



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## **ATTENTION**

On Sunday, I mentioned a new spiritual journey I'm beginning called "A to Z Spirituality." Every week a new spiritual discipline is introduced to help individuals better sense the presence of God. The first discipline is a primary one, and not just alphabetically. It's the discipline of attention.

On Sunday we read the story of Jacob and the dream he has while he's headed towards Haran. When he wakes up, he marvels at the fact that God is in his midst, and he didn't know it. How often do we, too, walk around with God in our midst and no awareness?

I've been trying to be more intentional this week with my awareness. That means several things for me. First, it means less time spent on my phone. It means more time spent in silence. And it means more intention about being present to the moment.

Yesterday, I had a couple hours with my youngest daughter, which is rare, because life seems to revolve around everyone else but her. I was intentional about my awareness to the moment, and I found myself in complete awe of who she is and what she can do — how independent she's becoming, the new words she can say, how joyful and curious she is. My heart began to swell with gratitude, and all I could think was, "Thank you, God, for this child."

Robin Wall Kimmerer wrote: "Attention is the doorway to gratitude, the doorway to wonder, the doorway to reciprocity." I'm finding this week in my efforts to pay attention that I'm full of more gratitude and wonder.

May you, too, find moments this week where your awareness helps you recognize the presence of God in your midst, and may you be filled with gratitude.

*Pastor Victoria*

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for August 10 & 24, 2023.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

## Coming in August – Adult Sunday School Summer Sabbatical

9:30 am, Vickrey Hall

The objective of Summer Sabbatical is to give adult Sunday School teachers a break from teaching and allows the opportunity to fellowship and learn with members of other Sunday school classes. During August we choose relevant topics that expand awareness, engage and educate. The themes are meant to encourage, Living Out the Faith. All members, neighbors and friends are encouraged to attend this program.

### **August 6 – Dr. Shari Mackinson**, Associate Professor of Religion and Black Religion in the USA at TCU.

Shari Mackinson, Ph.D., is a scholar of religious ethics who specializes in Black Christianity, Black feminism and theology and evangelical ethics. According to Mackinson, “The liberal arts remind us that creativity and experience undergird all of our professions and help us make meaning of our existence in the world.”

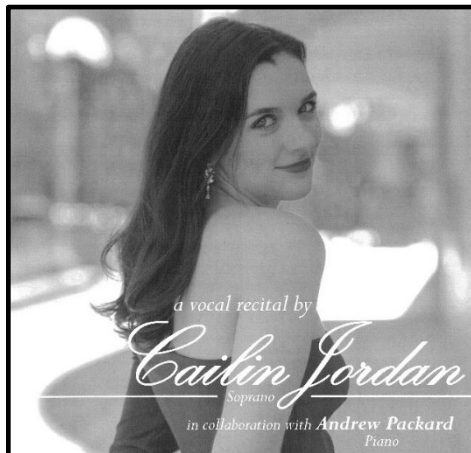
### **August 13 – Kevin Dougherty**, Professor of Sociology at Baylor University. Alliance of Baptist THRIVE partner. Discussing the THRIVE Project with Q&A.

Dr. Dougherty is a co-director of the Churches that THRIVE for Racial Justice Project. The THRIVE Project is a partnership with the Alliance of Baptists. It seeks to examine and empower congregations in the work of racial justice. Royal Lane Baptist Church is one of 26 Alliance congregations participating in the project.

### **August 20 – Program to be determined.**

### **August 27 – Rev. Victoria Robb Powers & the Formations Sunday School Class**

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### **Studio Voice Recital by Cailin Jordan**

Our Summer Choral Scholar.  
August 6, 3:00 pm, Vickrey Hall

Reception to Follow

A concert to support Cailin's transition to Graduate School at Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music.

Featuring works by:

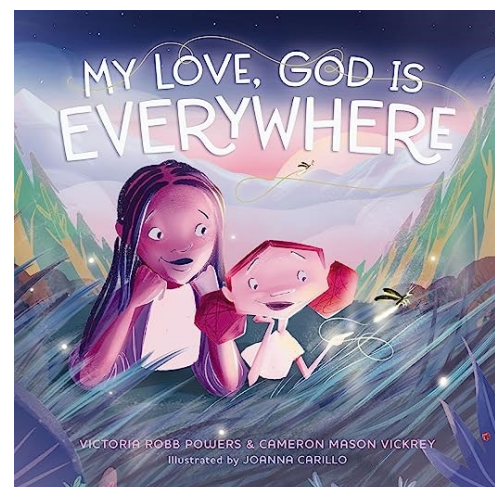
Bizet, Mozart, Libby Larsen & More

### **Book Launch**

“My Love, God is Everywhere”  
by Victoria Robb Powers &  
Cameron Mason Vickrey

August 15, 6:00 pm  
Royal Lane Baptist Church  
Reading – Sanctuary  
Reception and Book Signing – Vickrey Hall

(Books will be available to purchase on site  
from Interabang Books.)



View Evite Invitation at <https://bit.ly/44zXoxW> or point to the QR Code.



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# Coming Events

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 30 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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
	Godly Play – Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 2</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
6:00 pm	Wacky Wednesdays, Swim Party — Hosted by Sarah Fuller
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 6 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:30 am	August Adult Summer Sabbatical — Vickrey Hall Dr. Shari Mackinson, Associate Professor of Religion and Black Religion in the USA at TCU.
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 & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
	Godly Play – Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room
12:15 pm	Missions Division — Christian Education Building, Rom 212
12:15 pm	First Sunday Youth Lunch
12:15 pm	Sunday Lunch for Families
3:00 pm	Studio Voice Recital & Reception, Cailin Jordan — Vickrey Hall
7:30 pm	Education Division — Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 9</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall (Welcome to Julie Anne Anderson, our new cook and Carly's aunt!) Menu: Tossed Salad, Deconstructed Pasta Shells, Italian Sausage, Bread, and Dessert.
6:00 pm	Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 10</b>
9:00 am	Staff Planning Retreat — Sister Grove Farm (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
6:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach Division — Zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 11</b>
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.

## Camp Passport Pictures

Thank you to Jan Quesada, Scott Bryant, and all who made Camp Passport a successful adventure!



## *Thank You Note*

*July 19, 2023*


*My Dear RLBC Family,*

*Thank you for 17 years at a job I loved. It meant a lot that you were at my reception. Thank you, too, for all the hugs, cards, and love you all have given me over the years. Thank you for the years of support . . .*

*You all have blessed me with all your prayers. I am missing you all . . . your smiles and hugs when you came to the steeple . . . even if I had to make you give me a hug!*

*I love you family,  
Janet*

*P.S. I've retired from RLBC but I am still a family member.*

<b>KICK OFF</b>	August <b>13</b> SUNDAY Following Worship
<b>KIDS, YOUTH, FAMILIES</b> AND VOLUNTEERS	
	<b>LUNCH TOGETHER</b> SHARING NEXT STEPS MEET OUR LEADERS CALENDAR INFO & MORE



## Deacons of the Week

**July 30**

Rodney Macias  
Donna Wood-Martin

**August 6**

Dan Thompson  
Kelley Keith

## Scriptures of the Week

**July 30**

Genesis 29:15-28      Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39      Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**August 6**

Genesis 32:22-31      Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5      Matthew 14:13-21

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

**August 2**

No Wednesday Activities

**August 9**

Quarterly Church Conference

Fellowship Meals resume August 9  
Join us for a Fellowship Meal  
at 5:30 pm.

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

## June 2023 Financials

### YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$ 395,240
Expenses	\$ 415.172
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 19,932)

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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Giving menu includes:

General Fund  
The Lowe Scholarship Fund  
Columbarium

## Happy Birthday!

**July**

Andrea Nuss.....	27
Blakely Anne Ragsdale.....	28

**August**

Tessa Granowski.....	1
Patricia McNutt.....	1
Angela Hanes.....	2
Laurence Schultz.....	2
Bryan Chastain.....	3
Steven Gonzalez.....	4
Lisa Chastain.....	5
David Weigle.....	6
Donna Wood-Martin.....	6
Dylan West.....	8

In the Box Gallery  
Through August 25, 2023



**Sherry Houpt**

Meet the Artist & Midweek Program  
**Wednesday, August 19**

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

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,  
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**Office Hours:**

**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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