



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Summertime and the Living is...Easy?

Whew! It's hot in Dallas! Doesn't it seem like it went from breezy and crisp springtime weather to a really hot sauna outside? For me, it feels as if we just made it through Easter. Didn't we just celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the ascension into heaven, and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church at Pentecost? Yet, we've already completed Youth Camp while also gearing up for Vacation Bible School, Mission Trip, and Children's Camp. Spring break has given way to the longer, languid months of summer break. It's summertime and the living should be easy, right?

I know we all feel extremely busy with vacations, work trips, medical problems, bills piling up, clingy kids, and ailing parents. We are overwhelmed at home, at work, and in our communities. Murders are happening at a record pace, gun violence is rising along with the temperature, and more people than ever can't afford a home in Dallas. It is clear as summertime gets into full swing that Dallas needs us, Royal Lane Baptist Church, to act by raising our voices for the marginalized and act on behalf of those in need.

Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, Professor of Preaching at Luther Seminary, considers the lectionary text for this Sunday when Jesus sent seventy disciples, two by two, into a nearby city to be with the residents and receive their hospitality. And in so doing, the deep connection was to bring everyone together to share in the bounty of God. She says, "I find it comforting that Jesus doesn't send the disciples out solo. Seventy is a hefty number of colleagues and comrades to accompany you and have your back. We need each other in this thing called ministry, in our call to preach. We shake the dust off and move on – but we never travel alone."

If we, as thoughtful Christians, are going to change the hurtful and abusive systems that mostly affect the marginalized in this city, we need to go into the homes and lives of those who might be different than us. As part of my call to do just that, I am working with a local advocacy group called Faith in Texas to make sure that every person in Dallas has just and equitable housing. I recently saw a USA Today article that in major U.S. cities, iconic "gayborhoods" are becoming too expensive for LGBTQ people. I would add that people of color, the poor, and disabled are also finding it more difficult to find adequate housing. Not only will marginalized individuals and families feel the heat more profoundly this summer, but we, as followers of Jesus, can't live out this important Lukan passage and go to homes and build relationships with hurting people in this city if those people continue to be pushed out of their homes and communities.

A sister UCC church in east Dallas created a survey to determine the struggles LGBTQ people have with housing discrimination. If you have time to complete the brief survey, please do so. Here is the link: <http://www.fccdfw.org/survey>

As we celebrate our nation and our freedoms this week, I celebrate you and your good work as Royal Lane Baptist Church. Being Baptist means we lean into religious and personal freedom. And so, as the people of God and as Royal Lane Baptist Church, it is my hope that we continue to find ways to go into the city, build relationships with residents, and commune with one another as we share the presence of God. For if we do, then healing and salvation will truly take place.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for July 17 & August 7, 2019.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

Independence Day Celebration Pix!!!

American History Trivia contest for the adults, winners of the Third Annual Coleslaw & Potato Salad contest (Amanda Gregg & Margaret Darden), and a beautiful day on the ball field! (Not pictured: slip-and-slide for the kids.)



Coming Events

- Sunday July 7 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Finance Committee — Library
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
- Monday July 8**
6:00 pm VBS for Preschool – Grade 5 — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 8:30 pm) *(Registrations at the door are welcome.)*
- Tuesday July 9**
6:00 pm VBS for Preschool – Grade 5 — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 8:30 pm)
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday July 10**
No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities
4:30 pm Columbarium Team — Library
6:00 pm VBS for Preschool – Grade 5 — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 8:30 pm)
- Thursday July 11**
6:00 pm VBS for Preschool – Grade 5 — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 8:30 pm)
- Friday July 12**
10:00 am Second Friday at NDSM — 2875 Merrell Rd, Dallas, TX 75229 (10:00 – 11:30 am)
6:00 pm VBS for Preschool – Grade 5 — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 8:30 pm)
- Sunday July 14 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
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
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
Following Worship – Youth Depart for Mission Trip
- Wednesday July 17 – Mosaic**
No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities
5:00 pm Youth Return from Mission Trip
6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library

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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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

Prayer Requests:

Steve & Martha Box

Aidan Brown

Loretta Chaney, friend of **Karen Miller**

Dina DiMaria

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

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

Jack Gresham, friend of **Mike Hurder**

Martha Hatcher

Doug & Susie Leineweber

Forrest McKinney

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

David & Frances Phillips, friends of **Tina Chapman**
Gary Raiza, son, and **Jerry Raiza**, husband, of **Maebelle Raiza**

Maebelle Raiza, on the death of her cousin, **Glendon**

Julio Gonzalez Ramirez, friend of **Claudia Nuss**

Danny Ray

Kenna Rogers, sister of **Alexa Rogers**

Daniel Solyom

Sandra Tilden, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

Cathy Webb & Family on the death of the brother of her brother-in-law

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

Please continue to pray for:

Jackie Arnold, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Kevin Blackburn**, step-son-in-law of **Harry Hunter**; **Darlene Carpenter**; **Robbye Foster's** brother, **Robert**; **Leonard Gresham**; **Harry Hunter**; **Minnie Macias**, mother of **Rodney**

Macias; Douglas McGhee, uncle of **Laurence Schultz**; **Patricia McNutt**; **Patsy Meier**; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Robert Putman**; **Ray Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Jordan Weilage**; **Robert Whitaker**, brother of **Anne Sewell**

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

It's Summer Time Temperatures are Rising and Contributions are Declining! Please help

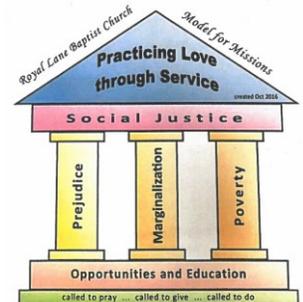
- * Catch up on your contributions
- * Give a summertime extra gift or
- * Use on-line or credit monthly giving. (Check with Janet on how to do on-line or credit/debit card giving)

Welcome

Please welcome **Lindsay Vorster**, who joined RLBC on June 16. Daughter, **Raegan**, completes this new Royal Lane family.

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

Wednesday Evening Sabbatical in July

We are taking off the month of July from Wednesday evening Bible study, dinner, youth and children activities and Sanctuary Choir rehearsal in order to prepare for VBS, the Youth mission trip, and children's camp. We will continue with regularly scheduled Wednesday evenings on August 7 with our Quarterly Church Conference.

Deacons of the Week

July 7

Rebecca Rempert [214] 563-6535

Karen Miller [214] 724-0655

July 14

Cathy Webb [214] 354-4766

Harry Hunter [469] 662-1855

Scriptures of the Week

July 7

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14

Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

Midweek Services
6:15 p.m. Wednesday
in
Vickrey Hall
will resume
August 7, 2019

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, Evening Meals
will resume August 7

Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person

Families - \$15 per family

Seniors - \$5 per person

Menus for August will be available in the Sunday morning order of worship and on the RLBC website calendar.

Click on image for "Wednesday Night Suppers" in Upcoming Events for details.

Coming to the Box Gallery
August, 2019

Desmond Blair

Read about Desmond at
Desmondblair.com/about-me



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

Happy Birthday!

July

Garey Wisdom	3
Caleb Clark-Soles.....	4
Daniel Solyom.....	4
Jan Calhoon.....	5
Kathy Hatcher	7
Leslie McKinney.....	7
Harper Wooten.....	7
Claire Keith.....	9
Brett Washburn	9
Mike Gregg	10
Jill Hill.....	10
Behnoush Ghodsi	11
Trent Juarez.....	12
Becky Jeter	15

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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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