



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Forgiven

Steve Graham

Our neighbors had a banner hanging on their front porch to celebrate the season of Lent with purple background behind a cross and a cup and a loaf of bread. Each symbol gives pause. "Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us." Each symbol speaks powerfully of our journey into Christ. At the bottom of the banner was one word that communicated their blessed hope. The word was "Forgiven."

That word tells it all.

The gospel narratives each tell us about the woman of the city who brought a vial of perfume and while weeping she began to wet Jesus' feet with her tears, kept wiping them with her hair, and kissing his feet, and anointing them with the perfume. When the Pharisees complained that if he knew what sort of person this woman was who was touching him, that she was a sinner, it's Luke's gospel that brings forgiveness into the picture. Jesus told Simon, "Her sins which are many have been forgiven." (Luke 7:47).

Lent is a season ripe for communicating this forgiveness. We carry our own sense of failures and disappointments. To read the word "Forgiven," Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem marking each step as he lived forgiveness. To sustain forgiveness in this world where "instead of holiness the highway is crammed with the cacophony of chaos" and where there is "no sanctuary from the noise of the world," we eat the loaf and drink the cup and remember the body broken and the love of God poured out for us all.

O God, give to us all, even to those of us whose sins are many, "the trust to know we're forgiven."

Thanks, neighbors, for reminding me.

Results from Pastor Profile Survey



The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for Date & Date, 2022.

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

Royal Lane History

Each week during Lent a bit of Royal Lane History is included in the Lenten Resolves.
Interviews – Week 1 and Week 2 in Lent

Anna Lou Brown

Anna Lou joined Royal Lane (how many years ago) after speaking with Shirley Bohannon, a member and her friend from Baylor, about kindergarten. A Title I kindergarten program was in residence at Royal Lane. Because title one is for the underserved community, her daughter Cheryl was not eligible to attend. Most of the children who attended were African American. The families were coming from a Black congregation in Dallas that had the eligible demographic but no space to house a pre-school. For Anna Lou, the most memorable aspect of Royal Lane's history is that the church has valued people for who they are.

Anna Lou shared a memory of [Brooks Ramsey](#), a former pastor in the early 1970s. Dr. Brooks attended a prayer service opposing the Vietnam War. Soon after, Ramsey was pressured to resign. In more recent years, Royal Lane has had a booth at Dallas Pride to show support for the LGBTQ community. We are a welcome and affirming congregation.

Royal Lane's mission trips are a response to a social justice or economic need.

For Anna Lou, Royal Lane has a long history of practicing the true model of living Christ's teachings.

Jack & Judy Mullinax

Jack and Judy Mullinax came from out of town to Dallas in the early 80's to a church near where they moved. They selected a church near their home. They wanted their girls to have the same friends at both church and school. After several years they found the church unacceptable for their frame of mind and lifestyle. They did not like the preaching which felt to them chauvinist. So based on what their recommendation from their hometown preacher told them before coming to Dallas. "He said try Royal Lane Baptist Church". So, when Judy started going there the girls and Jack followed. Ray Vickrey was still kind of new there when they came, and the rest is history. Bottom line, Judy brought the family to Royal Lane.

So, the memories started right away at Royal Lane. Jack and Judy found many friends as did the girls. "People there just were delightful!" According to Jack. Well Jack and Judy found many new friends in church and Sunday school. George and Wanda Jones being at the top of his list. Oh the stories George told. Wanda were again "so delightful". Nancy Ferrell was suggested as one of Jack's favorite Sunday School teachers year after year.

Missions Trips are big at RLBC and one of Jacks' best and strongest memories. We can just mention two like Alabama and New Orleans. Wow, great memories based on Jack's smile. Best way to get to know church members up close and personal, he recommends a hands-on repairs and task to get the job done right, on a mission trip. One last comment Jack made was. "Royal lane has the best people and the best missions, to help folks that need a helping hand."

Jack shared some more thoughts on how RLBC has been at the forefront, taking the lead. Royal Lane was one of the first Baptist Churches in North Dallas to, as a church, support rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, Transgender, and the LGBTQ. Royal Lane has been a leader for women's rights in church leadership years before it was the correct thing to do.

Some of us have been active in local missions for years, for example we have been reaching out to Cornerstone Baptist Church near downtown Dallas. Jack can remember when he was with RLBC members who were involved with the new church remodeling at Cornerstone. He again was able to get to know Cornerstone members as well as RLBC members working side by side.

In closing Jack highlighted his favorite long-time relationship with Ray Vickrey. Ray's preaching style was a favorite and Ray was one of his longest friendships at RLBC. Harry Wooten also made high marks on the music and worship talent. Jack called Harry "master at mixing music and worship" to make one's heart sing.

In parting Jack felt he needed to share one other memory, "David Mathew would preach each Sunday better than the last Sunday. Always a great sermon.

Coming Events

Sunday	March 20 – Third Sunday in Lent
9:15 am	Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:30 pm	Program Council — Vickrey Hall
Monday	March 21
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
7:30 pm	Building Action Task Force — Zoom
Tuesday	March 22
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom
Wednesday	March 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
Saturday	March 26
9:00 am	Cornerstone Garden Project (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	March 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:15 am	Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
	Following Worship – Kosher Chili Cook-off — Congregation Tiferet Israel (11:00 am – 4:00 pm)
12:15 pm	Lunch Bunch
2:00 pm	Faith & Film (Film to be announced) — Vickrey Hall
Monday	March 28
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
7:30 pm	Building Action Task Force — Zoom
Wednesday	March 30
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
Saturday	April 2
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	April 3 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:15 am	Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
	Following Worship – Cookies & Conversation — Cunningham Arcade
2:00 pm	Missions — Library
7:30 pm	Education Committee — Zoom
Monday	April 4
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
7:30 pm	Building Action Task Force — Zoom
Tuesday	April 5
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom
Wednesday	Date
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

New COVID Procedures

Starting April 3, 2022, with this guidance and an eye toward caution, the Deacon Board has approved the following Re-Opening Taskforce recommendations for in-person gatherings:

- Mask wearing will be recommended but not mandatory. This recommendation will apply to all congregational activities including Worship, Choir, Sunday School, Youth and Children (nursery workers may be an exception)
- We will remove the pew physical distance signs in the Sanctuary
- In-person, small group meeting may proceed as prior to the pandemic if desired. It was recognized by the Task Force that some groups will want to continue to meet remotely in some circumstances
- When appropriate, the Nursery can be re-established. Nursery workers will have a requirement to be fully up to date on vaccination

The Re-Opening Taskforce would recommend continuing:

- Live Stream of all Sunday a.m. services
- Registration of all participating in in-person worship to aid in Contact Tracing. We will continue to use the QR code but this has not been well adhered to for in-person worship. We recommend returning to use of the blue registration booklets set at the end of each row with a call to complete them during our regular service.
- Continue use of the air purification devices. Consider expanding use of the devices in small group areas such as in any designated nursery areas and Sunday School rooms where appropriate.

<https://bit.ly/36kWWdQ>



Cornerstone Community Garden Project

Cornerstone Community Garden Project is scheduled for March 26, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. 2815 S. Ervay St. (at the corner of South Ervay St. and Al Lipscomb Way).

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.



Deacons of the Week

March 20

Alan Greider
Sandy Washington

March 27

Sarah Fuller Phillips
Barrett Wooten

April 3

Terry Berrier
Jennifer Maddox

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

March 23, 30 & April 6

"Holy Envy"

by Barbara Brown Taylor
with Steve Graham &
Barbara Gunnin

Scriptures of the Week

March 20

Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Psalm 63:1-8
Luke 13:1-9

March 27

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Psalm 32
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14
Psalm 126
John 12:1-8

January 2022 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$70,559
Expenses	\$61,563
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,996

*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
Easter Flowers

Happy Birthday!

March

Rick Crutcher	19
Von Irwin	21
Lily Brashear	22
Amber Luckett Seymour	23
Melanie Ferguson	26
Jan Quesada	26
Marcy Waters Cason	28
Jenny Cechan	29
Jack Mullinax	31



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

Happy Birthday!

April

Brian Watson	1
Jordan Weilage	1
James C. Walker	2
Kellar Cavins	5



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Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom

Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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