



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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This Little Light of Mine, Royal Lane Is Gonna Let It Shine

When Annaleigh was two and three years old, I had the joy and responsibility of putting her to bed because Amanda was taking care of our newborn daughter, Beatrice. Annaleigh and I would sing several children's songs and then end with "Jesus Loves Me." That was our prayer together in the evenings, that Jesus would indeed reveal his love for us. One of the other songs we would sing was "This Little Light of Mine." Annaleigh would do all of the hand motions, waving her little finger high in the air.

The lectionary scripture several weeks ago was Jesus calling his first disciples while quoting the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah proclaimed, "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, in them light as shined." For those new followers of Jesus, it was important that they not only see the light of God in and through Jesus, but to lean into their new responsibility as followers of Jesus to be little lights in the world. That is why I preached about the story of the people in the mountains of Switzerland who brought their lights to the small, isolated church and then streamed their little lights out onto the mountainside. Pastor Laura also spoke of Babs Arnswald and how she would teach all of the kids of Royal Lane "This Little Light of Mine." Babs was a shining light, a beacon of love, presence, and grace for the children.

We had a new member join several Sundays ago, Cheryle Green. If you haven't made the connection yet, Cheryle is friends with Dianna Stouffer. Dianna and Cheryle worked together in the school system with Babs. Babs made a huge impact on both of their lives. Through Babs's light and Dianna's light, Cheryle came to Royal Lane and met each and every one of you. Cheryle joined the church and has now added her little light to our lights already in this church. And you know what? All of our little lights together at Royal Lane are setting this church ablaze with the power of God as we send out people on fire into our city to bring God's love, reconciliation, and hope to all.

I want to remind you, as we do the work of the church in this new year, that the things we do here at Royal Lane matter to one another and they matter in this city. We are the lights for those in this place who might feel dim and depressed. Some days our lights feel like mere flickers and we don't know how we could possibly go on. That is when we should lean into one another, our deacon ministry groups, our church friends, our worship, and our scriptures. Once we rekindle our hearts, we are to be the light for those sitting in the darkness of oppression and hopelessness in this city. We not only awaken our lights here in this place but we bring a burning and bright change to a hurting world.

The light of Royal Lane matters in this city. Your light matters in this congregation. And I am eager for us, in this new year, to continue to have our little lights grow in the warmth of Christ's love as we shine our little lights and illuminate our world. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this new year and every day.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for March 4 & 17, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Coming Events

- Sunday February 23 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia**
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher, Rev. Lisa Hancock
12:15 pm Congregational Affiliation Committee — Room 202
5:00 pm Fat Tuesday on Sunday — Vickrey Hall
Annual Children's and Youth Fundraiser – Pancakes and Karaoke
- Monday February 24**
6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Room 202
- Wednesday February 26 – Ash Wednesday**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, White Cake
6:15 pm Children's Activities — Children's Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall
Join us as we transition, in prayer, to the Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Sunday March 1 – First Sunday in Lent / The Gathering**
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
10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
- Tuesday March 3**
12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Room 202
1:00 pm Missions Committee — Library
- Wednesday March 4 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — 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 12:35-59, Being Ready
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

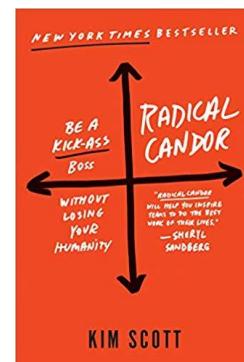
The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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IN FOCUS: Building and Pursuing the Beloved Community –March 18

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.

Radical Candor's aim is to teach managers and bosses how to communicate, so their teams are both more efficient and healthy. What this book actually accomplishes, however, goes so much deeper. What Scott writes about the ability to candid and clear with one another moves far beyond the office or work team and into all parts of life because it speaks to both our desire to do well and to see and promote the best in others. It blends accountability and acceptance in ways that profoundly impact all areas of our life—and most definitely our church. What kind of transformation might occur if we could—as Scott suggests—care personally about one another while challenging each other directly? How might God move in the life of a church committed to the candor Scott presents in this book—the candor of Jesus?



The Gathering



Sunday, March 1, is the day of this quarter that we place emphasis on the needs of North Dallas Shared Ministries with the Gathering. Place your gifts in the red wagon in the narthex.

Items needed: pull ups, diapers, baby wipes, baby food in plastic containers, and baby cereal.

First Thursday at Healing Hands March 5

Join us the first Thursday of the month as we volunteer at Healing Hands Ministries. located at 8515 Greenville Avenue, Ste N108, Dallas, 75243

Support Congregation Tiferet Israel's Chili Cook Off – March 15

The Chili Cook-Off at Congregation Tiferet Israel is an annual event – now in its 27th year. Proceeds are shared with not-for-profit agencies in the Metroplex.

The cook off offers you:

- An art show – new this year
- Dozens of teams competing for top honors for the best beef and veggie chilis
- Rides and games for children on the mini-midway
- Live Music
- Vendors showing off their products and services

WOC & Missions – March 15

Women of the Church will fill Easter Baskets for Hope Supply Company



Faith & Film: March 15



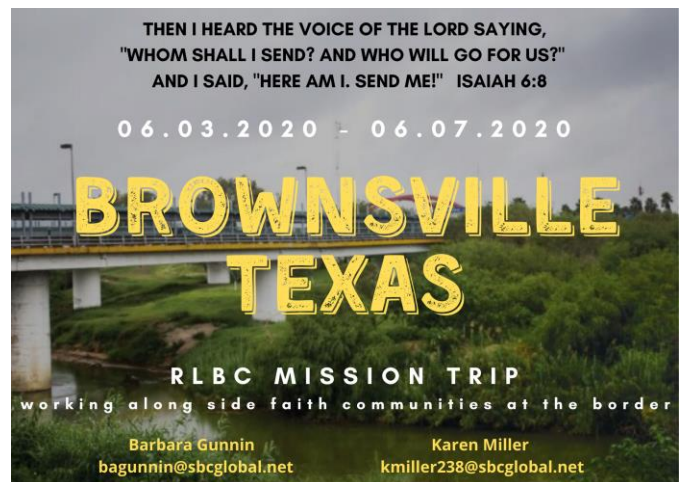
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

"This was a movie about forgiveness, but it's also a movie about anger management."

—Noah Harpster, screenwriter

Beloved Community Mission Trip June 3-7, 2020

The Missions Committee is planning a trip to Brownsville, TX in June. We will work alongside faith communities at the border. We have planned for about 20 people from Royal Lane to travel there by bus. We hope you can join us.



Details and registration to follow.

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Deacons of the Week

February 23

Sarah Fuller Phillips

Karen Simmons

March 1

Ray Cox

Margaret Darden

Scriptures of the Week

February 23

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

March 1

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Midweek Service

**6:15 p.m. Wednesday
in Vickrey Hall**

February 26

Midweek Prayer &
Ash Wednesday Service
(6:30 pm - Sanctuary)

March 4

Bible Study with Mike Gregg
Luke 12:35-59, Being Ready

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, February 26
Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, White Cake

Wednesday, March 4
To be announced

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

Happy Birthday!

February

Ray Vickrey	19
Glenn Brown	23
Dina DiMaria	23
Cilia King	23
Daniel Robinson	23
Lisa Waters	23
Ashley Fleenor	24
Amy Brown	26
Franklin Gitlin	27

March

Addison Birdwell	1
Mark DeWitt	2
Karen Simmons	3

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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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