



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Praying for Deliverance

Years ago, my dear friend Joe Haag, who many of you know, said to our Sunday School class about his wife Jean Ann: "There comes a time when you stop praying for healing, and you start praying for deliverance." His wife, who had suffered for years from ovarian cancer, had reached the end of her life's journey, and all that was left to pray for was deliverance.

I had an incredible privilege this last week to visit with Parker Palmer, my soul's patron saint. Long story short, a friend of a friend connected us, and he agreed to spend some time with me over Zoom. We spoke for an hour and a half, and I soaked up every ounce of wisdom he offered me. At the end, I asked him how I could honor his time, expecting him to ask for payment of something of the like. Instead, he said, "Would you please pray for my dying sister... that she would have an easy deliverance?"

In the book of Ecclesiastes, the writer says there is a season for everything, and death is included. We are not always accustomed to praying for deliverance, but sometimes it's all that's left, and we hope that the passing from this life to the next is an easy one.

I've never forgotten Joe's wisdom, and I'm mindful that deliverance is a hard prayer to pray. If you've had to pray that prayer for someone, I hold you close today, along with Parker's sister, Sharon. It's not an easy place to be, but deliverance is just that - deliverance. It's deliverance *from* and deliverance *to*. Deliverance from pain and death; deliverance to joy and rest.

It doesn't make it easy on those of us left behind, but it offers us comfort. As we prepare for Easter, remember that death doesn't have the last word, and our prayers for deliverance, hard as they be, are faithful and true.

My prayers for you, dear Royal Lane, continue...

Pastor Victoria

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 13 & 27, 2023.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

CHILDREN'S CAMP

This year RLBC kids will attend PASSPORTkids Camp.

Saturday–Tuesday, July 22–25

Children's Camp is for kids who have **completed third through sixth grade**. We will travel by bus to the Heart of Texas Baptist Camp and Conference Center near Brownwood. Campers will experience fun recreation, mission focused activities, high-energy worship, interactive Bible study and more, led by camp staff, Royal Lane chaperones will help supervise.

Chaperones needed.

Cost: \$250, a \$50 deposit guarantees a spot. Full payment due May 31.

Some scholarship assistance can be made available.

Contact Sandy Washington at sandy.washington@gmail.com



Needed for RLBC Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8, 2-4 pm

Please bring by Wednesday, April 5

Small prizes or individually wrapped candies (no nuts or peanut butter, please) that can be put in plastic eggs. Baskets for donations are available in the Church Office and Vickrey Hall. Please remember that these must be safe for our youngest children.

Think about these possibilities:

- Stickers
- Seed Packets (to plant after Easter)
- Hot Wheel Cars
- Bouncy Balls
- Erasers
- Lip Gloss/Chap Stick
- Character Band-Aids
- Fruit Snacks
- Silly Bands
- Small Containers of Bubbles
- Play Doh
- Small Dolls and Figures
- Plastic Animals/Bugs
- Bracelets/Necklaces
- Rubber Stamps



Coming Events

Sunday	March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
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 or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm	WOC & Missions Potluck Lunch, Building of Easter Baskets — Vickrey Hall
12:15 pm	Lunch Bunch
Wednesday	March 29
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
4:00 pm	Meet the Artist — Marilee Vergati Haynes — Box Gallery (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
	Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Brussels Sprouts, Dinner Roll, Salad, Vanilla Cake
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study – “Conversations that Matter” — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
	“Why Interfaith Dialogue Matters” with Rabbi Nancy Kasten
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday	April 1
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	April 2 – Palm/Passion Sunday
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 or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm	First Sunday Youth Lunch
12:15 pm	Missions Division — Library
7:30 pm	Education Division — Zoom
Wednesday	April 5
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
	Menu: Vidalia Onion Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Dinner Roll, Salad, Chocolate Cake
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study “Conversations that Matter” — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
	“Spiritual Direction: What it Is and Why it Matters” with Danielle Shroyer
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Friday	April 7 – Good Friday
5:00 pm	Choir Dinner & Rehearsal — Library & Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service, Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary & Front Lawn (childcare provided)
Saturday	April 8
9:00 am	Second Saturday Work Day — Beautify Church Gardens
2:00 pm	Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt — Church Grounds (gather outside Vickrey Hall)
2:00 pm	Youth Activity – Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt

(Coming Events, continued, next page)

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
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Coming Events

Sunday	April 9 – Easter Sunday
8:00 am	Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn
8:30 am	Easter Breakfast — Vickrey Hall (See Holy Week Schedule for menu)
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Wednesday	April 11
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall, Menu: Chili Cheese Mac, Salad, Dinner Roll, Brownies
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study, Program to Be Announced — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Thursday	April 12 – Mosaic – Volume 37, No. 7

The first TXBWIM Area conference is on the calendar!

The Texas Baptist Women in Ministry will be meeting in Dallas at Royal Lane Baptist Church on Saturday, April 22nd for a day of exploring together their prophetic voices! Rev. Victoria Robb Powers will preach, and there will be two seminars including a panel discussion on “Nurturing Your Prophetic Voice” and also a seminar on “Discovering New Prophetic Voices of Women.”

The conference will start with an 8:30am coffee gathering, followed by worship, seminars, lunch (included in the registration), and a time of singing and prayer.

The cost is \$30 for general admission and \$10 for college/seminary students. REGISTER AT:
<https://donorbox.org/events/422247>



Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering 2023

Join the Alliance of Baptists this April 21-23 in Atlanta for their Annual Gathering! This year's theme for the gathering is “To Set the Captives Free” and the keynote speaker is Derecka Purnell, author of *Becoming Abolitionists: Police, Protests, and the Pursuit of Freedom*. Join the Alliance as we learn more about the abolitionist movement. Registration is now open at www.allianceofbaptists.org

Early Bird Full Adult Registration

(by April 1): **\$125**

Full Adult Registration (April 1-16): **\$175**

First time attendee: **\$50**

Student (College and Grad School): **\$50**

It's Rough Out There: **\$50**

Workshop Leader: **Free**

Child ages 6-12 and Youth 13-17: **Free, but they must be registered**

Child registering for provided childcare for children ages 5 and under: **\$25**

Easter Flower Dedications

Easter Flower Dedications are due in the church office by Tuesday, April 4, in order to include your dedication in the April 9, Easter Sunday order of worship. Forms available or you may submit your request online.



Abundant Lifers (or anyone who enjoys life!)

Spring swing – “Dallas Blooms” at the Dallas Arboretum

Thursday, March 30

Join us for a great day among the blooms at the Dallas Arboretum! We will be meeting at 10 am at the Gate 1 entrance and making a group reservation for lunch at Restaurant DeGolyer.

You will need to purchase your ticket online at www.dallasarboretum.org or at (214) 515-6615. (\$15)

We want this day to be accessible for everyone. There are trams that run throughout the grounds. Please let us know what other assistance will help you enjoy the day. (Wheelchair, drop off at the entrance, etc.)

Contact Cheryl Robinson at (214) 577-9796 or Karen Miller at (214) 724-0655

Women of the Church Spring Retreat

April 28-29

Registration is open for our spring weekend retreat on
“The Enneagram Path Towards Growth and Grace”
at Sister Grove Farm

LeAnn Gardner (www.leanngardner.com) is a friend to many Royal Laners and we are delighted to have her as our facilitator. She will help us explore this ancient spiritual tool called the Enneagram as we see how it can transform our relationships with ourselves, God, and others - with plenty of free time on the farm to nurture those relationships.

Cost is \$75 per person. **Registration deadline is April 14th** or until capacity is reached. Rooms vary. Most can accommodate up to four people. Linens and towels provided.

Use the bit.ly code below or point to the QR code to access registration form. Copies of the registration form are also available in the church office. Submit registration form and payment to the church office.

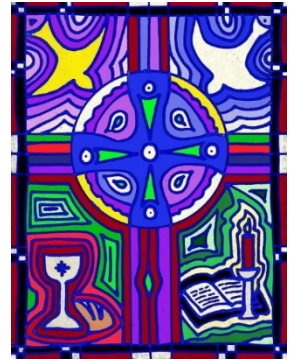
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2023 Holy Week

Theme: “Bless This Lent”

Life is beautiful and brutal. For everyone. Easter is coming, but for now we sit in the ashes of our broken dreams and broken hearts, knowing that God sits here with us too. Together, we say: Bless This Lent.



Holy Week:

Sunday April 2 – Palm/Passion Sunday

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“Blessed Are The Rejected,” Matthew 21:1-11

Friday April 7 – Good Friday

7:00 pm Good Friday Service, Holy Communion Offered – Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)
“Blessed Are Those Who See It Clearly,” John 18:1-19:42

Saturday April 8

2:00 pm Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

Sunday April 9 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn

8:30 am Easter Breakfast — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Egg Breakfast Casserole (Vegetarian Casserole available)
Biscuits & Gravy, Blueberry Pancakes, Fresh Fruit Compote,
Coffee, orange juice & milk.

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“Blessed Are Those Who Hope Still,” John 20:1-18

Care Groups

To borrow a lyric from a 70s-era Christian musical, *Do you really care...* about care groups? A good number among our fellowship would like to be part of a care group. If you are one of those number, our Fellowship Committee wants to know. But it's hard to care about something you don't know about. So, here goes!

Care groups meet once a month or so to share a meal - in a home or restaurant. It's a small group of 8 to 15 folk who share an interest in getting to know one another. There is no agenda other than sharing stories and food in a relaxed and welcoming space.

To join or help start a new group put a note in the offering plate, or contact Wayne Meachum, Linda Cross, Sheryl Gambill, or Sharon Vickrey.

For more information send an email to Linda Cross and put Care Group in the subject line. If you would consider leading or helping with a care group we need to know that, also.

We want you to be cared for and we want you to help us care for others.

Deacons of the Week

March 26

David Doom

Kelley Keith

April 2

Dan Thompson

Sandy Washington

April 9

Patsy Meier

Barrett Wooten

Scriptures of the Week

March 26

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

Psalms 130

John 11:1-45

April 2

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 5:4-9a

Philippian 2:5-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Psalms 31:9-16

Matthew 20:14-27:66

April 9

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-8

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

March 29

"Why Interfaith Dialogue Matters"

Rabbi Nancy Kasten

April 5

"Spiritual Direction:

What It Is and Why It Matters"

Danielle Shroyer

April 12

Program - to be announced

Join us for a Fellowship Meal

at 5:30 pm.

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations

and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.

February 2023 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues* \$ 192,536

Expenses \$ 148,260

Surplus (Deficit) \$ 44,276

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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Happy Birthday!

March

Amber Luckett Seymour 23

Melanie Ferguson 26

Jan Quesada 26

Marcy Waters Cason 28

Jenny Cechan 29

Jack Mullinax 31

April

Brian Watson 1

Jordan Weilage 1

James C. Walker 2

Kellar Cavins 5

Jane Carter 6

Megan Thompson Simpson 7

Brad Carter 9

Cynthia Kupres 10

Melissa Robinson 10

Erin Waters 11



In the Box Gallery
Through April 28, 2023

Marilee Vergati Haynes

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



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Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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