



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***“Holy Envy”***

*Steve Graham*

**Booklist** gave Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, **Holy Envy**, a starred review, highlight recommended. They described it like this:

“Taylor nudges her students away from spiritual appropriation and comparison, moving them instead toward challenging discernment of their faith and the faith of others. Taylor, like the best faith leaders, is a great storyteller...”

A good deal of excitement is being generated around this new book study on Wednesday evenings. We gather on zoom at 6:15, share pray concerns, and then explore Holy Envy.

I am grateful that Barbara Gunnin will team-lead our study and discussion with me.

Join us on Wednesday evenings!

\*Note – study guide is available at <https://bit.ly/3LEB65e>



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## **Special Church Conference Following Worship, Sunday, February 27**

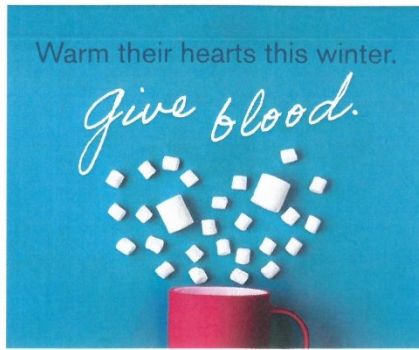
The budget for 2022 will be presented for approval at a Special Church Conference, following worship, Sunday, February 27 with a zoom link for those members worshipping at home. Please contact Janet Schultz by Monday, February 21, at [jschultz@royallane.org](mailto:jschultz@royallane.org) or 214-361-2609, ext. 11 if you would like to receive a mailed copy of the budget.

## **Cookies & Conversation – March 7**

Plan to tarry a bit after church on Sunday, March 6, for Cookies and Conversation, an informal gathering to promote congregational re-connecting. Pick up a homemade cookie and hang around to chat with your congregants and friends in the arcade for as little or as long as you like. See you there!

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for March 2 & 16, 2022.*

*The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 22, Vickrey Hall  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
<https://rcblood.org/3pHnn3p>

All presenting donors will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card code via email for donating at the drive.



## A Grand Night for Singing Friday, February 25, 7:30 pm Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

The singing community is invited to join voices at an evening filled with uplifting, healing music on Friday, February 25th at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora Street in Dallas hosted by Credo Community Choir of Dallas. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Singers of all abilities are asked to enter the Meyerson Symphony Center through the main glass doors on Flora Street to purchase music packets for \$20 (cash preferred, but credit card accepted), then follow signs to the stage. The lobby opens at 6:00 p.m., and singers should be in place by 7:25 p.m. There is no pre-registration, and friends and family are welcome to observe the event from the audience. Attire is business casual for those on stage.

Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship at Royal Lane Baptist Church, will be conducting the opening piece.

Please direct questions to [info@credochoir.org](mailto:info@credochoir.org)

CREDO COMMUNITY CHOIR OF DALLAS HOSTS

# A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

February 25, 7:30 pm  
MORTON H. MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER

CONDUCTED BY  
Pamela Elrod-Huffman  
Melinda Imthurn  
Victor C. Johnson  
Jessica Napoles  
Dinah Menger  
Jonathan Palant  
Harry Wooten  
Reginal Wright

WITH  
Pianist Scott Ayers  
and players from the  
American Baroque  
Opera Company

SPECIAL GUEST  
Elaine Hagenberg

WITH INTRODUCTION BY  
Alice Parker

Featuring international singing sensation CALLIE DAY who will lend her distinctive vocal style to the program and lead the massed choir in "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"

## Prepackaged Utensils for Cornerstone Baptist Ministries

Do you have a plethora of prepackaged plastic utensil packets taking up space? During the pandemic, many of us have accumulated a lot of sealed packets of plastic utensils from take out orders. The Missions Committee would like us to put these to good use by donating them to Cornerstone Kitchen's food ministry. We are already partnered with Cornerstone with our "Holy Rollers" project. This will be an extension of that program.

Baskets for your donations of prepackaged utensils will be in the Narthex and throughout heavily trafficked areas of the church.

## WOC – Tuesday, March 8 in Vickrey Hall Dinner at 6:30 pm, Show at 7:15 pm

In case you don't know, Royal Lane is blessed with many trained professionals (known throughout the music community) who generously share their gifts with us. Some of these gifted musicians will perform for us on March 8. A tentative participant list is as follows: Terry Berrier, Steven Rhodes, Garey Wisdom, Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett, Jacob H., Lillie and Mara T. and many others. Don't miss this opportunity to see them perform some secular music. All are welcome!

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# Coming Events

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- Sunday February 20 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching**  
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom  
9:45 am Formations Class — Room 202  
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 206  
9:45 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212  
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, Guest Preacher, Nerissa Grigsby — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
12:15 pm Racial Justice — Vickrey Hall
- Monday February 21**  
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom  
7:30 pm Building Action Plan Task Force — Zoom
- Tuesday February 22**  
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom
- Wednesday February 23**  
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 202 (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
- Friday February 25**  
7:30 pm A Grand Night for Singing, hosted by Credo Community Choir of Dallas — Meyerson Symphony Center
- Saturday February 26**  
9:00 am Cornerstone Community Garden Project — S. Ervay St & Al Lipscomb  
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday February 27 – Transfiguration Sunday**  
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom  
9:45 am Formations Class — Room 202  
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 206  
9:45 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212  
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  
12:15 pm Lunch Bunch
- Monday February 28**  
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom  
7:30 pm Building Action Plan Task Force — Zoom
- Wednesday March 2 – Ash Wednesday – Mosaic**  
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 202 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)  
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary  
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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**Wyatt Joseph Simmons** arrived 2/8/22 weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 19.5 inches long. His arrival was happily celebrated by proud parents Adam and Andrea, grandmother Karen Simmons, aunts and uncles Shannon and Blake Miller and Jordan and Lauren Simmons, and cousins, Carter and Olivia, as well as his namesake, Joseph Belgard.



## Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching Guest Preacher, February 20, 2022 Rev. Nerissa E. Grigsby

Nerissa Grigsby is a multi-faceted and well-rounded individual with many passions! She was licensed to preach the gospel on December 19th, 2003. She served as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor of Central Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, PA, where her father, Rev. Victor J. Grigsby is the Pastor. She served as the Youth & Young Adult Pastor until 2010 and on December 5th, 2010, she completed her catechism and was

ordained. She was then appointed as the Associate Pastor of Worship, where she served 11 different ministries. During this time, Rev. Grigsby received her Bachelor of Arts degree from California University of Pennsylvania (2007) and Master of Arts degree from Point Park University (2009).

Very adamant about serving in ministry and climbing the corporate ladder, Rev. Grigsby accepted a corporate position and moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 2011. She continued to be involved in ministry and she even branched into entrepreneurship. She began a mentoring program for girls ages 13-17. She also created a seminar and pageant to empower young girls and help cultivate them personally and spiritually.

In 2015, Rev. Grigsby accepted her company's request to relocate to Dallas, Texas where she currently resides. She is a member of Friendship West Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglas Haynes III is the Pastor.

In 2020, Rev. Grigsby received her Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Southern Methodist University (SMU) Perkins School of Theology. She is also a published author, with two books released, R.E.B.E.L. Faith 30-Day Devotional in 2020 and The Best Me, a children's book released in 2021.

Rev. Grigsby is still enrolled at SMU Perkins School of Theology pursuing her Doctorate of Ministry (DMin) degree and plans to graduate May 2023.

### Cornerstone Community Garden Project

2815 S. Ervay St.

(at the corner of South Ervay St. and Al Lipscomb Way)

We have a wonderful opportunity to serve the congregation and surrounding community of Cornerstone Baptist Church. Please join us as we help prepare the soil for planting at the Cornerstone Community Garden. The food Cornerstone grows feeds our beloved community in South Dallas, including our neighbor's experiencing homelessness. **Come join us as we volunteer on Saturday morning February 26th, 9am-11am.**

Sign up below, and come with a friend, or with your whole Sunday School Class or Care Group! **IMPORTANT: Cornerstone will not have tools for us to use**, so please bring your gardening gloves, your favorite gardening tools, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Let's help Cornerstone continue with their mission to feed our beloved community in need.

Here is the Sign Up Genius link and QR Code:

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



Parking is available at the "Old Church" at 2713 South Ervay St., or at Jesse's Place at 2904 South Ervay St. (across the street from South Point Community Market)

### 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](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

## Deacons of the Week

**February 20**

Tex Quesada  
Christin Lavery

**February 27**

Mike Keith  
Garey Wisdom

## Scriptures of the Week

**February 20**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15      Psalm 37:2-22, 49-50  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50      Luke 6:27-38

**February 27**

Exodus 34:29-35      Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2      Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

## All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

**6:15 p.m. Wednesday**

**February 23**

"Holy Envy"

by Barbara Brown Taylor  
with Steve Graham &  
Barbara Gunnin

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday**

**March 2**

Ash Wednesday Service  
Sanctuary



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](mailto:bmerry@royallane.org).

## 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/](http://royallane.org/give/)

Giving menu includes:

General Fund  
The Lowe Scholarship Fund  
Columbarium

## Happy Birthday!

**February**

Darlene Carpenter .....	17
Noah River Will .....	18
Glenn Brown .....	23
Dina DiMaria .....	23
Cilla King .....	23
Daniel Robinson.....	23
Lisa Waters.....	23
Ashley Fleenor .....	24
Amy Brown.....	26
Franklin Leo Gitlin.....	27

**March**

Addison Birdwell .....	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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