



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Fallen and Redeemed

Last week, I was interviewed for a Sojourners story about what children get out of going to church. During the interview, I shared a story about when I caught my children playing “church” in the backyard.

The year was 2019. My four-year-old son was playing the role of pastor and told his two-year-old sister (the congregant) to repeat after him. With his arms outstretched he said, “We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have failed to be an obedient church. Forgive us.” This is part of the weekly call to confession they grew up hearing in the United Methodist Church.

My daughter repeated the words best she could, and then they began singing a few church hymns. A few days later, I recounted the moment to a colleague of mine who said, “Wow! Isn’t it amazing that your children are learning early on that the church can make mistakes and that it needs to ask for forgiveness?”

What I observed as cute play was so much more. The fact that my children can recite this liturgy by heart means that they know deep within themselves that the church is not a perfect institution. And I’ll tell you, that will save them from some *major* heartbreak in the future.

So, as I said to the Sojourners reporter, if you have young children, take them to church. They soak up more than we realize. And two, let’s commit to teaching our children that the church is an imperfect institution. It’s prone to mistakes, and it often doesn’t get things right. But, as St. Augustine said, the church is both, ever and always, fallen and redeemed. Translation: the church is broken, but God fills in the cracks.

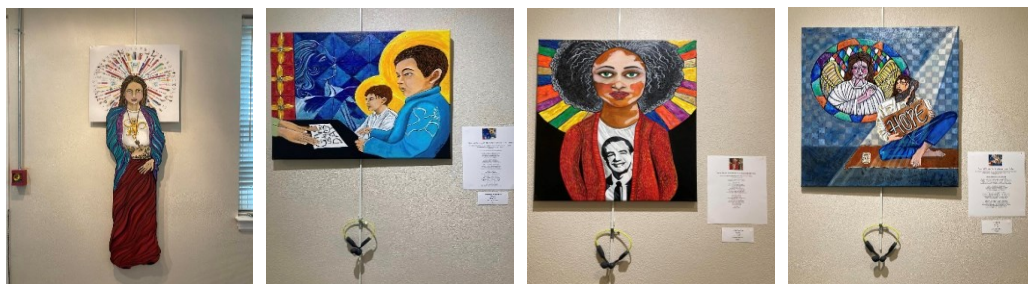
All my love,

Pastor Victoria

Experience the mixed-media exhibit of artist, Jacque Forsher

“Sacred/Secular”

in the Box Gallery, January 7 – March 29, 2024



*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 1 & 15, 2024.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Coming Events

Sunday	January 21 – Second Sunday after Epiphany
8:30 am	Program Council — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel Godly Play: Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room
12:15 pm	Equity in Access — Vickrey Hall
Wednesday	January 24
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall Menu: French Dip Sliders, French Fries, Salad, Dessert
6:00 pm	Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
6:00 pm	Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room
6:30 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday	January 27
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	January 28 – Third Sunday after Epiphany
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel Godly Play: Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room
12:00 pm	Inurnment, Judy Mullinax — Royal Lane Columbarium
12:00 pm	Acolyte Training — Vickrey Hall (12:00 – 2:00 pm)
Wednesday	January 31
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall Menu: Chicken & Rice, Broccoli, Salad, Dessert
6:00 pm	Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
6:00 pm	Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room
6:30 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday	February 3
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.

Deacons of the Week

January 21

Jack Mullinax
Margaret Darden

January 28

Rodney Macias
Charlotte Sewell

Scriptures of the Week

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Psalm 62:5-12
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Psalm 111
Mark 1:21-28

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

January 24

Quarterly Church Conference

January 31

Sermon Encounter with
Jonathan Greer
In conversation with
Pastor Victoria

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

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

November 2023 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$ 704,635
Expenses	\$ 770,865
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 66,231)

*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!

January

Jamie Luckett	22
Margaret Darden	25
Shirley James	25
Donna Ledgerwood.....	28
Victoria Robb Powers	28
Isela Chastain	29
Owen Keith	30
Danny Ray.....	31



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of Artist

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



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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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