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
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
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.

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Child Protection Training

Child Protection Training will be held in Vickery 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/yxvkga4

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 Leinneweber
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.

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
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

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

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

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.

Happy Birthday!

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In the Box Gallery

Sherry Houpt

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

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Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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