



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Pentecost Encourages Us to Be Who We Are

This was the first Pentecost Sunday I've ever missed as a full-time minister. For me, it is one of the most important days in the Christian Year. I love the pageantry of congregants in their fiery-colored clothes, the procession of flowing banners and ribbons, the ecstatic multitude of spoken languages, and the sermon and songs that ignite our hearts. I am grateful for Dan Thompson and Melissa Walker-Luckett for standing in the gap for Harry and me as we were both out of town.

It is important to remember that Pentecost is a season just like Easter. The season of Pentecost is the longest of the liturgical seasons and spans from Pentecost Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent. You might recognize the Season after Pentecost by the deep green color of Ordinary Time. It is the longest of the seasons because we are beckoned to live in the power of the Spirit not only in the fiery and passionate moments of our lives, but also in the ordinary and mundane.

Rev. Melissa Walker-Luckett preached that God uses all of our differences to bring about God's purposes and reveal God's face in our beautiful diversity. She spoke of Princeton professor, Eric Barreto, who noted that the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 is often seen as a reversal of the tower of Babel story in Genesis 11, when humans were scattered across the earth to develop different cultures and languages. "If Pentecost were a reversal of Babel, the disciples would have all spoken the same language" – perhaps some heavenly language God gave them, Barreto said. "God does not eradicate our differences at Pentecost; God embraces our differences. The church starts as a place where people of many gifts are together." The Babel story and the Pentecost story show that "God is still creating the kind of world God wants" – not one where like-minded people build towers to God and huddle behind walls and locked doors to keep others out, but "a place of many languages, a place where walls and towers get torn down."

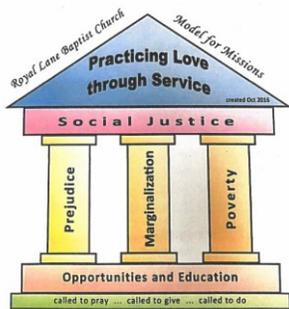
So, what does it look like to live as Pentecost people? How might the world be changed when we live out our baptisms in the power of the Holy Spirit? We would be a people who build churches of inclusion rather than prideful towers to the divine. We would also reveal the vibrant and beautiful diversity of a loving God. As a Pentecost people who lean into the diversity of God, we don't have to be someone we are not meant to be. We are created unique, special, and loved. If you are who God created you to be, living out the Spirit of God in your life to enliven and empower the world, then you are who you are meant to be.

Pentecost encourages all of us to be who we are in all of our beautiful diversity. Because it is in that diversity, people see the face of God. And I see the face of God in you, Royal Lane Baptist Church, in the immigrant, in the incarcerated, in the poor, in the rich, in the depressed, in the lonely, in the fulfilled. You are all of God's created beings. So, speak your personal language, be unique, be bold, and be a fiery love in the world. For if you do, you will live out Pentecost and spread the Spirit of diversity and inclusive love to all people.

Pastor Mike

The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for July 3 & 17, 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



Nevertheless She Preached 2019

Third annual celebration of women in the pulpit!

Featured preachers and lecturers include Traci Blackmon, Mihee Kim Kort, Emmy Kegler, Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Margaret Aymer, Lai Ling Ngan, Alicia Reyes-Barrientez, Namsoon Kang, and worship leader, Cathy AJ Hardy.

Sunday, September 22, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 pm

Early Bird registrations end July 22

First Baptist Church of Austin,

901 Austin St, Austin TX 78701

**It’s Summer Time — Temperatures are Rising and
Contributions are Declining!**

Please help

- Catch up on your contributions
- Give a summertime extra gift or
- Use on-line or credit monthly giving. (Check with Janet on how to do on-line or credit/debit card giving)

Coming Events

Friday

June 21

Church Office closed

5:00 pm Youth Return from Camp at Schreiner University, Kerrville, TX

Sunday

June 23 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery

9:45 am Royal Welcome Class for New Members & Visitors — Library

9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

Wednesday

June 26

5:30 pm Independence Day Celebration – Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes & Chips, Games, Fun for the entire family!

Sunday

June 30 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery

9:45 am New Member Breakfast — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

Wednesday

July 3 – Mosaic

No Wednesday Evening Activities in July

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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What's Happening in July!

July 14-17 – Youth Mission Trip to Austin (departing after church on July 14)

6:00 – 8:30 pm, July 8-12 – VBS

July 22-26 – Children's Camp



We had a fabulous time of relaxation and fellowship at the **WOC Retreat Spring** and are already beginning to plan next year's retreat—once again on the Friday and Saturday before Mother's Day. Special thanks to Amanda Gregg, Jaime Clark-Soles, Jan Quesada, Laura Keller, Paulette Harrison, and Rosa Belgard who led sessions and helped make it the great experience it was.

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

2020 Retreat Dates – May 8-9.

Prayer Requests:

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Steve & Martha Box

Aidan Brown

Marge Bryant

Steve Bush & Family, on the death of his mother, Lynette Bush

Darlene Carpenter

Dina DiMaria

David & Amanda Doom, and their infant son Eli, nephew & niece of David Doom

Leonard Gresham

Harry Hunter

Doug & Susie Leineweber

Douglas McGhee, uncle of Laurence Schultz

Forrest McKinney

Patricia McNutt

Patsy Meier

Luis Artoro Vargas Ochon & Family, friends of Claudia & Andrea Nuss

David & Frances Phillips, friends of Tina Chapman

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

Daniel Solyom

Sandra Tilden, daughter of Dorothy Tilden

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

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

Robert Whitaker, brother of Anne Sewell

Linda Williams

Please continue to pray for:

Jackie Arnold, sister of Cathy Webb; Kevin Blackburn, step-son-in-law of Harry Hunter; 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

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Shannon Elizabeth Simmons

AND

Blake Alexander Miller

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE

CELEBRATION OF THEIR MARRIAGE

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH OF JULY

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

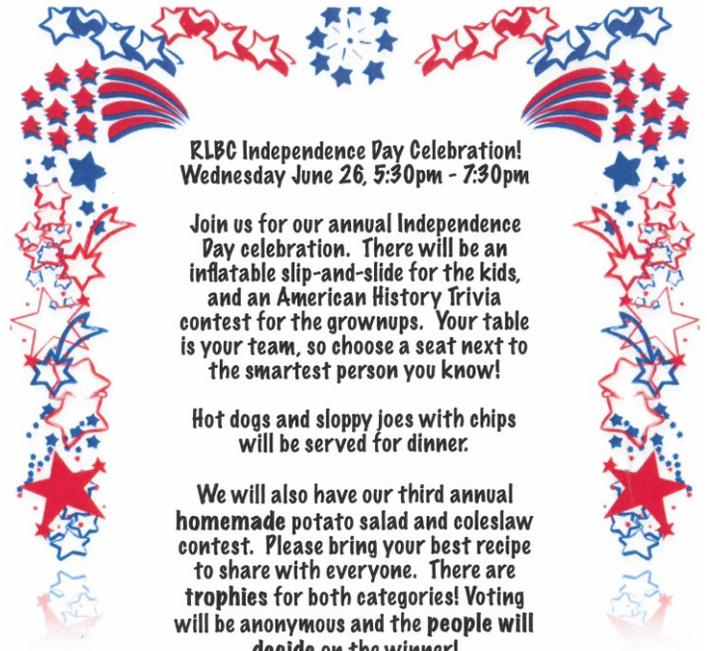
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

DALLAS, TEXAS

Reception immediately following in Vickrey Hall

RSVP: WWW.BLAKEANDSHANNON.COM



RLBC Independence Day Celebration!
Wednesday June 26, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for our annual Independence Day celebration. There will be an inflatable slip-and-slide for the kids, and an American History Trivia contest for the grownups. Your table is your team, so choose a seat next to the smartest person you know!

Hot dogs and sloppy joes with chips will be served for dinner.

We will also have our third annual homemade potato salad and coleslaw contest. Please bring your best recipe to share with everyone. There are trophies for both categories! Voting will be anonymous and the people will decide on the winner!

Kickball: kids vs. grown-ups, who will claim the large beautiful trophy and bragging rights this year? Please come out and join us for this fantastic evening of fellowship!

Deacons of the Week

June 23

Blake Vickrey [972] 358-1546

Charlotte Sewell [214] 533-7326

June 30

Paulette Harrison [214] 577-8058

Dennis Turnbull [214] 240-9061

Scriptures of the Week

June 23

1 Kings 19:1-15a Psalm 42
Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

June 30

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

Wednesday

5:30 pm, June 26

Independence Day Picnic



Month of July

No Wednesday Night
Activities

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, June 26

Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joe's, Chips,
Potato Salad & Coleslaw

Wednesdays
Month of July

No Wednesday Night activities

Happy Birthday!

June

Jade Arnsward	19
Allen Stewart.....	19
Brittany Wooten Jones	19
Darrin Fleenor	20
Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez	24
Anne Sewell	24
Steve Sumter	25
Avery Michele Stewart	26
Leslie Cechan	27
Phil Keith.....	27
Jeffrey Hammett.....	29

July

Cara Mullinax.....	1
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In the Box Gallery

Thru June 28



Sherry Houpt

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

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

Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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