



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***New Year, New Beginnings***

What better time to start a new job than the first day of a new year? This is the season to be setting goals and intentions, hopes and dreams. As I sit in my new office, in my new chair, in my new role, I, too, find myself setting goals and intentions, hopes and dreams as your new pastor.

I have no idea what is to come from our partnership with one another, but the deepest part of my soul has so much hope. Of course, there is always fear when it comes to change, doubt about the unknown; but even amidst the uncertainties of what will be, I have confidence that God has brought us to one another, and God will be faithful to us both.

My primary goal and intention as your new pastor is to listen and to guide. I want to know you and hear from you. I want to know your stories, your joys, and your pains. I have no desire to lead a community I do not deeply know. So, I hope you'll find in me a generous ear.

I also intend to listen to the voice of God. It is my hope to be attuned to the Spirit's work among us and to faithfully discern alongside you where God is calling us to next. You have my commitment to seek God's wisdom, to faithfully pray for our community, and to pause long enough to hear what God is yearning to say to us.

Thank you for the faith you have already shown in me. Thank you for taking the courageous and *just* step in calling a female senior pastor. What a sign of the church you already are. I am privileged and humbled to listen to you and guide you. What a gift.

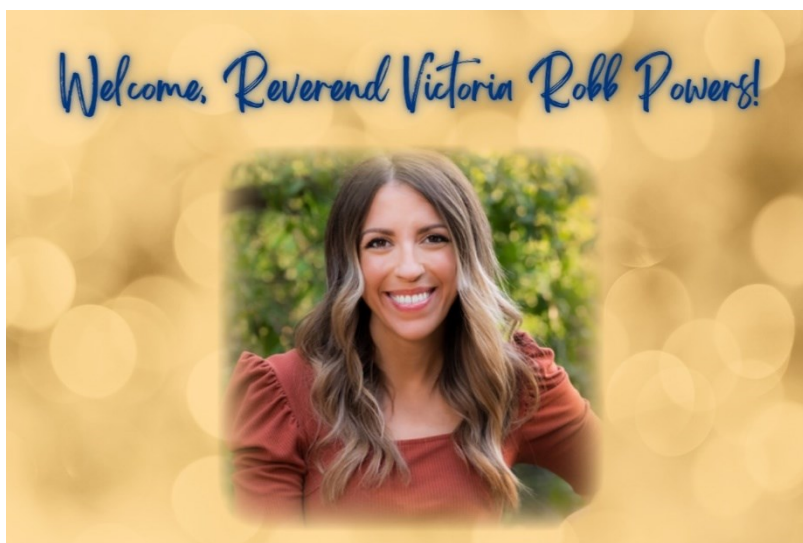
*With great hope and bright dreams,  
Victoria*

## **January 14 – Second Saturday Work Day!** **Saturday, January 14, 9:00 AM to Noon**



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for January 18 & February 1, 2023.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

## Welcome to Rev. Victoria Robb Powers!!



On October 30, 2022, by a resounding vote, Royal Lane Baptist Church called Reverend Victoria Robb Powers to be our new senior pastor! Her first day in the office was Monday, January 2nd, and she will preach her first sermon as senior pastor on Sunday, January 8th.

Rev. Powers was born in Midland and raised in Lubbock. She graduated from Baylor University in 2009, majoring in religion and philosophy. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University (2012). While there, she received the student preaching award and Baptist studies award.

In 2013, she completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and then worked as a hospital chaplain at Baylor University Medical Center. In 2014, she directed an ESL program, Northwest Arlington ESL, in Arlington, Texas. Also in 2014, she was ordained to the gospel ministry by Wilshire Baptist Church.

Rev. Powers began working in parish ministry in 2015 at Highland Park United Methodist Church (Dallas) where she was recognized as an elder by extension. While at HP UMC, she pastored the Cox Chapel service – a service of liturgy and sacrament. She also served as Director of Adult Ministry and oversaw all adult-age level ministries within the church.

In 2019, she began serving as executive pastor at University Park United Methodist Church (Dallas). She currently serves as board chair of the Baptist House of Studies at SMU Perkins School of Theology, directed by Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles. Rev. Powers, also currently serves on the board for Fellowship Southwest, directed by Stephen Reeves.

She has been married to Matt Powers since 2010. Matt is a financial planner at Frontier Investment Management. They have three children: Benjamin (7), Ruthie (5), Hannah (18 months). They live in Lake Highlands, where Benjamin attends White Rock Elementary, and the girls are in preschool at Highland Park UMC. They have a golden retriever named Winston (he's 9).

In the fall of 2023, Rev. Powers has an upcoming children's book to be published by Tommy Nelson, an imprint of Harper Collins, entitled "My Love, God is Everywhere" co-written with Cameron Mason Vickrey.

She loves to preach, read, write, and have meaningful conversations about faith. She enjoys traveling and eating.

### Christmas Eve Offering

Our special Missions Offering on Christmas Eve benefited the Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief. Named for Fellowship Southwest's founder, Marv Knox, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of 2021, The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief provides resources to pastors on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border to serve immigrants and refugees. As a result of your contributions on Christmas Eve, Royal Lane donated \$827 to this fund.



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# Coming Events

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**Sunday January 8 – First Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of the Lord**

- 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- 12:15 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall

**Tuesday January 10**

- 6:00 pm Finance Committee — Zoom

**Wednesday January 11**

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
  - Menu: Beef Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Veggies, and a salad. Dessert: Cookies
- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
  - IN FOCUS – Program TBA
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

**Thursday January 12**

- 6:00 pm Finance Committee — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Division — Zoom

**Saturday January 14**

- 9:00 am Second Saturday Workday
- 10:00 am Finance Committee — Library
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

**Sunday January 15 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- 1:00 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall

**Monday January 16 – MLK Day**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday January 17**

- 6:00 pm Finance Committee — Zoom

**Wednesday January 18 – Mosaic**

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
  - Menu: Vidalia Chicken, Roasted Veggies, Dinner Roll, and salad. Dessert: Chocolate Cake
- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 6:15 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

**Saturday January 21**

- Third Saturday Youth Activity
- 12:00 pm Memorial Service – Don Meier — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
  - Reception, Vickrey Hall
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

*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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## How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — [royallane.org/resources/events](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

## Thank You Notes

Thank you for working with Mark Manning to coordinate the blood drive at Royal Lane Baptist Church on Thursday 12/15/2022! Your blood drive collected 26 units, which can potentially impact 78 lives. Your drive brought donations from 25 donors, 3 of them first time donors.

*Charlotte Turton, Account Specialist,  
Donor Recruitment, North Texas Region.*

## Thank you from your Staff!

Thank you for the Christmas "Love Gift" to your staff:

Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

Barrett Wooten, Interim Minister to Youth

David Weigle, Organist

Janet Schultz, Administrative Assistant and  
Wedding Assistant

Barbara Merry, Administrative Assistant

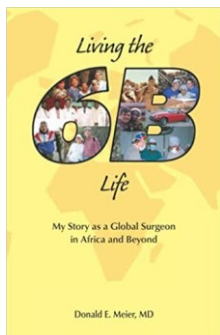
Samantha Fleenor, Childcare

Ellen Miers, Housekeeping

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## Celebration of Life Don Meier

Saturday, January 21, 2023, 12:00 noon  
At Royal Lane Baptist Church  
Lunch Reception to follow the service in  
Vickrey Hall



As a part of Don's rehabilitation therapy, he began typing his life story and "Living the 6B Life: My Story as a Global Surgeon in Africa and Beyond" was published in 2021. All proceeds from the sale of this book on Amazon will be donated to the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons.

Alternatively, direct memorials can be made to:

PAACS, Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons  
PO Box 735262  
Dallas, TX 75373-5262  
Checks payable to PAACS  
PAACS is a 501(c)(3) organization

## Pictures from Children's Christmas Eve



## Deacons of the Week

**January 8**

Mike Keith

Garey Wisdom

**January 15**

Rodney Macias

Donna Wood-Martin

## Scriptures of the Week

**January 8**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 29

Matthew 3:13-17

**January 15**

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Psalm 40:1-11

John 1:29-42

## Midweek Program 6:00 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

**January 11**

In Focus

Program TBA

**January 18**

Quarterly Church Conference

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

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations  
and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.

## November 2022 Financials

### YTD Actual

Revenues\* \$641,827

Expenses \$686,974

Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 45,147)

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

**Text "GIVE" to 214-609-1200**

Follow the prompts to complete the process.

*Standard text message rates may apply.*

Donate online at [royallane.org/give/](http://royallane.org/give/)

Giving menu includes:

General Fund

The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Columbarium

## Happy Birthday!

**January**

Anthony Hatcher .....2

Matt Orwig .....2

Dottie Brashear.....4

Emma Watson .....4

Adam Simmons.....8

Shawng Lahpai..... 11

Michael Faulkinbury ..... 12

Carol Tabor ..... 14

Kristene Ruddle..... 16

Sophie McKinney ..... 16



In the Box Gallery

**New Exhibit Coming Soon!**



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**

**Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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