



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Easter for the Broken

How many eggs do you eat a year? In 2011, it was recorded that each American ate 245 eggs every year. I began counting the eggs that my family consumes and the total might be closer to 400. That's a lot of egg shells to go in the garbage. It's really easy to throw away something that's broken and useless. But Easter isn't for the pretty egg and the baby chick. Easter is for the broken and the discombobulated.

Dr. James Lamkin, my friend and current pastor of Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA says, "There is something discombobulating about Easter." He imagines that the Gospel writers knew this word and would've said, "They left the empty tomb, hopeful, fearful, and discombobulated." The first time the word showed up was in the 1830s and meant, "No longer having one's composure." I know many ministers and members alike who yearn for the time after Easter when things are less discombobulated.

But I feel as if I've lost my composure after Easter, I am still discombobulated. I lost several close friends to cancer, others who are getting sicker and weaker, angry words flash through sky like lightening, and depression is thick like an early morning fog. We are a broken people. Isn't Easter supposed to remind us that we are resurrection people, people who bring new life to the world? Sure, but bringing new life is difficult if we are discombobulated. Bringing new life is very hard when we are broken people. We want to follow the ashamed disciples and embarrassed Peter and go back to our mundane lives of fishing. We simply want to be left alone and return to our old habits and old ways. But even if we are a broken and discombobulated people, we can use our brokenness to bring resurrection life.

If you didn't know it, egg shells are good for your garden. They are made of 93% calcium carbonate and give your plants the nutrients to grow. Also, eggshells keep the slugs and the snails from destroying young plants because they cannot traverse the sharp edges of the broken shells. It seems to me that brokenness and "losing our composure" reminds us that the difficult and hurtful things of life can be the very things that grow our spiritual and emotional gardens. Maybe our brokenness this Easter will bring with it more "composure" and more fertile compost to grow the fruit of the Spirit in each of our lives.

And so, we lean into the ongoing brokenness of being resurrection people. But even in that brokenness, the Spirit of the resurrected Christ grows new life in us and in the world. We are reminded that the ongoing life and love of God meets us at life's sharp edges and deep graves and that Easter is really for the broken.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for May 22 & June 5, 2019.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*



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.

Karen Miller would like YOUR story!

Volunteer Story Forms available in the Church Office

Youth Believing in Change

Developing Children by giving them the spiritual and educational foundation they need to succeed

From meeting in parks and schools to a facility in Northeast Dallas, Youth Believing in Change has been providing programs for children in the community since 1994. Founded by Vincent and Angela Gaddis, YBC now provides after school and summer programs that include both academic and spiritual training as well as hot meals, a music program and a reading program.

Royal Lane has supported the important work of YBC for more than 20 years. Recently Dennis and Sylvia Turnbull were given special honor for their committed leadership. Dennis has served on the YBC Board of Directors for more than 8 years and is currently Board Chairman. In 2017-18, the WOC and RLBC VBS collected hundreds of children’s books for the students of YBC. DeeDee Young, Sylvia Turnbull and Laura Keller constructed shelves and organized the books to create a wonderful resource library. Royal Laners, including DeeDee Young and Connie Bechtol, have provided many hours volunteering in YBC classrooms.

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Ramadan Dinner, May 22 – Invitation from Dialogue Institute of Dallas

We are excited to invite you to join us at Royal Lane Baptist Church for a special Ramadan Dinner on Wednesday , May 22nd at 7:30 pm.

The evening will start with a welcome by the host, followed by a Ramadan presentation. Tasty home cooked meals will be served at the dinner. Fast-breaking time is at 8.25pm sharp and the evening will end after dinner.

Join us to make this a memorable night and break bread together in the holy month of Ramadan!

We will NOT have regular Wednesday evening programming and meal on May 22.

The Sanctuary Choir will practice at 6:15 - 7:15 PM.

The Ramadan event will begin at 7:30 PM including a Turkish meal.

RSVP is required on Facebook, the Royal Lane website, or with the Church Office.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4tv45qe>



Coming Events

- Sunday May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
4:00 pm Ordination of Tim Schaefer — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)
Reception immediately following the service — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday May 14**
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday May 15**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Beef Tacos with Toppings, Black Beans, Rice, Salad, Tres Leches
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 4:1-44, The Temptation and Beginning of Jesus' Ministry
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday May 16**
6:30 pm Men of the Church — Las Flamas Mexican Kitchen, 13937 N Central Expwy, Dallas, TX 75243
- Sunday May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**
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
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall (*change in schedule due to May 26 Holiday weekend*)
- Wednesday May 22 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
7:30 pm Ramadan Dinner – Co-hosted by Dialogue Institute of Dallas — Vickrey Hall
Tasty home cooked meals will be served. Fast-breaking time is at 8:25 pm

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

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

Child Protection Training

Child Protection Training will be held in Vickrey Hall on Sunday, June 9th, from 12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. All adults planning to work with youth and children in 2019 need to attend. Any youth planning to help with VBS or other children's activities need to attend as well. Lunch will be provided.



Sign up today at SignUpGenius – <https://tinyurl.com/yxvkgwa4>



**Save the dates for VBS – July 8 – 12
To Mars and Beyond**

Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by God's power at work within us!

Ephesians 3:20

Prayer Requests:

Kevin Blackburn, step-son-in-law of **Harry Hunter**

Steve & Martha Box

Aidan Brown

Darlene Carpenter

Loretta Chaney, friend of **Karen Miller**

Dina DiMaria

Harry Hunter

Doug & Susie Leineweber

Ruth May

Forrest McKinney

Patricia McNutt

Karen Miller's friend, **Bobbie**, and her family, on the death of Bobbie's brother

Melissa Orwig

Gary Raiza, son, **Jerry Raiza**, husband, and **Glendon**, cousin of **Maebelle Raiza**

Steven Rhodes' niece, **Amber**

George Sturch, father of **Terry Berrier**

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

Jordan Weilage's friends & family: **Teri, Mehran, Keyvan, Shahin, Ladah & Family**

Please continue to pray for:

Jackie Arnold, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Robbye Foster's** brother, **Robert**;

Minnie Macias, mother of **Rodney Macias**; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Robert Putman**; **Ray Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Jordan Weilage**

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



To Families *with* Graduates!

Graduates will be recognized on June 2, 2019. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student by Monday, May 13, for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Sunday, and in a June issue of the Mosaic.

Welcome

Welcome to new members **Steven S. Rhodes**, who joined Royal Lane Baptist Church on April 21, and **George Kesterson**, who joined on May 5, 2019.

Royal Welcome Class

June 2nd – 23rd

9:45 am – Library

New Member Breakfast – June 30

9:45 am – Vickrey Hall

Missions Opportunities

2nd Friday at NDSM (10:00 – 11:30 am)

June 1 – Hope Supply (9:00 – 11:00 am)

August 17 – NDSM (9:00 – 11:30 am)

Congratulations

to Rev. Nathan Watts on his ordination, May 5, 2019. Nathan has been called to serve as the pastor of First Congregational Church, Flagstaff, Arizona.



Deacons of the Week

May 12

Ray Cox [940] 814-4013

Kelley Keith [214] 334-5068

May 19

Daryl Willey [214] 597-2854

Karen Simmons [214] 675-1200

Scriptures of the Week

May 12

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

May 19

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

Midweek Service

Wednesday

in

Vickrey Hall

6:15 p.m., May 15

Bible Study with Mike Gregg

Luke 4:1-44

The Temptation and Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

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

7:30 p.m., May 22

Ramadan Dinner

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, May 15

Beef Tacos with Toppings, Black Beans, Rice, Salad, Tres Leches

Wednesday, May 22

Ramadan Dinner

Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person

Families - \$15 per family

Seniors - \$5 per person

Menus are available on the RLBC website calendar.

In the Box Gallery

Sherry Houpt



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

Happy Birthday!

May

Linda Collier.....	9
Sarah Steward.....	9
Sharon Vickrey.....	9
Andy Cavins.....	11
Stephen Lewis.....	11
Jaelyn Ramirez.....	12
Deanna Green.....	13
Jim Bush.....	15
Alexander Gitlin.....	15
Linda Hueston.....	15
Wayne Meachum.....	15
Michael Knight.....	17
Karen Miller.....	18
Samuel Quesada.....	18
Nate Green.....	20
Mike Jones.....	20

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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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