



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Strange Graces

This last Sunday I shared another poem from Jan Richardson who is quickly becoming one of my favorite poets. Her use of the term “strange graces” is what inspired most of my sermon on the water that was provided at the rock of Mount Horeb. I offer it to each of you as a reminder for when you find your own self in the wilderness. May you remember that the wilderness is never a place for your punishment or your shame. May you, instead, receive the eyes that only one can have in the wilderness for the strange graces that surround you.

Beloved Is Where We Begin

by Jan Richardson

If you would enter
into the wilderness,
do not begin
without a blessing.

Do not leave
without hearing
who you are:
Beloved,
named by the One
who has traveled this path
before you.

Do not go
without letting it echo
in your ears,
and if you find
it is hard
to let it into your heart,
do not despair.
That is what this journey is for.

I cannot promise
this blessing will free you
from danger,
from fear,
from hunger
or thirst,
from the scorching
of sun
or the fall
of the night.

But I can tell you
that on this path
there will be help.

I can tell you
that on this way
there will be rest.

I can tell you
that you will know
the strange graces
that come to our aid
only on a road
such as this,
that fly to meet us
bearing comfort
and strength,
that come alongside us
for no other cause
than to lean themselves
toward our ear
and with their
curious insistence
whisper our name:

Beloved.
Beloved.
Beloved.

All my love,

Pastor Victoria

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for October 20 & November 2, 2023.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Deacon Nominees

According to Article VIII, Section 1b of the By-Laws, the Member Resource Committee shall review and supplement such recommendations and shall nominate six (6) persons to serve on the Board of Deacons; such nominations to be published in the Sunday morning orders of worship the last Sunday in the month of September (9/24/23) and the first Sunday in the month of October (10/1/23). The church shall be called into special conference during the Sunday morning worship service of the second Sunday of the month of October (10/8/23) for the purpose of electing six (6) Deacons. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at said special conference, provided that any additional nominees have been contacted in advance and have theretofore agreed to serve if elected.

This year the Member Resource Committee presents the following six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms for outgoing deacons and one (1) deacon to serve a two (2) year unexpired term. All terms begin November 1, 2023.

Nominees to serve three-year terms:

Joey Belgard	Jeff Hill
Leslie Cechan	Charlotte Sewell
Sheryl Gambill	Adam Visconti

Nominee to serve two-year term:

Jack Mullinax

Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons

October 8, 2023

October 18, 2023 – Quarterly Church Conference

The October Quarterly Church Conference will include a presentation by the Member Resource Committee of the 2023/2024 Church Leadership Roster for congregational approval. The Leadership Roster includes the names of those who are being nominated and who have agreed to serve on the various committees of the church.

The RLBC Fall Festival is Coming!

We need lots of people to help this be a smashing event. The Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 29, from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm and we need volunteers to help setup/clean-up, run games, bring candy or cookies, and open their trunk and pass out candy (candy will be provided).

Sign up using the QR code below or entering this link -
<https://bit.ly/3ZxZo8i>

Volunteering to bring candy and cookies? Bring candy prior to or on Sunday, October 29, between 10 am and noon and drop in marked boxes in the sanctuary narthex. Leave cookies for the cookie walk in the kitchen on October 29.

Contact Kelley Keith (kkeith19@gmail.com) or Lisa Chastain (lisamerced@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Volunteer



Royal Lane Missions

A few members of the Royal Lane Mission Committee recently met with Anyra Cano, Director of Programs and Outreach for Fellowship Southwest, to talk about taking the call to mission action seriously. Plans are underway for Royal Lane to come alongside partners, serving on the Mexico-US border, to help migrants arriving to the US. Please call the RLBC office if you have any interest or email Paulette Harrison, pkayh@sbcglobal.net.

Coming Events

Pumpkin Patch Sale Hours

Sundays: 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Monday – Friday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturdays: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

- Sunday** **October 8 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
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
9:45 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
 Godly Play: Following Time for Young Disciples, Children 3-year through Third Grade — Godly Play Room
 Children Fourth & Fifth Grade are invited to Godly Play or may stay for the service.
12:00 pm Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons
12:15 pm Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday** **October 11**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Menu: Shrimp Scampi, Pasta, Something green, 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
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **October 12**
9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
- Saturday** **October 14**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
4:00 pm Artist Reception, Sandra Freeman — Box Gallery (4:00 – 6:00 pm)
- Sunday** **October 15 – Sunday**
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
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
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- Wednesday** **October 18**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Menu: Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Dessert
6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference — 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
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday** **October 21**
 Third Saturday Youth Activity
9:00 pm Second Pumpkin Delivery – Volunteers Welcome!
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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Thank You Notes

September 2023

*Dear Royal Lane Baptist Church
Community:*

We want to express our deepest gratitude for opening your heart and helping us in the saddest moment of our lives back in 2016. Our souls were broken but your generosity, selfless and altruistic help filled us with hope and courage after losing our biggest support at the time.

Thank you to everyone who made it possible, beginning with the greatest support from Percy Parrish and family and extended to the members of Roay Lane that were always very kind and generous with us. There are not enough words to express our gratitude for guiding us under your wings.

We are forever grateful for you all. Thank you for the affectionate notes and the beautiful basket you gave us to wish us a great and blessed new beginning. Your community will always be part of our growth and in our hearts.

Love, The Zavalas-Del Angel

September 2023

Thank you for being a blessing in our lives. Thanking God for you all, for your generous and kind heart and beautiful spirit. Your support was a blessing from God.

Diana, David & Sofia

RLBC Pumpkin Patch 2023

The pumpkins are here! 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 or scan the QR code.



Blood Drive

Royal Lane Baptist Church

Vickrey Hall
6707 Royal Lane
Dallas, TX 75230

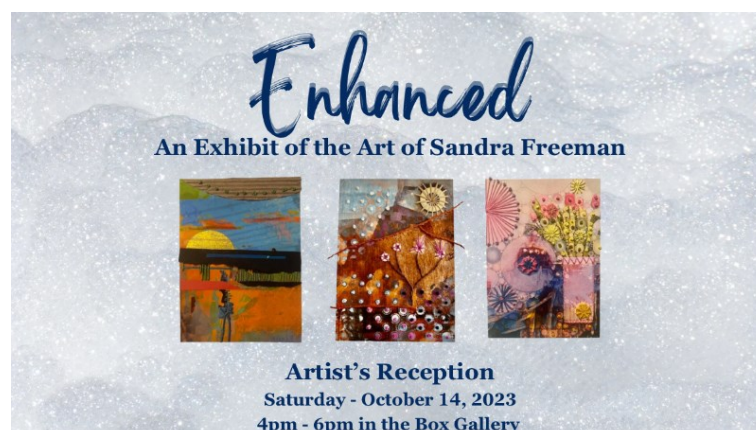
Thursday, October 12, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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royallanebaptist or Scan QR Code

Fall into giving blood October 1 through 20 and get \$15
Amazon.com Gift Card by email.
See rcblood.org/together



Deacons of the Week

October 8

Cheryl Robinson
Sandy Washington

October 15

Dan Thompson
Barrett Wooten

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

October 11

Program
To be announced

October 18

Quarterly Church Conference

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

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

In the Box Gallery
October 1 – December 20, 2023

“Enhanced”

Artist Reception – Saturday, October 14
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Sandra Freeman

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

Scriptures of the Week

October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

August 2023 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$ 514,078
Expenses	\$ 550,475
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 36,397)

*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
Beth Johnson Family

Happy Birthday!

October

Walter Will.....	5
Ruthie Powers	9
Bettie Meachum	10
Samantha Fleenor.....	11
Chloe McClendon	11
Todd Kettler	18
Jennifer Maddox	18
Jasmine Parrish	18
Becky Fuller.....	19
Shelley Mulry.....	20
Melissa Walker-Luckett.....	20
Sadie Watson.....	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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