



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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The Sunday after Epiphany

Steve Graham

Sunday we will gather on the Sunday after Epiphany to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, and our Baptism!

Luke states with simplicity that when all the people had been baptized Jesus was baptized, too. I like Robert Brearley's understanding that Jesus presented himself for baptism as an act of solidarity with a world of sinners. Jesus simply got in line with everyone who has been broken by the wear and tear of this harsh world.

When the line of downtrodden formed in hopes of new beginnings through a return to God, Jesus joined them.

It just might be worth our knowing and remembering that Jesus got in line with sinners and was baptized with them.

When Jesus had been baptized, he then prayed. This brief glimpse of his life will be repeated as Luke reports that time after time the source of Jesus' strength will be beyond him. Luke will identify that the Holy Spirit will encourage Jesus at every point along the way, even when the way becomes difficult.

Clarence Jordan gives this powerful shaping of this moment. "The sky split, the Holy Spirit in the shape of a dove came upon him, and a voice from the sky surrounded him, 'You are my dear son. I'm proud of you!'"

Christ's identity is shaped by a God who loves him and tells him so.

We need to hear this affirmation from God, and we need to hear it from each other.

My friend, Ray Dykes, loves to greet you with this affirmation, "Hello, you warm and wonderful child of God!"

Sunday we will commission the Royal Lane Pastor Search Committee. We want to give them our affirmation and commit to them our prayers for their work in the coming days.

New Year's Tea Cancellation

The New Year's Tea, originally scheduled for Saturday, January 8, has been cancelled due to COVID



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for January 19 & February 2, 2022.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Quarterly Church Conference – Wednesday, January 19

The proposed budget for 2021 will be presented for approval at the Quarterly Church Conference, January 19. Please contact Janet Schultz at jschultz@royallane.org or 214-361-2609, ext. 11 if you would like to receive a mailed copy of the proposed budget. Your request must be received on or before Thursday, January 13.

The Deacon Board has approved an amendment to our mission statement which will be presented to the church membership for approval. See proposed change in **red**.

Royal Lane Baptist Church Mission and Vision Statement



Diverse People United In Christ

Royal Lane Baptist Church is an inclusive, multi-generational community of believers in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. We believe in the inspiration of scripture, the equality of all persons, unity in diversity, and the priesthood of all believers. In communion with and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we follow the way of Christ and share the good news through worship, education, missions, and ministries.

We are a vibrant welcoming and affirming mosaic of ethnicities, racial identities, sexual orientations, **gender identities**, and socio-economics. We affirm the sacredness, dignity, and equality of every person.

Royal Lane is a progressive and autonomous Baptist church valuing the freedom to minister alongside other groups, both Christian and non-Christian.

We commit ourselves to:

- Worship that challenges the mind, stirs the heart, and lifts the spirit within the context of music, art, and liturgy.
- Christian education that is relevant, innovative, and based on thoughtful biblical information.
- Love one another as God loves us. We put this love into action through missions and ministries in our church, our community, and our world.
- A proclamation of the Christian faith that is responsible and free, socially concerned, and relevant to our needs as a caring and inclusive fellowship in today's society.

Coming Events

Sunday January 9 – First Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord

- 9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
- 9:45 am Formations Class — Room 202
- 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 206
- 10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:30 am Children ages 3 year through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (6:15 pm – Deacon Chat) — Zoom

Monday January 10
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom**Tuesday January 11**
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom**Wednesday January 12**

- 10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
- 6:15 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday January 15

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday January 16 – Sunday

- 9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
- 9:45 am Formations Class — Room 202
- 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 206
- 10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:30 am Children ages 3 year through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- 12:30 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall

Monday January 17
Church Office Closed in observance of MLK Day**Wednesday January 19 – Mosaic**

- 10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
- 6:15 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 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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How to Connect

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

Youth Group Holiday Activity – Christmas Skate Time!



Staff Thank You!

Dear members of our Royal Lane family,

We would like to thank you for the Staff Love Gift and the many kind and generous ways you show your appreciation and care to all of us who work at Royal Lane. Know that we continue to pray for you as you join with us in building the Beloved Community in Dallas. We wish the very best for each of you during this season of gratefulness and pray that you have much strength in the upcoming New Year.

Your RLBC Ministers and Staff,

*Steve, Harry, Laura, Janet, Barbara,
David, Rosa, Jose, Bervin (Sunday Security)
and Ben (Broadcast Production)*



Deacons of the Week

January 9

Blake Miller

Cathy Walling

January 16

Alan Greider

Sandy Washington

Scriptures of the Week

January 9

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

January 12

The Solace of Fierce Landscapes

by Belden Lane

with Steve Graham

January 19

Quarterly Church Conference

November 2021 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues* \$625,950

Expenses \$621,796

Surplus (Deficit) \$ 4,154

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Columbarium

Happy Birthday!

January

Adam Simmons 8

Shawng Lahpai 11

Michael Faulkinbury 12

Steve Graham 14

Carol Tabor 14

Kristene Ruddle 16

Sophie McKinney 16



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.



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Office Hours:

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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