



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***I Have a Hunch***

Steve Graham

I have grown to appreciate the importance of the Bible Study classes at Royal Lane for all ages. Children, youth, and adults are given good leadership shared by folk very much committed week in and week out to provide warmth and light for the journey.

This thought by Craig Dykstra from Growing in the Life of Faith frames the experience, the mark on the horizon that each class pursues.

***I have a hunch  
that God is using the Bible  
for many more things than just to inform us.  
God is using the Bible, I would say,  
to give us courage,  
to set us free of whatever enslaves us,  
To seduce us (if that is not too strong a word)  
into the love God has for us,  
to call us to account,  
to turn us around from whatever paths  
of destruction we may be following,  
to humble us where we need to be humbled,  
to lift us up when we are heavily burdened,  
to forgive us, to redeem us, to make us holy,  
God is using the Bible  
not only to inform us but to form us and re-form us,  
to shape us into God's own.***

Would you like to connect to a class that is just right for you? If I might help you, let me do that!

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for May 18 & June 6, 2022.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*



## Welcome, Ellen Miers Housekeeper

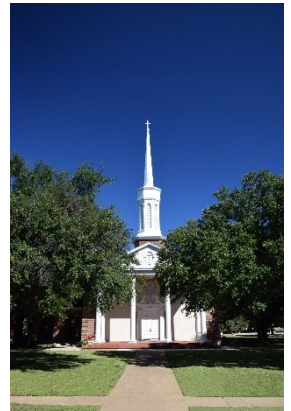
Meet Ellen Meirs, member of Royal Lane and now a familiar face at Royal Lane as housekeeper. Take a moment to say "Hello" to Ellen the next time you pass her in the hall, see her vacuuming, setting up tables — just a few of the tasks that are needed to keep RLBC ready for members and guests.

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## Church Profile Survey

A committee has been assembled to update our Church Profile and we need your help completing this important survey so we can capture demographic data of our church. If you have a child, please complete a survey for them and one for yourself. Although surveys are not anonymous, the data compiled and shared will be. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Miller. We are asking that all surveys be completed by May 15.

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



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## Low Scholarship Donations

*On the Tenth Anniversary of the establishment of the Low Scholarship Fund, we invite you to give generously to support current and future RLBC graduates.*

Donations may be made:

- Online at [royallane.org/give](http://royallane.org/give) and selecting The Low Scholarship Fund
- Contacting the church office at 214-361-2809, ext. 11 with credit card information
- Mailing your check (with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line) to the church at:



**Give Online**



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# Coming Events

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
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
7:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting — Zoom
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 9</b>
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 10</b>
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 11</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Room 202 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (Drinks provided, no childcare)
6:15 pm	Midweek Study with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin — Vickrey Hall and Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 12</b>
6:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 14</b>
9:00 am	Second Saturday Work Day (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 18 – Mosaic</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Room 202 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (Drinks provided, no childcare)
6:15 pm	Midweek Study with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin — Vickrey Hall and Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 21</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

"Like" RLBC on Facebook or "Follow" RLBC on Twitter

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

## Letter from Laura Keller

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that we announce Laura Keller's resignation from Royal Lane Baptist Church as our Minister to Children and Interim Minister to Youth, effective June 26. Please see her letter to the Personnel Division below.

Of course, you will want to say a fond farewell, and share your gratitude for Laura's unique gifts she has so generously given. Special activities will be planned to celebrate Laura's seven and a half years of work with Royal Lane's youngest, and you will be made aware of those upcoming events. In the meantime, please be in prayer for Laura, Matthew, Brodie and Quinn, as Laura prepares for this transition.

Sincerely,

Terry Berrier, Chair of Deacons

Doug Washington, Chair of Personnel

Doug Washington, Personnel Vice Chair

Jan Quesada, Personnel Vice Chair

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Dear Doug and Jan,

Please consider this letter the tendering of my official resignation from my position as Children's Minister and Interim Youth Minister. My resignation is not imminent – I expect my last Sunday to be eight weeks from now on June 26, 2022. My hope is that with generous notice I can be of any assistance necessary in aiding, assisting, preparing, and transforming the ministry for children and youth to a new person(s). Our children and youth deserve the best in all things and I wish for this transition to be one of ease and full of blessing.

I cannot fully articulate the depth of my gratitude for the opportunities I have had at Royal Lane to serve the children, their families, and the youth of this congregation. There simply are not enough words to capture how much fun, how much joy, how much learning and growth and how much love (from amazing humans and an amazing God) I have experienced here. I am and will remain ever thankful for the past 7.5 years.

If you have any questions – please let me know.

Thank you to you both for your leadership on Personnel.

In Love and Peace,



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## To Families with Graduates!

Graduates will be recognized on May 22, 2022. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring—high school, college, post-graduate degree or other. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student by Monday, May 16, for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and an issue of the Mosaic.



## Deacons of the Week

**May 8**

Jamie Luckett  
Cathy Walling

**May 15**

Blake Miller  
Donna Wood-Martin

## Scriptures of the Week

**May 8**

Acts 9:36-43  
Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 23  
John 10:22-30

**May 15**

Acts 11:1-18  
Revelation 21:1-6

Psalm 148  
John 13:31-35

## Midweek Study 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

**May 11 & 18**

"Holy Envy"

by Barbara Brown Taylor  
with Steve Graham &  
Barbara Gunnin

Join us for Fellowship  
at 5:30 pm.

Bring your Own Meal  
(Drinks Provided)  
No childcare

### March 2022 Financials

#### YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$188,665
Expenses	\$183,774
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,080

\*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.

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Giving menu includes:

General Fund  
The Lowe Scholarship Fund  
Columbarium

## Happy Birthday!

**May**

Barbara Merry .....	5
Lynda Collier .....	9
Sharon Vickrey.....	9
Andy Cavins.....	11
Stephen Lewis .....	11
Jaclyn Ramirez.....	12
Deanna Green.....	13
Jim Bush.....	15
Alexander Gitlin.....	15
Linda Hueston .....	15
Wayne Meachum .....	15
Michael Knight .....	17



In the Box Gallery

*Harry Hunter*

Gallery open by appointment  
10-4, weekdays, 10-5 Wednesdays

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).



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**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm**

**Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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Barbara Merry, Administrative Assistant

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Janet Schultz, Administrative Assistant  
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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship