



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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God Has a Plan

I often hear in ministry circles that God has a plan for everyone and everything. And although I get uncomfortable thinking that God is in control when evil and hurt is still very present in the world, I am sure that God's plan for us is to include us in the beloved community, a community of acceptance and belonging. The beloved community and being people of goodwill in Dallas includes you, and it includes Royal Lane Baptist Church. None of us can fully know how God is at work – the best we can do is pray, share stories with one another, lean into our holy text, and listen to those in need as we seek clarity and discernment. Our church leadership and staff have been doing just that over the past several years as we've created a Social Justice Team, built connections with multi-faith congregations and organizations, invested in more community opportunities with We Over Me Farm, North Dallas Shared Ministries, and Cornerstone Baptist Church, and as we continue to grow people through thoughtful ministry, worship, and community involvement.

But we can't pull this off without your support. Whether you give to the church on a regular basis, or just attend on occasion, I'm asking you to prayerfully consider contributing to this vision for Royal Lane and to Dallas. We are concluding the pledging season and will soon create our 2020 church budget. We need you. Even if you can't make a large gift, know that every little bit helps. It's more about coming together as a community united behind a common cause to grow people and change this city. I hope that you'll consider making a pledge, giving a donation, or finding a way to be involved by volunteering your time in our good work. I'd be glad to help you in any way as we look towards this great step forward we're making together. I'm honored to serve with you as we share our authentic Baptist voice with a city in need.

Pastor Mike

Stewardship Update

As of November 18, we have received pledges from 97 giving units with a total pledged of \$630,195.00. Our goal is 110 giving units for a total of \$700,000.00.

You may pledge today by placing pledge card in the offering plate, turning it in to the church office, or pledging online at 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.



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for December 4 & 18, 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

December

December 1 – Advent I

10:55 am — Sanctuary

December 4 – Advent Study & Noah's Pudding

5:30 pm — Vickrey Hall

December 7 – La Fiesta de la Posada & Parents Night Out

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

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

10:00 am — Vickrey Hall (10:00 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 & Food Offering

6:00 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, Festival Carol Sing featuring Glen Hummel's Classic Brass Quintet

December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:00 pm — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

Carols, Candlelight & Communion

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



Come and share Noah's Pudding Wednesday evening, December 4, 2019,
with our friends from the Dialogue Institute Dallas.



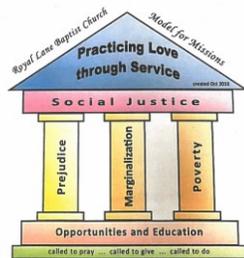
Coming Events

- Sunday November 24 – Reign of Christ Sunday**
 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
 12:30 pm Holiday in the Park — Six Flags Over Texas (12:30 – 10:00 pm)
 For children, youth and their families
- Tuesday November 26**
 12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday November 27**
 No Wednesday evening activities
- Thursday November 28**
 Church office closed for Thanksgiving
- Friday November 29**
 Church office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- Sunday December 1 – First Sunday of Advent**
 9:00 am Tech Committee — Room 206 (childcare provided)
 9:00 am Prayer Place Sunday School Class — 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 Education Committee — Room 206
- Tuesday December 3**
 12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Vickrey Hall
 1:00pm Missions Committee — Library
- Wednesday December 4 – Mosaic**
 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Chicken and Biscuits with Salad, Variety of Cookies & Noah’s Pudding
 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
 6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building
 6:15 pm Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall
 Advent Study with Mike Gregg & Noah’s Pudding with our friends from Dallas Institute Dallas
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.
 “Like” RLBC on Facebook or “Follow” RLBC on Twitter*

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.



Staff Love Gift

During this Giving time of year let’s not forget those who give so much to us all year. Our church staff willingly and lovingly provide many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you’d like to express your personal appreciation, please mail your check to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 8. Be sure your contribution is clearly marked “Staff Love Gift.”



You may also go online and donate under “Staff Love Offering” at onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give

Paulette Harrison, Deacon Chair

Karen Miller would like YOUR story!
 Volunteer Story Forms available in the Church Office

YBC Fundraiser

Cute crew of RLBC bowlers at Youth Believing in Change fundraiser. Our children sold handmade cards at Rally Day to earn their \$95 donation. Then Cookie, Dennis and Sylvia sponsored our lanes. It was a great time for a great cause! (November 10, 2019)



Stocking Stuffers for Healing Hands Ministries

Please bring small toys and candy to fill stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the clinic at Healing Hands Ministries. Bring items through the second week in December, then come join us Saturday December 14, when we will fill the stockings at the Women of the Church meeting from 10:00-12:30.

Suggestions: small plush animals, fuzzy socks, small Christmas toys, card games, bubbles, ear buds (for teens), small holiday coloring books, Christmas candy, etc.

Deacons of the Week

November 24

Alan Greider

Paulette Harrison

December 1

Charlotte Sewell

Amy Ward-Meier

Scriptures of the Week

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Midweek Service 6:15 p.m. *Wednesday* in Vickrey Hall December 4

Advent Study with

*Mike Gregg
and*

Noah's Pudding

Dialogue Institute Dallas

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, November 27

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Wednesday, December 4

Chicken and Biscuits with Salad,
Variety of Cookies, Noah's Pudding

Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person

Families - \$15 per family

Seniors - \$5 per person

Happy Birthday!

November

Jayda Parrish	23
Shirley Bohannon	24
Joey Belgard	26
Ed Bright	26
Sheryl Gambill	26
Doug Leinneweber	27
Anna Mays	27
Dennis Vickrey	27
Nate Wilkerson	27
Richard Lavery	29
Vickie Daniel	29
Annaleigh Gregg	30

December

Rosa Belgard	1
Sarah Fuller Phillips	1
Andres Chastain	2
Ben Helms	3

In the Box Gallery

thru November 30

Randy Box



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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