



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Meditation and Shiny Things

On Sunday, I read a poem in worship by Jan Richardson called “Blessing at the Burning Bush.” I came across it last week in preparation for my sermon, and it has stuck with me every day since. In fact, it’s become a sort of morning meditation these last several days. The part that strikes me most is the following latter half of the poem:

“You will have to discern whether you have defenses enough to rebuff the call, excuses sufficient to withstand the pull of what blazes before you; whether you will hide your face, will turn away back toward—what, exactly? No path from here could ever be ordinary again, could ever become unstrange to you whose seeing has been scorched beyond all saving. You will know your path not by how it shines before you but by how it burns within you, leaving you whole as you go from here blazing with your inarticulate, your inescapable Yes.”

The bulk of my meditation has been on the last sentence: “You will know your path not by how it shines before you but by how it burns within you, leaving you whole as you go from here blazing with your inarticulate, your inescapable Yes.”

I am often one that’s dazzled by “shiny” things. I’m tempted, drawn, and motivated by that which shines. This isn’t always a bad thing, but it has at times been a very strong part of my shadow. Throughout my own vocational journey, there have been times I desperately wanted the shiny path. And yet, for reasons sometimes unknown to me, I didn’t take the shiny path. Something led me somewhere else. Jan Richardson’s words give language to my experience. I still can’t explain all of it, but I can say that I have found myself and my call not by the path that “shined” before me but by the path that burned within me. And often, it led me to an “inarticulate” but certainly “inescapable Yes.”

I want you to know that my “Yes” to Royal Lane was inescapable, and this beloved church continues to burn within me. If by chance you’re in the midst of a big decision, I hope you’ll, too, trust not what shines, but what burns. That’s how you’ll know the path that was meant for you, and it will leave you whole indeed.

With great love for you all,

Pastor Victoria

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for September 21 & October 5, 2023.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Paws in the Pews — Sunday, August 27

Royal Lane welcomed puppies and puppy raisers to Sunday's service. These puppies were blessed in Sunday's service and traveled to Florida for further training and presentation to their new owners. Leslie Cechan is Area Coordinator for North Dallas Puppy Raisers, Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Puppies in Training

Puppy Raiser

Bill & Cheryl Smith
Janet Mills
Leslie Cechan
Troy & Laura Ledbetter
Carey & Melissa Leslie

Puppy

Poppi
Shanti
Sloan
Murphy
CB



Puppy Raiser

Pictured: Emily Anderson*

Puppy

John

Ambassador Puppies

Puppy Raiser

Tim & Missy Griffy

Puppy

Millie & Lucinda

**Represented on Sunday by her parents, David & Kami Anderson*

Please welcome new members (l-r):

Beth and Jonah Johnson,
Paul Hood-Patterson,
Todd Kettler and his wife, Laila Sanguras
who joined Royal Lane on Sunday, August 27.

Welcome



Coming Events

- Sunday September 10 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Baptism Class — Senior Pastor's Office
9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship, Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Godly Play – Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room
12:15 pm Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday September 13**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Columbarium Board — Christian Education Building, – Room 212
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Fiesta Coleslaw, Dessert
6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
6:00 pm Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room
6:30 pm Children's Choir — Christian Education Building – Room 202
6:30 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday September 14**
6:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee — Zoom
- Saturday September 16**
9:00 am Third Saturday Youth & Young Disciples Activity (Grades four through twelve) — Dynamix (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday September 17 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Program Council — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Baptism Class — Senior Pastor's Office
9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 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
- Wednesday September 20**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Baked Fish, Rice, Asparagus, Salad, Desert
6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
6:00 pm Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room
6:30 pm Children's Choir — Christian Education Building – Room 202
6:30 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday September 23**
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
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists 2023 Annual Lectureship

Rev. Dr. Susan Shaw, Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Oregon State University
"Truth and Lies at the Foot of the Cross: The Church and God's LTBTQ+ Children"

**Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:30 PM at
Wilshire Baptist Church, 4316 Abrams Rd, Dallas, TX 75214**
Register at <https://awab.org/lectureship/>



RLBC Pumpkin Patch 2023

The pumpkins are coming! Our annual pumpkin patch helps us bring in funds that support all of our ministries, and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Please scan the QR code and sign up for a shift. Volunteering at the pumpkin patch is a fun way to get to know our Royal Lane family and connect with our community. You don't need to be able to lift a pumpkin to volunteer, we have spots for everyone of all abilities. We'll see you at the pumpkin patch!

Sign up at bit.ly/45yoRRg.



WOC Fall Fling – Thursday, September 28

Let's kick off fall and enjoy a relaxing evening of fun, food, and friendship at the home of Pastor Victoria. Bring a girlfriend! This is meant to be an outreach to women in our network and community. BYOB. For childcare, contact Karen Miller, (214) 724-0655.

Book Launch – Sunday, October 1

You and your friends won't want to miss this event! On Sunday, October 1st, you are invited to attend the exciting in-person launch of the book *Bearing It: Twelve Women Find Resilience. You Can Too.*

Five of the book's resilient women we are so fortunate to call Royal Laners! They are part of a diverse group from 34-74 years young who tell their inspiring stories of how they came out on the other side of life's challenges.

The readings will begin promptly at 4:00 pm — arrive early for a good seat and to hear some lovely piano music — with book signings and a reception afterwards. Books will be available for \$20 cash, check, or Venmo.



Deacons of the Week

September 10

Nate Green
Cheryl Robinson

September 17

Tex Quesada
Christin Lavery

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

September 13 & 20

Expounding on
Sunday's Sermon
with
Pastor Victoria &
Jonathan Greer

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

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

In the Box Gallery
Artwork & Pictures from the

Church Archives

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



Scriptures of the Week

September 10

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

September 17

Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

July 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 459,622
Expenses	\$ 474,453
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 14,831)

*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/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund
The Lowe Scholarship Fund
Columbarium

Happy Birthday!

September

Ryan Lassen	6
John Helms.....	7
Ava McKinzie-Waldrop.....	7
Alan Greider.....	8
Jeff Hill	8
Benjamin Powers	9
Garland Hamic	12
Martha Box	14
Lisa Gill.....	18
Janina Washington	18
Kelley Keith	19
Michael Rogers	20



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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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