



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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The Sky Is the Limit

Steve Graham

I want to share a story with you. When you hear it; it will start working on you, I suspect like it has been working on me. The story may very well be a fore-telling of the dance we will do as progress continues to be made on the reconstruction of our youth and children's building. Let us give our prayers and support to our leadership as they give guidance to these important days!

In the year 1831, it seems, a church in New England was repaired and several new additions were made. One of them was a new steeple with a bell in it, and once it was set in place and painted, an extraordinary event took place. "When the steeple was added," Howard Mudgett writes in his history, "one agile Lyman Woodward stood on his head in the belfry with his feet toward heaven."

In his book **The Clown in the Belfry**, Frederick Buechner says, "That's the one and only thing I've been able to find out about Lyman Woodard, whoever he was, but it is enough. I love him for doing what he did. It was a crazy thing to do. It was a risky thing to do...It was a magical and magnificent thing to do."

Well, our church history is being written now. Wouldn't it be great, if some day all they can find out about us is that we believed the sky is the limit.

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*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 2 & 16, 2022.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Book Study Invitation

The Racial Justice Committee would like to share this invitation from FBC Madison to participate in an online book study:

We at FBC Madison continue to work towards an internal audit of our church's systems, looking for ways we are perpetuating white supremacy. As a first step in that process, we are hosting a book/video study, using Jemar Tisby's Color of Compromise (The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism). If you are interested, please see the Eventbrite link below to sign up to join us. Know that you don't need to be able to join for each week in order to attend. Thanks for considering!

<https://bit.ly/3rxbQV9>

Book discussion:

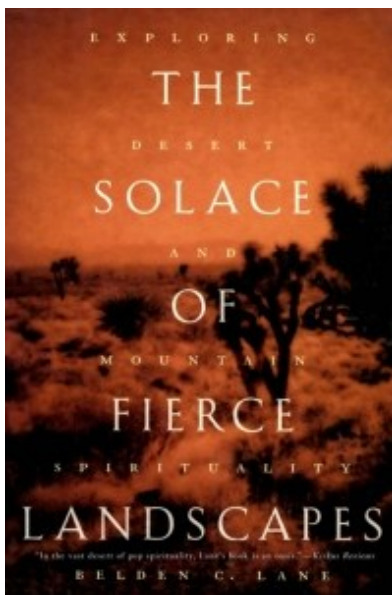
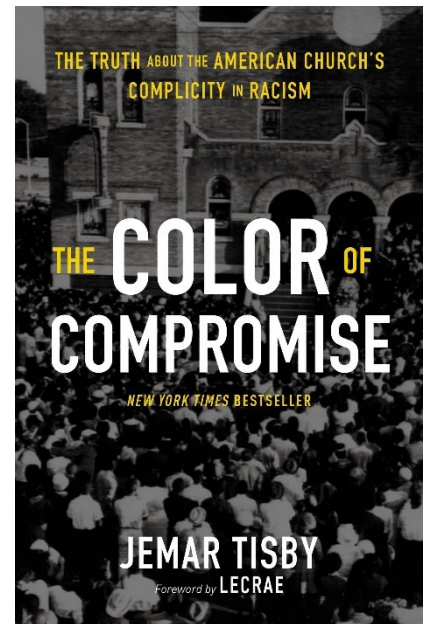
Every Sunday, January 23rd-February 27th, 2022

7:00 – 8:00pm, CST – Zoom



Schedule by week:

- 1: Introduction and Chapter 1 - The Color of Compromise
- 2: Chapter 2 – Making Race in the Colonial Era & Chapter 3 – Understanding Liberty in the Age of Revolution and Revival
- 3: Chapter 4 – Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Era & Chapter 5 – Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War
- 4: Chapter 6 – Reconstructing White Supremacy in the Jim Crow Era & Chapter 7 – Remembering Complicity in the North
- 5: Chapter 8 – Compromising with Racism During the Civil Rights Movement & Chapter 9 – Organizing the Religious Right at the End of the Twentieth Century
- 6: Chapter 10 – Reconsidering Reconciliation in the Age of Black Lives Matter & Chapter 11 – The Fierce Urgency of Now & Conclusion – Be Strong and Courageous



Study for Wednesday Evening with Steve Graham

You are also invited to participate in the Wednesday Evening study at Royal Lane with Steve Graham of Belden Lane's *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality*. Steve was introduced to this remarkable work on retreat with others at Big Bend National Park.

This study will resume on January 26 with session 12. Handouts are posted each week on the RLBC Website calendar listing for Midweek Study.

Coming Events

Sunday **January 23 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**
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

Monday **January 24**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom

Tuesday **January 25**
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom

Wednesday **January 26**
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 29**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday **January 30 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
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

Monday **January 31**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom

Wednesday **February 2**
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 **February 5**
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 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.



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

The Pastor Search Committee was Commissioned on Sunday, January 9

Let us reaffirm our support to the members of this committee as we make the following pledge:

We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be thoughtful and objective in your task. We recognize that the work of our Search Committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time. These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be obedient to the guidance of the spirit as you seek a new pastor to minister with us.

Pastor Search Committee

Mike Jones

Phil Keith

Christin Lavery

Shannon Miller

Percy Parrish

Cathy Walling

Sandy Washington

Alternates:

Melanie Ferguson

Tex Quesada

Christmas Eve Missions Offering

This past Christmas Eve, our special Missions offering was designated to go to The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief. Named for Fellowship Southwest's founder Marv Knox, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of 2021, The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief provides resources to pastors on both sides of the United States-Mexico border to serve immigrants and refugees. Fellowship Southwest regularly receives requests for financial assistance or ministry supplies from our partner pastors all along the border. Because of donations from churches like ours, they have been able to respond to these requests without interruption. Giving to this fund helps us be the presence of Christ for people Jesus called "the least of these."



Fellowship
Southwest

Total for Christmas Eve Missions offering: \$2,025.00

Deacons of the Week

January 23

Sarah Fuller Phillips
Barrett Wooten

January 30

Terry Berrier
Jennifer Maddox

Scriptures of the Week

January 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

January 30

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

**6:15 p.m. Wednesday
January 26 & February 2**

The Solace of Fierce Landscapes
by Belden Lane
with Steve Graham

December 2021 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$688,942
Expenses	\$680,285
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,657

*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/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund
The Lowe Scholarship Fund
Columbarium

Happy Birthday!

January

Kristene Ruddle.....	16
Sophie McKinney.....	16
Tina Chapman.....	21
Jamie Lockett.....	22
Margaret Darden.....	25
Shirley James.....	25
Sylvia Turnbull.....	25
Aidan Brown.....	28

Happy Birthday!

January

Donna Ledgerwood.....	28
Isela Chastain.....	29
Owen Keith.....	30
Danny Wesley Ray.....	30
Sarah Plunk.....	31

February

Raymond Cox.....	1
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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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