surgical care in eleven countries over the course of his working life. He was recognized for his service multiple times by both local and national colleagues, receiving numerous awards including the American Pediatric Surgical Association Saving Lives Award for Humanitarian Service and the American College of Surgeons Surgical Humanitarian Award.

The net proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to two global healthcare nonprofits – Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons and Water is Life Ethiopia. Don’s book is available on [Amazon](#).

<https://amzn.to/3IErhZZ>



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Donald E. Meier, MD has had a lifetime habit of journaling. In 2016, as part of his recovery from a major health event, he began to pen the highlights of his life based on those journals. For four years, with limited physical abilities, he wrote the story of his life as a global surgeon who was motivated by faith.

While practicing primarily in the United States and Nigeria, Meier provided surgical care in a total of twelve countries over the course of his life. His personal mission was to always provide the highest quality care possible, while simultaneously training the next generation of surgeons. He was recognized for his work multiple times by both local and national colleagues, receiving numerous awards including the **American Pediatric Surgical Association Saving Lives Award for Humanitarian Service** in May 2019 and the **American College of Surgeons Surgical Humanitarian Award** in October 2019.

Net proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to two global healthcare nonprofits that work to provide sustainable global surgical education programs and sources of clean water for those in need.



Ninety-three percent of sub-Saharan Africans do not have access to safe, timely, and affordable surgical and anesthesia care. **Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons** offers a permanent and sustainable solution to address that critical need, training African physicians as surgeons to care for the poor and sick and to provide hope to those who are suffering. Fewer than half

of all Ethiopians have adequate access to clean water. **Water is Life Ethiopia** brings hope to a nation, one well at a time and has provided clean water to more than 330,000 people so far. Sustainable Living Teams integrate with the rural communities and foster a sense of collective custodianship and responsibility for the wells created.



Coming Events

- Saturday October 23**
9:00 am Pumpkin Patch Open (9:00 am – 6:00 pm)
1:00 pm Celebration of the Life of Jo Ferguson — Sanctuary
(This service will be livestreamed on the Royal Lane YouTube Channel)
Greet the family — west end of the Cunningham Arcade
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday October 24 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am Children ages 3yr through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
1:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open (1:00 – 5:00 pm)
3:00 pm Fall Festival — Church Grounds (3:00 – 5:00 pm)
- Monday – Friday**
11:00 am – 6:00 pm — Pumpkin Patch Open
- Monday October 25**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Wednesday October 27**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:30 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering – Pumpkin Carving — Pumpkin Patch
- Saturday October 30**
9:00 am Pumpkin Patch Open (9:00 am – 6:00 pm)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday October 31 – Reformation Sunday**
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am Children ages 3yr through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm Scholarship Committee — Library
1:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open (1:00 – 5:00 pm)
- Monday November 1**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Wednesday November 3 – Mosaic**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
6:30 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

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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Celebration of life
Jo Ferguson
December 26, 1943 - August 14, 2020
Saturday, October 23
1:00 pm – Sanctuary

Batik Altar Cloth

Have you been admiring the altar cloth currently being used in worship? Here's the rest of the story...

The batik altar cloth was made by the 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School Class in the summer of 1999. That was a bad idea because it was very hot on the black top parking lot where we did some of the work. Two cloths were made to use as baptism banners or reception tablecloths. The batik idea was borrowed from Carole Powell at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. The center cross, baptism and resurrection symbols were made with hot wax from handmade cardboard stencils of fish, dove, sun, eternal life, butterfly, egg and shell. Border patterns were stamped with a metal flower stencil from Hong Kong and wooden designs from Theresa Helms. Multiple colors of cold-water dye were painted on the design areas. The most difficult part was removing the wax afterwards.



Class members were Donnie Gray, Natalie Levy, Analise Gonzales, Miranda Grant, Christopher Rempert, Corey Williams, Ross Granowski, Jakob Luttrell, Eddie Harris, Carlton Northrup, Ashley Hornbuckle, Wilson Griffing, Theresa Helms and Cookie Stokes

The RLBC fall festival is back!

We need lots of people to help this be a smashing event. Fall festival will be held on Sunday, October 24, from 3PM-5PM and we need volunteers to help setup/clean-up, run games, bring candy or cupcakes and open up their trunk and pass out candy (candy will be provided).

Due to COVID concerns we ask that everyone in attendance wear a mask. This year's fall festival will be for RLBC members and friends only.

Contact Kelley Keith (kkeith19@gmail.com) or Lisa Chastain (lisamerced@gmail.com) with questions.

Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/2YnD99w>



HELP OUT WITH THE FALL FESTIVAL

- 01 TRUNK OR TREAT**
Decorate your car and pass out candy
- 02 DONATE CANDY**
Candy will be collected at the church
- 03 VOLUNTEER**
Sign up to host one of several games
- 04 CONTACT US!**
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Fall Youth Retreat – Sister Grove Farm October 15-17, 2021



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Sarah Macias for hosting a great Youth Fall Retreat!!!



RLBC FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24 3-5PM

JOIN US ON THE RUNWAY FOR A COSTUME PARADE AT 4PM!!

DON'T MISS THE

- TRUNK OR TREATING
- DJ
- GAMES
- CRAFTS
- CUPCAKE WALK
- PHOTO BOOTH

MASKED EVENT WILL BE FOR RLBC MEMBERS & FRIENDS ONLY






The Giving Tree

The Missions Division would like to thank all who have contributed so generously to the Giving Tree. All of the leaves have been taken. Working together, we are making a difference in the life of this refugee family.

Columbarium Update

Have you been by the church lately? Come see the progress on the Columbarium! Take advantage of preconstruction cost for a Niche.

The central part of the Columbarium Garden that includes the Niches and central plantings will be the first stage. Landscaping around the Garden will continue as funds are available. Remember preconstruction cost of a Niche is \$3,000.00. As soon as construction of the central phase of the Columbarium Garden is finished, the cost will be \$3,500.00. Contact Nancy K. Ferrell at nkferrell@sbcglobal.net or Janet Schultz at jschultz@royallane.org for more information.

Want to know more? Visit the RLBC Website – royallane.org/columbarium



Deacons of the Week

October 24

Charlotte Sewell

Jamie Lockett

October 31

John Helms

Cathy Walling

Scriptures of the Week

October 24

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

October 31

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146:1-10

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

**All In-Person
Midweek Services
&
Fellowship Meals
Temporarily Suspended**
6:30 p.m. Wednesday
October 27
&
November 3

*The Solace of Fierce Landscapes:
Exploring Desert and
Mountain Spirituality*
by Belden Lane
with Steve Graham



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*, contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or bmerry@royallane.org.

September 2021 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues* \$528,354

Expenses \$487,974

Surplus (Deficit)* \$40,380

*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/

Happy Birthday!

October

Josiah Henault	20
Shelley Mulry	20
Melissa Walker-Lockett	20
Sadie Watson	20
Wynne Amerson	21
Barbara Gunnin	21
Robert Putman	21
Debi Veninga	25
Libba Studdard	25
Susie Leineweber	26
Carla Gaylor	27
Sheila Calhoon	29
Fred Binder	30
Steve Box	31
Carter Simmons	31
Cathy Webb	31

November

Kate Valentine	1
Tonya Dotson	2
Cheryl Robinson	2



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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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