



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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What is Ministry? It is Serving and Giving.

Soon afterwards, Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. – Luke 8:1-3 (NRSV)

As we've studied the Gospel of Luke on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, we have become familiar with Jesus' transformational power and his upending of established societal and class norms. And if we look closely at Luke's gospel, Jesus depended on women to help him in his work more than any other gospel. In fact, in the story immediately preceding this text, Jesus commended a woman who had anointed his feet and washed them with her loving tears. Jesus scolded a critical Jewish leader and told him that this woman had shown great love and that her compassion had made her whole.

In the eighth chapter of Luke, we see three women of faith. And each of these women were diverse in their backgrounds, resources, and gifts. It is clear that Jesus drew people from a wide range of qualifications and experiences. Mary, the Magdalene, for instance, seemed to have many spiritual and emotional struggles, the presence of seven demons. It is assumed that Jesus cast out those demons, giving Mary a reason to follow him on the way. Jesus' message spread to the sick and possessed and also to the lofty and influential people. The presence of Joanna, thought to be the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, reveals that Jesus' message had made its way into the palace and the places of power.

These extraordinarily equipped women responded to Jesus' work and gave of their resources because they were changed by the Word of God. That good news revealed that following Jesus and giving to his work spanned every gender, station, and social scale. And not only did this affirm the justice and inclusiveness of the Gospel of Luke, it also showed the wide reach of the kingdom of God that Jesus brought to the world.

I think these first three verses in the eighth chapter of Luke reveal some important things about ministry. It is important to contribute our resources to the mission of Jesus and the work of God. The text is clear that all of these women provided for Jesus out of their financial resources. Mary, the Magdalene, probably had little money after seeking to get rid of all of the emotional, physical, and spiritual demons in her life. But what little she had, she gave to Jesus. Yet, Mary had a personal and powerful story of health and healing. That story was an important element to sharing Jesus' justice and God's love with the world. Joanna, on the other hand, was the wife of the king's financial advisor and treasurer. Luke mentions Joanna's spouse because it is likely that Luke was highlighting her social stature and economic status. Joanna had the financial resources of the king at her disposal. Although at different levels, both Mary and Joanna gave generously to the work of Jesus.

Every woman who followed Jesus was personally involved. We can't simply be spectators to ministry, spectators to Jesus. It is important that we actively contribute. It doesn't matter what our stories are or what we've done in the past. Jesus relies on us to be providers and servants (deacons) just as he relied on these strong women who closely followed him. It is vitally important that we learn to lead like these women who decided to get involved and give!

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for September 18 & October 2, 2019.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

Faith and Fear Exploring Gun Violence & Safety Wednesday Midweek – 6:15 pm

- **September 11** - A guest panel made up of Melissa Walker-Luckett, Janina Washington, and Jeff Hammett will discuss how they have personally intersected with families who have experienced gun violence.
- **September 18** - Rev. Deanna Hollas, the first “Minister of Gun Violence Prevention,” will share how her faith informs her work.
- **September 25** - Blair Taylor of Moms Demand Action will give us a legislative update and speak about safe gun storage.

Understanding Baptism Class September 8-22, 9:45 am

Youth are invited to join us for conversations about baptism. Two classes will be offered for this 3-week series in preparation for baptism:

Junior High (grades 6-8) – led by Rev. Laura Keller

Senior High (grades 9-12) - led by Rev. Dr. Mike Gregg



Rally Day – September 29 12:15 pm (following worship) Vickrey Hall

Think of Rally Day as a “Ministry Fair” a chance to see the work of our various ministry areas, how your gifts support these ministries, AND, how you can become involved.

Visit each table and fill out your Rally tickets for a chance at our gift certificate drawings, and if you’ve not done so by September 29, turn in your Estimated Giving Cards.

PUMPKIN PATCH & FALL FESTIVAL

Sign Up Now!

September 28 - October 31
Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM



PUMPKIN UNLOADING
SEPTEMBER 28 AND OCTOBER 12 - 8:30 AM
TO VOLUNTEER TO UNLOAD AND/OR SALE PUMPKINS SIGN UP ON **SIGN UP GENIUS** OR CONTACT JACK MULLINAX OR JJ BERRIER

FALL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 4:00 PM TO 6:30 PM
TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK FALL FESTIVAL SIGN UP ON **SIGN UP GENIUS** OR CONTACT AMANDA GREGG OR JANINA WASHINGTON

Coming Events

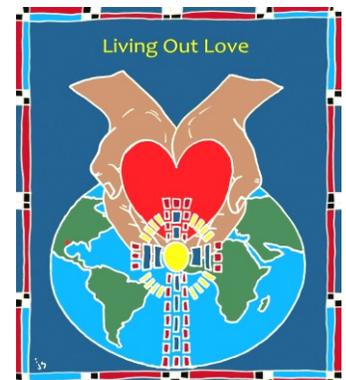
- Sunday September 8 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Understanding Baptism Class — Youth Basement
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday September 10**
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday September 11**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Member Resources Committee — Room 202
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee — Room 206
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Chicken Tenders with Potatoes, Salad, Cookies
6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall
IN FOCUS: Faith and Fear – Exploring Gun Violence and Safety
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday September 12**
6:30 pm Missions Committee — Library
- Friday September 13**
10:00 am Second Friday at NDSM (10:00 – 11:30 am)
- Sunday September 15 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 am Equity in Access — Library
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Understanding Baptism Class — Youth Basement
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday September 18**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Member Resources Committee — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Pot Roast with Veggies, Potatoes, Salad, Vanilla Cake
6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall
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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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Royal Lane Baptist Church's giving and stewardship theme for 2019 is "Living Out Love." Throughout the month of September, we will learn how to live out our deep love of God and for our neighbors in the city of Dallas. We are called to live out our love by giving our time, treasures, and talents to the ongoing and expanding work of Christ. Not only will we pledge our tithe for the coming year, but we must also purposefully and passionately invest in ourselves, the church, and our neighbors.

Pledge Now at <http://royallane.org/stewardship-2020/>



Prayer Requests:

Rosa Barrientos

Donovan Berrier, son of **JJ & Terry Berrier**

Jean Bilson, aunt of **Cookie Stokes**

Steve & Martha Box

Conway Briscoe

Aidan Brown

Gordon Brown

Darlene Carpenter

Loretta Chaney, friend of **Karen Miller**

Linda Cross

Dina DiMaria

Bruce Gillette, husband of **Carolyn Winfrey Gillette**,
hymn text writer

Billie Ingram (sister of **Paulette Harrison**) and her
husband, **Cecil Ingram**

Forrest McKinney

Don Meier

Don Mullinax, brother of **Jack Mullinax**

Cara Mullinax

Andrea Nuss

Luis Artoro Vargas Ochoa, friend of **Claudia Nuss**

Jane Phelan

Gary Raiza, son of **Maebelle Raiza**

Danny Ray

Diane Rempert, mother-in-law of **Rebecca Rempert**

James Steel

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

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

Please continue to pray for:

Minnie Macias, mother of **Rodney Macias**; **Patricia McNutt**; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Jerry Raiza**, husband,
of **Maebelle Raiza**;

Ellen Thompson, mother-in-law of **Garland Hamic**; **Ray Thompson**, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Sandra Tilden**,
daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**; **Jordan Weilage**

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

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



Second Fridays at NDSM

Sign up to help fill food and clothing orders
at North Dallas Shared Ministries every
Second Friday.

"Second Fridays" is a volunteer ministry where we send 5 volunteers to North Dallas Shared Ministries on that day each month. North Dallas Shared Ministries provides food, clothing, financial support, and dental and vision health services to our neighbors in North Dallas. We will work to help fill food and clothing orders from 10-11:30 a.m. Sign Up!

<http://royallane.org/event/1322115-2019-09-13-second-fridays-at-ndsm/>

Deacons of the Week

September 8

Paulette Harrison [214] 577-8058

Dennis Turnbull [214] 240-9061

September 15

Rebecca Rempert [214] 563-6535

Karen Miller [214] 724-0655

Scriptures of the Week

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philomen 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

Midweek Service

6:15 p.m. *Wednesday*

in

Vickrey Hall

September 11 & 18

Faith and Fear

Exploring Gun Violence & Safety

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, September 11

Chicken Tenders with Potatoes, Salad,
Cookies

Wednesday, September 18

Pot Roast with Veggies, Potatoes,
Salad, Vanilla Cake

Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person

Families - \$15 per family

Seniors - \$5 per person

*Menus are available on the
RLBC website calendar.*

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

In the Box Gallery
thru September 30



Desmond Blair

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

Happy Birthday!

September

Harry Wooten.....	5
John Helms.....	7
Deana Jeter.....	7
Rosa Barrientos.....	8
Alan Greider.....	8
Jeff Hill.....	8
Garland Hamic.....	12
Mike Rainbolt-Rainey.....	13
Martha Box.....	14
Dawn Brown.....	17

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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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