



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Our Future is in Good Hands

You've probably heard about the Braille system of reading and writing for the blind or visually impaired. It was created by Louis Braille, a 15-year-old French inventor. Also, the youngest individual ever to receive the Nobel Prize was a Pakistani girl, Malala Yousafzai, who at the age of 11, voiced her opposition to the Taliban. Jack Andraka was an ordinary kid who developed a sensor to identify early stages of cancer at the age of 15. And Greta Thunberg became a worldwide climate activist at 15, as well. We have a lot to learn from the passion and activism of youth who desire to not only make a difference in the world but to dramatically and purposefully change it. Young people are not as self-absorbed, phone-addicted, and irresponsible as we are often led to believe. They are the future... and I believe we are in good hands.

The youth of Royal Lane reminded me this past week on Youth Sunday that our church and our world is in good hands. Not only is our church in the good hands of talented teens and strong leaders, but the world into which they go will receive the gift of young people who care about making society a better and more beautiful place. And we mustn't ignore the power that our youth have to change the world. We must cultivate it. We must encourage and embolden our youth to use their vibrant energy to make the world into God's beloved community.

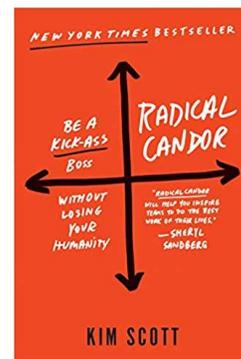
The youth accomplished beloved community on Sunday by showing us how to follow Jesus in love and in trust. Brodie, Mara, and Penelope made a commitment to follow Jesus in believer's baptism and to take that energy from following Jesus and, in turn, model for us how to humbly lead. Jonah played the French horn like a seasoned pro. Carson and Melissa brought their powerful voices to God in praise, revealing words of justice and hope wrapped in mesmerizing melodies. And our three homilists, Sam, Jonah, and Jasmine beckoned us to lead with love and be bold in our servanthood. With their words, prayers, and songs, all of the youth challenged me, broke me, and uplifted me in a way that will carry me throughout the year. As long as our youth continue to give their hearts, minds, talents, and spirits to the work of love and justice, I know the future of Royal Lane and the future of this world is in good hands.

Pastor Mike

IN FOCUS: Building and Pursuing the Beloved Community – February & March

February: Royal Lane Remembers: The Civil Rights '60s, a Conversation led by Dean Dickens. Dean will bring questions from the RLBC youth to the gathered adults about their experiences during the Civil Rights era in the '60s.

March: Building Beloved Community through Civil Conversation and Radical Candor. Kristen Warthen will be the presenter for the March IN FOCUS. All are encouraged to read *Radical Candor*, by Kim Scott, prior to this session.



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 5 & 19, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Martha Stearns Marshall Guest Preachers



February 2 – Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

University Park UMC and
Baptist House of Studies Board Member

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers is the Senior Associate Pastor at University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. She is a graduate of Baylor University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and philosophy. In 2012, Victoria graduated from Brite Divinity School at TCU with her Master of Divinity. After finishing seminary, Victoria went on to complete a Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. In 2014, Victoria was ordained to the gospel ministry at Wilshire

Baptist Church. For the four years following, Victoria served as an associate pastor at Highland Park United Methodist Church where she pastored a Sunday morning service of liturgy and sacrament. Victoria and her husband, Matt, have been married for 9 years and have two children, Benjamin (4) and Ruthie (2). Victoria is passionate about spiritual formation, community, and worship.

February 9 – Rev. L. Robin Murray

Abundant Life AME and
Faith in Texas Organizer

Robin currently serves as the lead organizer for the dedicated people of congregations located in the Northwest region of the DFW metroplex. Ordained as itinerant elder in the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, Robin serves as the Assistant Minister of Children's Ministry at Joy Tabernacle A.M.E. Church in Dallas, TX. Additionally, she serves as Secretary of the A.M.E. North Texas Conference, Women in Ministry.



Robin recently earned her Master of Divinity with a concentration in Urban Ministry from Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology. While at Perkins, she served as chair of the Justice in Action Committee, as well as president of the student organization, L@s Seminaristas. Robin was Perkins' first recipient of the Harry Hosier Spirit Award, as well as the recipient of the B'nai B'rith Award in Social Ethics for "scholarly competence in the field of social ethics and personal commitment as shown in voluntary activity in support of worthy causes."

Robin is passionate about those who are marginalized and directly impacted by systems designed to oppress, divide, and dehumanize God's people. Her faith moves her to help people connect their faith to actions and to give hope and empower those in and outside of congregations. When this native Texan is not actively engaged in the Ministry of Justice, she loves spending time with her husband, Ron, and their miniature schnauzer, Wiz.



February 16 – Rev. Kristin Warthen

White's Chapel UMC

February 23 – Rev. Lisa Hancock

Current PhD Student at SMU on
Theology of Disability



Coming Events

Sunday January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 9:45 am Prayer Place Sunday School Class – Book Study — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Non-Traditional Sunday School Class (Tex Quesada) — Room 206
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Baby Shower for Walter Will & Humberto Valtierra — Library
- 12:15 pm Missions Committee — Room 202
- 2:30 pm Faith & Film – “Owned: A Tale of Two Americas” — Vickrey Hall (2:30 – 4:30 pm)

Tuesday January 28

- 12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Room 202

Wednesday January 29

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 4:30 pm Columbarium Committee — Library
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner – Beef & Vegetable Soup, Salad, Bread, Chocolate Cake — Vickrey Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Sunday February 2 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 am IT Committee — Room 206
- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 9:45 am Prayer Place Sunday School Class – Book Study — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Non-Traditional Sunday School Class (Tex Quesada) — Room 206
- 10:55 am Morning Worship – Martha Stearns Marshall Sunday – Guest Preacher, Rev. Victoria Powers — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
- 6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of the Berrier’s

Tuesday February 4

- 12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Room 202

Wednesday February 5 – Mosaic

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner – Beef Tacos, Beans, Salad, Tres Leches — Vickrey Hall
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall
Luke 11:33-54, Jesus Rebukes the Leaders
- 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.

“Like” RLBC on Facebook or “Follow” RLBC on Twitter

All are invited to a Come-and-Go

Royal Lane Baby Shower

for the expected newborn son of
Walt Will & Humberto Valtierra

Hosted by Paulette Harrison, Donna Ledgerwood, Ruth May,
Rebecca Rempert, & Cookie Stokes,

in the Library following worship on Sunday, January 26.

Noah River is expected to arrive in Florida on February 17.

The excited family is registered at Buy Buy Baby, Inc.

Faith & Film

Sunday, January 26, 2:30 – 4:30 – Vickrey Hall
“Owned: A Tale of Two Americas”



Join us for a screening of this award-winning documentary followed by discussion about housing, facilitated by leaders of our ministry partner, Faith in Texas.

The next Faith & Film event will be February 16 The Hate U Give

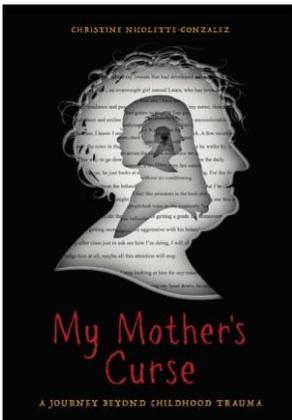
Starr Carter is constantly switching between two worlds: the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the rich, mostly white, prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officers. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right.

Discussion will be led by Janina Washington with assistance from the RLBC youth.



Prayer Place Sunday School Class – Book Study

Longtime church member Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez has published an inspirational memoir that tells the story of how she overcame the severe trauma of her childhood. The book, *My Mother's Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*, is available for purchase on the website laureatelifeexpress.com. On January 26th, in The Prayer Place Sunday School class, Christine will begin a four-week book study of her memoir. Each of you is invited to join her and the class for this study. If you are one of the hundreds of millions of people who endured a challenging childhood, this month-long study may be particularly meaningful to you. It is not necessary to have purchased or read the book to attend.



Book Reading & Signing – February 21

The Prayer Place Sunday School class and Faith & Arts invite you to celebrate the release of Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez's captivating memoir, *My Mother's Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*, on Friday, February 21 at 6 PM in Vickrey Hall. The evening will begin with a Happy Hour reception and will be followed by a reading in the Sanctuary and book signing in the Narthex. If you experienced a challenging childhood, you may particularly find this event worth attending.

Wearing Christ and Accompanying Jesus From Weekly Mosaic – January 15, 2020

I own a clerical shirt and collar. I know, it is somewhat confusing to see a Baptist wearing a collar. I went to the office in my clerical garb one day and Harry Wooten humorously wondered if we had changed denominations. Others around the city call me “father.” As a Baptist, we are usually identified by how large our Bibles are and not necessarily by the garments we wear. I don’t wear the collar often as a Baptist minister, but do feel the need to wear something official that identifies me as a clergy person from time to time.

I wore my clerical collar last Monday morning when Faith in Texas leaders and I accompanied a young asylum seeker to her immigration check-in. This young woman escaped her South American home because of war, abuse, and trafficking. Since her story is devastating and horrific, I must keep the details of her name and history confidential. But, needless to say, she escaped for her life. As a representative of Christ, I sought to be a calming and comforting presence as she navigated the unknown and intimidating check-in procedure. Our group of faith leaders stood in a long line in the freezing cold to offer her the warmth and love of Christ. And she knew that God was with her because I was wearing Christ.

Not only was I wearing Christ to bring the presence of God to a young woman in need, but to also to show those working at the immigration office that faith communities and leaders cared about and supported her. It was painfully apparent that this young woman received gentler treatment because we, those of us wearing our clerical clothes, were accompanying her in this process. It was my hope that by being present with her in this intimidating moment, she would know that God and God’s people love her. Although I was wearing Christ that cold January day, I found that Christ was not in my collar. Christ was actually standing next to me in line, for I was accompanying Jesus.

Pastor Mike

Hope Supply – February 22

Come join us on Saturday February 22nd from 9am-11am at Hope Supply! We will repackaging diapers and Pull-Ups for families experiencing homelessness in our city. Bring your school-aged children if they want to help. Hope Supply has a job for all ages. Please sign up or let Charlotte Sewell know you want to come. Thank you!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/v3x8w8s>



The Gathering: January – March



The Gathering is our mission for North Dallas Shared Ministries. Each quarter, our congregation will focus on a few items to donate to North Dallas Shared Ministries. As always, all food and clothing donations will be appreciated, but we will try to focus on these most needed items. **NDSM cannot accept donations in glass containers.**

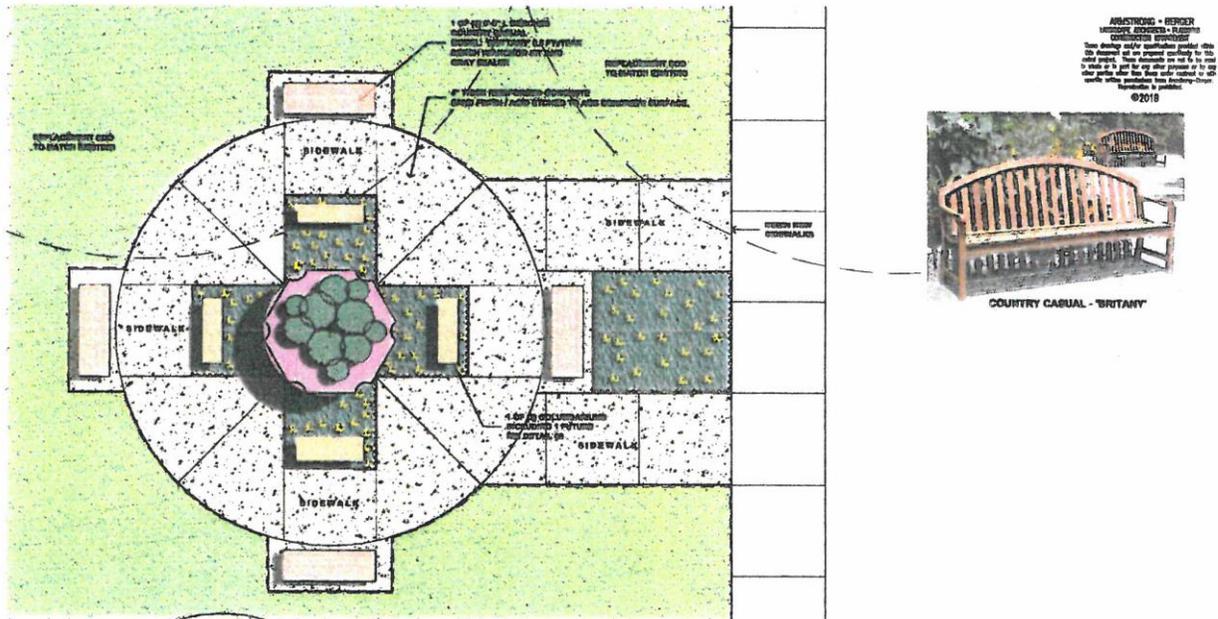
We would also like to provide bags for the families to use as they take their clothing and shoes home. You can drop off food and bags in the plastic NDSM bins in the Sunday school rooms, by the desk in Family Hall, and in the narthex of the Sanctuary.

January-March

Baby Items: Baby food in plastic containers or pouches, Pull ups (very needed!)
Diapers (all sizes), Wipes, Baby Cereal

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Columbarium Garden



Columbarium Purchase and Contributions:

- **Niche** - \$3,000.00 pre-construction and \$3,500.00 post constructions*
- **Garden Teak Bench** - \$3,000.00 (with plaque)
- Honor/Memory Bricks - \$250.00 each (engraved to honor or in memory)
- **6' Nellie R. Stevens Holly Tree** (along the Cunningham Arcade) - \$1,500 (with plaque)
- **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 Garden

Deacons of the Week

January 26

Alan Greider
Harry Hunter

February 2

Charlotte Sewell
Amy Ward-Meier

Scriptures of the Week

January 26

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

February 2

Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Midweek Service

6:15 p.m.

**Wednesday
in Vickrey Hall**

January 29

Quarterly Church Conference

February 5

*Bible Study with Mike Gregg
Luke 11:33-54, Jesus Rebukes the Leaders*

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, January 29

Beef and Vegetable Soup, Salad,
Bread, Chocolate Cake

Wednesday, February 5

Beef Tacos, Beans, Salad, Tres Leches

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

*Sharon Hodges &
Kay Wyne*



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!

January

Jamie Luckett	22
Margaret Darden	25
Shirley James	25
Sylvia Turnbull.....	25
Aidan Brown	28
Donna Ledgerwood.....	28
Isela Chastain	29
Owen Keith	30
Danny Ray.....	30

February

Ray Cox.....	1
Amanda McKinzie-Waldrop.....	4



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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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