



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## You Have a Deacon!

In Acts 6, the Greek-speaking Jews complained to the Hebrew-speaking Jews that their widows were being neglected during the distribution of food and supplies. In essence, many foreign widows were not being cared for. So, the twelve followers of Jesus recruited help from among the many disciples to serve those in need. In fact, that is what the word “deacon” means in its most ancient form – servant. The deacons for Royal Lane Baptist Church have always functioned as a board of directors, and yet, they are also a body of servants. Servants who are commissioned to do so with wisdom and in the Spirit of God.

For the deacons to serve you better, we have created Deacon Ministry Groups. Each of our sixteen deacons has a list of individuals and family units within the church for whom she or he is to give care and attention. Your Deacon Ministry Group leader will contact you soon, introducing herself or himself and establishing their supportive presence through your connection to the activities, opportunities, and clergy of Royal Lane. It is my hope that you will build a strong relationship with your deacon and that through this connection, the leadership and clergy of the church can celebrate with you in your joys, grieve with you in your losses, and better connect you to Royal Lane’s ongoing ministries and opportunities.

I am excited that you have a deacon and for that deacon to be a valuable point of contact and connection to the church leadership and staff. I hope you will take advantage of this new relationship and get to know your new deacon, as she or he supports you, prays for you, and connects with you on your spiritual journey. As the people of Christ, we are all a body of servants in the world. Nonetheless, the deacons and I are excited for this new way to serve with you better at Royal Lane Baptist Church.

*Pastor Mike*

## Enthusiasm for Christ

(From 10/31/2019 – Weekly Mosaic)

I came across a profound article written by one of my friends and mentors, Bill Wilson of the Center for Healthy Churches. He asked if we knew the etymology of the word “enthusiasm.” According to Wilson, it comes from the Greek and is a combination of two words, “en” (in) and “theos” (God). Enthusiasm, in its original form, means having God within us.

Wilson continues, “When the body of Christ is ‘en theos,’ that is, when local church life is grounded in God’s presence rather than ritual or personality or practice, healthy enthusiasm becomes a defining trait of God’s people. The healthiest churches I know are not clergy-focused or program-focused or doctrine-focused. They are Christ-focused. Whether it be acts of worship or mission endeavors or teaching opportunities or fellowship events or outreach efforts, the persistent emotion underneath them all is a deep and authentic enthusiasm.”

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*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for November 20 & December 4, 2019.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

# *The Work of Christmas*

Advent & Christmas – 2019

## **November**

**November 20 – Eventful Advent**

6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

**November 24 – Holiday in the Park – Youth, Children & their Families**

12:30-10:00 pm — Six Flags over Texas

## **December**

**December 1 – Advent I**

10:55 am — Sanctuary

**December 7 – Posada y Piñata (Parents Night Out)**

5:00 pm — Children's Building & Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 8:00 pm)

**December 8 – Advent II – Hanging of the Green**

10:55 am — Sanctuary

**December 13 – Youth Christmas Party**

6:00 pm — Youth Basement (6:00 – 9:00 pm)

**December 13 – Parents of Children & Youth**

6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 9:00 pm) (childcare provided)

**December 14 – Women of the Church**

9:00 am — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 12:30 pm)

**December 15 – Advent III – Choral Music Sunday**

10:55 am — “The Work of Christmas” presented by the Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

**December 18 – Mourning Light & White Gift Service**

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall, Holy Communion offered

**December 21 – Men of the Church Breakfast**

9:00 am — First Watch, Preston Forest

**December 22 – Advent IV – Worship**

10:55 am — Sanctuary

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**

6:00 pm — Sanctuary

Carols, Candlelight & Communion (childcare provided)

**December 25 – Christmas Day**

Church Office Closed, No Wednesday Activities (Activities resume January 8)

**December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas – Worship**

10:55 am — Sanctuary



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## **Enthusiasm for Christ** *(continued from page 1)*

But I wonder if the Christian Church has lost its enthusiasm? Pew Research reported that 26% of Americans now self-identify as religiously unaffiliated, up from 17% just 10 years ago. A quarter of Americans don't claim a religious community or practice. These Americans may not be leaving faith altogether, but they are certainly leaving organized religion. I wonder if they would say they don't see enthusiasm in Christianity. They might describe Christianity with words like “petty, dishonest, hurtful, and power-hungry” rather than “enthusiastic.”

I think we need for God to be within us as we exit a really trying and difficult two weeks and as many of us plunge headfirst into the uncertainty of our lives. If we become and remain enthusiastic for Christ, maybe we can change those statistics. Maybe people will be drawn to our enthusiasm in bringing comfort and healing to the lives in this church and also this city. Let us try and be enthusiastic Jesus followers who continue to show our enthusiasm, having God within us, as members of Royal Lane Baptist Church.

*Pastor Mike*

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# Coming Events

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 10 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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	Second Sunday Youth Lunch — Meet in the Library following worship (12:15 – 1:30 pm)
12:30 pm	Missions Committee — Library
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 12</b>
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Vickrey Hall
8:00 pm	Tech Committee — Conference Call
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 13</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach Committee — Room 206
5:30 pm	Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall Pot Roast with Veggies, Salad, Bread, Vanilla Sheet Cake
6:00 pm	Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm	Children's Activities— Children's Building
6:15 pm	Midweek Service – IN FOCUS: Youth Homelessness with Madeline Reedy, CitySquare— Vickrey Hall "Life Without a Safety-Net – Helping At-Risk Youth Find Self-Sufficiency"
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 16</b>
10:00 am	Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall (10:00 am – 12:30 pm) "Grace Enough ... to Cook with Gourmet Garey"
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 17 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 19</b>
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Vickrey Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 20 – Mosaic</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm	Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall Chicken Soup, Salad, Bread, Pumpkin Roll
6:00 pm	Eventful Advent — Vickrey Hall
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

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

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*Welcome*

**to new members**

Chelsea & Sam Turpen (pictured on the left) joined on October 6, 2019 and Carol Barger & William (Bill) Elliott (pictured on the right) joined on November 3, 2019.





## **IN FOCUS – Youth Homelessness November 13, 6:15pm, Vickrey Hall**

The November IN FOCUS session will highlight homeless youth. Madeline Reedy will speak on “Life Without A Safety Net- Helping At-Risk Youth Find Self-Sufficiency.”

Madeline Reedy, Senior Director of the Transition Resource Action Center for CitySquare, has over 15 years of experience working with at risk youth, including those involved with the foster care system, juvenile justice system, and those experiencing homelessness. She currently leads the TRAC program, the sole provider of transition services to youth exiting the foster care system and their homeless peers. With a mission to connect young people, age 14-24, toward self-sufficiency, TRAC annually assists 800 young people throughout TDFPS Region 3, including Dallas County. She has a Master's degree in Urban Affairs as well as a Certificate in Non-profit Management. Her expertise in contracts, evaluation, and financial management continues to assist TRAC's efforts in providing quality services to youth in North Texas.

## **Eventful Advent November 20 – 6:00-7:30 pm, Vickrey Hall**

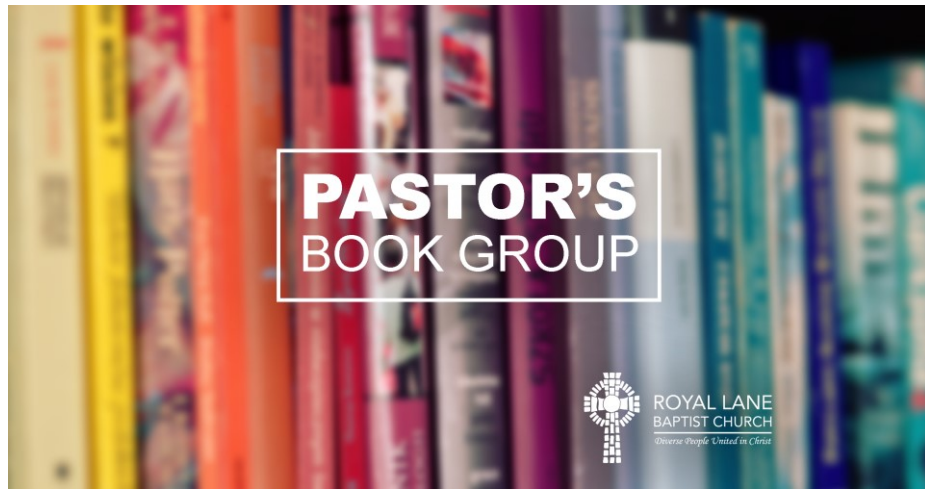
On November 20 our children will host the evening as an opportunity to spend time with you!

We will sing advent carols and hear from several of our young musicians, learn about a variety of advent traditions and fellowship over crafts and conversation.

Please come and enjoy time with your Royal Lane family before we are swept away in the busyness of the holiday season.







## Pastor's Book Group Update

The Pastor's Book Group has outgrown its space and is now meeting in Vickrey Hall. This group meets every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 pm. Current book: Tattoos on the Heart by Father Gregory Boyle. Contact: Mike Gregg at [mgregg@royallane.org](mailto:mgregg@royallane.org) if you would like more information.

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## ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH Columbarium Garden

Columbarium Purchase and Contributions:

- **Niche** – \$3,000.00 pre-construction, \$3,500.00 post-construction\*
- **Garden Teak Bench** – \$3,000.00 (with plaque)
- **Honor/Memory Bricks** – \$250.00 each (engraved to honor or in memory)
- **Contributions** to construction of the Columbarium Garden – you can donate to purchase a tree, bush, entry arch, other landscape elements.

\*All contributions, except purchase of a niche are considered a donation to the RLBC Columbarium.

Contact Nancy K. Ferrell for purchase information at 214/662-3070 or [nkferrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nkferrell@sbcglobal.net).

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## Holiday in the Park

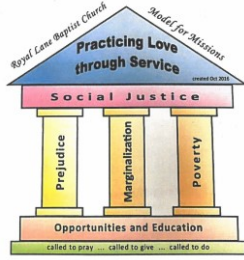
**November 24 – 12:30 – 10:00 pm**

Children, Youth, and their families are invited to join us at Six Flags Over Texas for Holiday in the Park.



## 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

## Stewardship Drive Update

As of November 7, we have received pledges from 90 giving units with a total pledged of \$602,895.00. Our goal is 100 giving units for a total of \$700,000.00.

You may pledge by placing pledge card in the offering plate, turning it in to the church office, or pledging online at [royallane.org/stewardship-2020/](http://royallane.org/stewardship-2020/)

If you have pledged online and have not received an acknowledgement, contact Janet Schultz in the church office, 214-361-2809, ext. 11.

## Photos from the Artist Reception November 1, 2019 Randy Box, Artist



## Deacons of the Week

### November 10

Terry Berrier

Karen Miller

### November 17

Dennis Turnbull

Cathy Webb

## Scriptures of the Week

### November 10

Haggai 1:15b-2:9      Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17      Luke 20:27-38

### November 17

Isaiah 65:17-25      Isaiah 12  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13      Luke 21:5-19

## Midweek Service in Vickrey Hall

**6:15 p.m. Wednesday**  
**November 13**

IN FOCUS:

Youth Homelessness  
with Madeline Reedy, CitySquare

**6:00 p.m. Wednesday**  
**November 20**  
Eventful Advent

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

## Midweek Menu

*Wednesday, November 13*

Pot Roast with Veggies, Salad, Bread,  
Vanilla Sheet Cake

*Wednesday, November 20*

Chicken Soup, Salad, Bread,  
Pumpkin Roll

### 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 November 30



**Randy Box**

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

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,  
contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or  
bmerry@royallane.org.

## Happy Birthday!

### November

Debi Wooten .....	8
Ashley Ragsdale .....	10
Aiden Stewart .....	10
Mike Gill .....	12
Laurie Page .....	13
Judy Mullinax .....	15
Blake Vickrey .....	15
Laura Keller .....	16
Scott Martin .....	16
Larry Forth .....	17
Ruth May .....	17
Larry Wilkerson .....	17



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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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