



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***A Season of Forgiveness and Reconciliation***

My friend and mentor, Rev. Dr. Steven M. Sheeley, preached a Good Friday sermon using this familiar story of the city of Coventry:

The city of Coventry rests quietly in the middle of England. By the mid-20th Century it had become an important cog in the machinery of English industry. And in 1940 much of England's munitions were being manufactured there.

For, you see, war was raging over Europe, and bombs were falling over Britain. In the early evening of November 14, 1940, 515 German bombers began multiple bombing runs over Coventry. They dropped their bombs, returned to France to reload, and returned to drop some more. The first few waves of bombs were explosive in nature, designed to damage rooftops, roads, and water mains and to obstruct the actions of firefighters and other first responders. The succeeding waves of bombs were incendiary, intended to ignite the town in a firestorm. 4300 homes were damaged and over two-thirds of the city was destroyed.

The center of the city was dominated by the Coventry Cathedral, built on the site of a former Benedictine convent and dedicated to St. Michael. Its steeple towered over the city, an imposing landmark. By the end of that evening in November 1940, the steeple and the Cathedral's outer walls were nearly all that remained of the holy structure. In the aftermath of the evening's fiery destruction, a firefighter noticed two of the massive roof beams lying in the shape of a cross amidst the rubble. These two beams were fixed together and placed on the altar, which was miraculously still standing. In the days that followed, the Provost of the Cathedral called the people of Coventry to a response of reconciliation, rather than retaliation and had the words "Father Forgive" engraved on the wall of the ruined church behind the altar. The Germans, the English, the soldiers, the civilians... all needed to hear the words... "Father, Forgive!"

Today, we feel the strong vibrations and the harmful destruction of the bombs of theological intolerance, political polarization, and racial inequity. We feel as if our lives are in ruins. Yet, even as the ashes of grief and loss pile up, we must remember the smudged sign of the cross on our foreheads and that we are dust and to dust we will return. Rather than possessing a spirit of retaliation, this Lenten Season we need to hear and act the words of forgiveness and reconciliation.

In 1958, Canon Joseph Poole wrote The Litany of Reconciliation and today it is prayed regularly around the world. The Litany is intoned at noon each weekday in Coventry Cathedral and in the Cathedral ruins on Fridays:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

**Father, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

**Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

**Father, forgive.**

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*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for March 20 & April 3, 2019.  
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Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

**Father, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

**Father, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

**Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

**Father, forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Amen.

*Pastor Mike*



## Missions Matters

Royal Lane has a long history of answering God's call to love through service. "Missions Matters" will appear in the Mosaic on a regular basis. It will highlight our continuing commitment to missions and other matters where we reach out to the community. This will be a place where we will tell our stories and perhaps help you find what "matters" most to you.

## Rick Crutcher and Resounding Harmony

*"Our mission is to enrich and effect change in our community through benefit performances for worthy causes...and by the worth, dignity and equality of each human being through the harmony created."*

Rick Crutcher is a member of our choir at Royal Lane. But that is not the only place he shares his voice. Rick is a member of a local choir, Resounding Harmony. This choir is unique in that its purpose is to use the gift of song to benefit local charities. Their motto is "giving where we're living". Each year they present at least two concerts benefiting local charities. Previous beneficiaries have included North Texas Food Bank, Parkinson's Voice Project, The Family Place, and the Wounded Warrior Project. In 2018, they celebrated 10 years of giving a total of \$175,000.

Rick has discovered that singing with this group for the past two years has been very enriching, fulfilling and joyful. He loves that it benefits the quality of life of communities in the DFW area. His volunteering involves weekly Sunday rehearsals 10 months each year, and benefit concerts.

Resounding Harmony has 2 choral benefits scheduled this year.

### **June 8-9, 2019 – The Birthday Party Project**

This organization brings joy to homeless children through the magic of birthday parties. Suzie Humphries (KRLD) will emcee.

### **September, 2019 – Blackland Prairie Raptor Center – Lucas, Texas**

Enables environmental preservation through the conservation of birds of prey and wildlife. Birds, owls, eagles, and hawks are rescued, receive medical care and returned to their natural habitat to live out the remainder of their lives.

If you are interested in learning more about this unique choir, visit [resoundingharmony.org](http://resoundingharmony.org), attend a concert, or talk to Rick. You can always find him on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

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# Coming Events

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**Sunday March 10 – First Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings Time Begins**

- 8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1
- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 9:45 am OWL – Our Whole Lives – March Adult Study — Vickrey Hall
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch — Meet in the Library following worship
- 12:15 pm 20/30 Ministry — Shake Shack, 6025 Royal Lane, 75230

**Tuesday March 12**

- 6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library
- 8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call

**Wednesday March 13**

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Room 206
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
  - Pot Roast, Salad, Rolls, Variety of Cookies
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS: National Women's History Month — Vickrey Hall
  - The Legacy of Baptist Women in Ministry
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

**Thursday March 14**

- 6:30 pm Missions Committee — Library

**Saturday March 16**

- 4:00 pm Social Justice Team — Library

**Sunday March 17 – Second Sunday in Lent**

- 9:00 am Equity in Access — Library
- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 9:45 am Our Whole Lives – Adult Study — Vickrey Hall
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

**Monday March 18**

- 6:00 pm Women of the Church — “Decluttering at the Speed of Life” with author, Dana K. White

**Wednesday March 20 – Mosaic**

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
  - Vidalia Onion Chicken with Vegetables, Salad, Strawberry Cake
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall
  - Luke 1:57-80, The Birth of John the Baptist and Zechariah's Song
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

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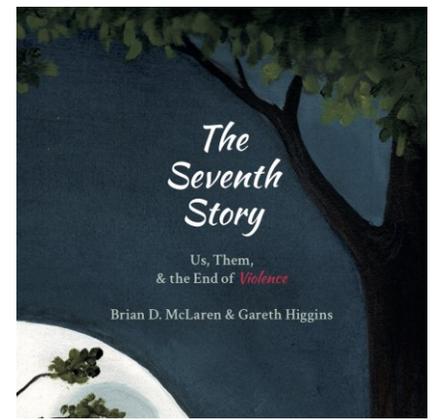
## IN FOCUS

In honor of National Women's History Month, the March IN FOCUS will highlight inspirational and transformational women in our Baptist history. Paulette Harrison and Laura Keller will highlight three diverse North American Baptist preachers: Ella Pearson Mitchell, Helen Barrett Montgomery, and Edna Lee de Gutiérrez. Table discussion will be encouraged – who are the female teachers, preachers, friends in faith and saints in your spiritual journey?

Join bestselling author Brian McLaren and Irish storyteller Gareth Higgins for a seven-week journey into creativity, community, and the common good. It's free, it starts on March 5th, and all you need to do is sign up.

## A Lenten Journey

[www.theseventhstory.com/a-lenten-journey](http://www.theseventhstory.com/a-lenten-journey)



# OUR WHOLE LIVES

## COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

**WHEN:**  
**Sunday Mornings in March**  
**9:45 - 10:40 AM**

**WHERE:**  
**Royal Lane Baptist Church**  
**Vickrey Hall**

**FACILITATORS:**  
**Sandy Washington &**  
**Tim Schaefer**

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**ALL ADULTS  
WELCOME!**

**MARCH 3**  
**Introduction to OWL:**

Discussing OWL program values,  
sexuality in a faith community,  
sexually healthy congregation  
assessment

**MARCH 10**  
**Sexuality & Values:**

Exploring personal and societal  
values and attitudes around sex,  
understanding how these attitudes  
and values change

**MARCH 17**  
**Sexual/Gender Diversity:**

Understanding sexual orientation  
and gender identity, exploring  
societal tolerance of sexual and  
gender diversity

**MARCH 24**  
**Sexuality & Life Stages:**

Sexuality and family, gender roles,  
sexuality and aging, sexuality and  
(dis)ability

**MARCH 31**  
**Sexual Health**  
**w/ Shavon Griffin from**  
**Prism Health North Texas:**

HIV & AIDS, sexually transmitted  
infections, importance of safer sex  
practices at all ages

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL:**  
**[TSCHAEFER@ROYALLANE.ORG](mailto:TSCHAEFER@ROYALLANE.ORG)**

# You won't want to miss the Women of the Church Spring Retreat!

Experience Twenty-Four Hours that will change your life!

Friday, May 10th at 2PM – Saturday, May 11th at 2PM

The Prothro Center at Lake Texoma

## “SEEKING BALANCE; FINDING PEACE”

### Friday

1PM – Check in to your beautiful lodge room that overlooks Lake Texoma!

2PM – Join Barbara Gunnin and friends on a hike around the stunning lake and property

4PM – Listen to Amanda Gregg speak about how the Danish concept of *hygge* can bring more balance and peace to your life

6PM – Welcome dinner in the dining commons

7:15PM – How Balanced Are You? An introductory exercise with Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

7:45-8:30PM – KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles

“Find Rest for Your Souls” – Wisdom on Balance

8:30-9:15PM – Join us at the firepit on the patio for a singalong

9:15-? – Hang out down by the lake; make some new friends; share and care

### Saturday

7AM – Begin the day with an optional sunrise prayer service at the lake--lead by Paulette Harrison

8AM – BREAKFAST in the dining commons

8:45AM – Group picture taken outside of the dining commons

9AM – KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Dr. Jan Quesada

“Mindful Silence: Practicing Christian Contemplation”

10:30-11:30AM – Break-out sessions by your stage of life/challenges

Choice One: Laura Keller: “Balance or Bedlam? Seeking Calm in a Sea of Responsibilities: How Mindfulness and Gratitude can Bring Peace to Your Life”

Choice Two: Allison Blankenship: “Aging in Optional: 5 Anti-Aging Lifestyle Essentials to Live a Longer, Healthier and Happier Second Half of Life”

NOON: LUNCH in the dining commons

1PM – Finding Balance through COMMUNION – Rosa Belgard

2PM – Check out of your rooms; feel free to spend as much time enjoying the hiking trails and natural beauty as you want before you head back home

### Registration begins on March 17th!

Last year, we filled up the lodge. Please register soon to reserve your spot!

Double room with two queen beds — \$110

Single room with a queen bed — \$150

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## Bruce and Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship

To donate:

- Donation forms are available – *OR*
- Go to [RoyallLane.org](http://RoyallLane.org), click on *Donate to RLBC*, and then give to *Lowe Scholarship Fund*.



## Prayer Requests:

**JJ Berrier**

**Tina Chapman**, on the death of her father, **Roy Chapman**

**Ashley Fleenor's** teacher's daughter, **Fiona**

**Sue Ann Grass**, sister of **Nancy Ferrell**

**Leonard Gresham**

**Neva Harvey**, mother of **Susie Leinneweber's** son-in-law

**Phil Hudson**, father of **Amanda Gregg's** best friend in

Atlanta and **Tim Taylor**, **Amanda Gregg's** uncle

**John Kalinowsky**, former member

**Rick Mathews**, friend of **Danny Ray**

**Ruth May**

**Darren Mays**, on the death of his uncle, **Juan Avila**

**Wayne McClellan**

**Forrest McKinney**

**Gary Raiza**, son of **Maebelle Raiza**

**Danny Ray**

**Sally Robinson**, mother of **Leslie Cechan**

**Daniel Solyom**

**Rob Stanfield**, son-in-law of **Rebecca Rempert**

**Dianna Stouffer**, on the death of her mother, **Alice**

**Rannells**

**Sandra Tilden**, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**

**Ray & Sharon Vickrey**

**Lindsey Washington**, daughter of **Doug & Sandy**

**Washington**

**Jordan Weilage**, on the death of his friend, **Mansoor**

**Jordan Weilage's** friends & family: **Mehran, Keyvan,**

**Shahin, Ladah & Family**

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Please continue to pray for:

**Jackie Arnold**, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Jerome Collins**,

friend of **Mike Hurder**; **Robbye Foster's** brother, **Robert**;

**Doug Leinneweber**; **Minnie Macias**, mother of **Rodney**

**Macias**; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Robert Putman**; **Ray**

**Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Jordan Weilage**;

**Byron Willey**, cousin of **Daryl Willey**; **John Wolf**, Garland

Pipe Organ

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Remember the homebound: **Norman Morris**; **Betty Renfroe**; **Libba Studdard**; **James C. Walker**

## *Note of Remembrance*

**Alice Rannells - February 22, 2019**

Mom took her last breaths around 2:15 today. It was so very peaceful. She was cuddled up in her bed. She had soft music in the background and Emily and I were in the room with her. After nearly 100 years on this earth she decided she was finally ready to seek out a good card game somewhere else. I'm relieved to know she's with Daddy again. Deb is on a plane to join us right now. Mom was trying to hold on for her but just didn't have enough gas left in her tank. Thank you all for being important in her life and in mine. Alice Rannells was an amazing woman. I already miss her sense of humor but my cup is overflowing with memories of her feistiness, her wit, her simple joy of life, and her secret sauce for longevity: daily French fries.

*I send you all love.*

*Dianna Stouffer*

## Lent & Holy Week Highlights

**Lenten Series (March 6 – April 14)**

7 Last Words of Jesus

**Sunday**

10:55 am

**April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday**

Morning Worship – Procession of Palms

**Wednesday**

6:15 pm

6:15 pm

**April 17**

Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall

Children's Seder — Children's Building

**Friday**

8:00 pm

**April 19 – Good Friday**

Good Friday Service

*(childcare provided)*

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Théodore DuBois

Children's Good Friday Service

8:00 pm

**Saturday**

2:00 pm

**April 20**

Walk Through Holy Week &

Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

**Sunday**

8:00 am

**April 21 – Easter Sunday**

Flowering of the Cross

Testimony of Joy – Karen Miller

8:30 am

Church-wide Breakfast

10:55 am

Morning Worship

## Deacons of the Week

### March 10

Daryl Willey [214] 597-2854  
 Karen Simmons [214] 675-1200

### March 17

Nancy Ferrell [214] 662-3070  
 Jeff Hammett [214] 577-6518

## Scriptures of the Week

### March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, -16  
 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

### March 17

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27  
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

## Midweek Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Vickrey Hall March 13

### IN FOCUS:

Women's History Month  
 The Legacy of Baptist Women in Ministry

### March 20

Bible Study with Mike Gregg  
 Luke 1:57-80

The Birth of John the Baptist & Zechariah's Song

Join us for a Fellowship Meal  
 at 5:30 pm.

## Midweek Menu

### Wednesday, March 13

Pot Roast, Salad, Rolls,  
 Variety of Cookies

### Wednesday, March 20

Vidalia Onion Chicken with Vegetables,  
 Salad, Strawberry Cake

### Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person  
 Families - \$15 per family  
 Seniors - \$5 per person

Menus are available on the  
 RLBC website calendar.  
 Open "Midweek Family Dinner" for details

## In the Box Gallery

### Jim Norman Bush

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

## Happy Birthday!

### March

Ralph Swearingen .....	7
Lauren Miller .....	8
Brooke Granowski .....	10
Sarah Macias .....	10
Percy Parrish .....	11
Ross Granowski .....	12
Donnie Gray .....	12
Scottie Gonzalez.....	15
Emily Veninga .....	16
Rick Crutcher .....	19



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**Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm**

**Sunday School: 9:45 am**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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