



**ROYAL LANE**  
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## Easter as small as a seed

On Easter we read the story of the resurrection from the gospel according to Mark. Mark's gospel account of the Easter event is by far the shortest and includes the least amount of detail. In Mark's gospel Jesus makes no cameo. There's no savior mistaken for a gardener outside the empty tomb. There's no meal shared with travelers on the road to Emmaus. There's no Jesus appearing through locked doors, no "touch my wounds and place your fingers in my side." There's no beach encounter between Peter and the risen Lord. No ascension and no commission. The women visit the empty tomb and are simply told by a young man in white that Jesus has risen and gone ahead of them to Galilee.

There's something comforting about the lack of grandeur in Mark's gospel. For many of us, Easter doesn't feel as triumphant as we think it should, but Mark's gospel helps us with that. There's still the proclamation of the good news, but it's kept pretty open-ended, giving us space to consider what we'll do with the news.

On Sunday, I mentioned the following poem. I offer it to you again hoping that however small it is, Easter brings you some hope - hope enough that can grow in the underbelly of the world, brimming with potential for life.

Keep your proclamations of grandeur.  
Give me an easter as small as a seed.  
One that can be planted while it's still cold outside.  
One that can be watered with tears,  
and demands time and patience to grow.

I don't need to know how large it will become,  
how long until it blossoms,  
or even if it will be pretty.  
I only want it to grow roots that dig deep down,  
striving for life in the underbelly of the world.

Spare me the cosmic promises of other-worldly escape  
and point me to the Sacred possibilities within reach.

Tell me again about how the nutrients born from decay  
keep even the saddest places brimming with potential for life.

**Love to you all,**

Pastor Victoria

# UPCOMING *EVENTS*



## **Sunday April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter**

- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education – Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: Children’s Christian Education – Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: Youth Christian Education – Youth Portable
- 10:00 am: Parent Small Group – Vickrey Hall
- 11:00 am: Morning Worship – Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) – Godly Play Room  
Children 3-year through Third Grade
- 12:00 pm: First Sunday Lunch for Children, Youth & Families  
Support the Dallas Kosher Chili-Cook Off at Tiferet Israel
- 8:00 pm: Education Division – Zoom

## **Tuesday April 9**

- 9:30 am: Contemplation and Communion – Sanctuary

## **Wednesday April 10**

- 3:30 pm: Holy Rollers – Vickrey Hall
- 5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner – Vickrey Hall  
Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad, Dessert
- 6:00 pm: Midweek Gathering & Study – Vickrey Hall & Zoom  
Tell Me the Stories Again  
Old Bible Stories Retold
- 6:00 pm: Children’s Activities – Godly Play Room
- 6:30 pm: Youth Gathering – Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm: Choir – Sanctuary

## **April 12-14, Alliance of Baptists Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC**

## **Saturday, April 13**

- Youth Day Retreat – Sister Grove Farm
- 2:00 pm: Questers Class – Zoom

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## **Sunday, April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter**

9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Children’s Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Youth Portable

10:00 am: Parent Small Group — Vickrey Hall

11:00 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Third Grade

Young Theologians (following Time for Young Disciples) — Room 202

Children Grades Fourth & Fifth Grade

## **Tuesday April 16**

9:00 am: Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

9:30 am: Contemplation & Communion — Sanctuary

## **Wednesday April 17**

3:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall

5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Chicken Piccata over Pasta, Asparagus, Salad, Dessert

6:00 pm: Children’s Activities — Godly Play Room

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

# *WELCOME!*

Welcome new members Jeff Liscum & Heidi Convery-Liscum, Mac, and Hazel who joined Royal Lane Baptist Church on March 24, 2024.



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## BAPTIST NEWS GLOBAL WEBINAR



### Racial Justice Committee Invitation

*Sunday, April 14, 12:30 pm*

“The Deep Roots of Racism in the Christian Community.” Live audience at Wilshire Baptist Church. Join Mark Wingfield, Robert Jones, Timothy Peoples, and Gregg Garrett as they discuss the roots of racism in the Christian Church.

## TUESDAYS AT ROYAL LANE



### Communion and Contemplation

*Tuesdays, 9:30 am*

Take time in your busy week to come together for communion & contemplation in the quiet of Royal Lane’s Sanctuary.

## REGISTER TODAY

### **Blood Drive** **Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Vickrey Hall  
6707 Royal Lane  
Dallas, TX 75230

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



### Red Cross Blood Drive

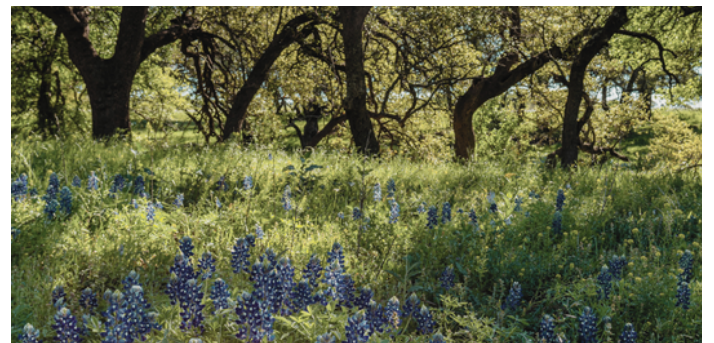
*Tuesday, April 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Vickrey Hall*

#### Love Is in Your Blood

Schedule your donation for the April 16 Blood Drive or a future drive hosted by Royal Lane Baptist Church.  
<https://rcblood.org/3pHnn3p>



## WOMEN’S SPRING RETREAT



### Midwifing a Patriarchy-free Faith

*April 30, 8:30 - 4:00 pm, Sister Grove Farm*

Learn about the historic struggles of women in leadership in Baptist Churches who have paved the way for our speaker, Rev. Dr. Meredith Stone, and Rev. Victoria Robb Powers. Registration available through April 17. Register online or by calling the church at 214-361-2809.

***Easter flowers have been given  
in memory of:***

Dan Bohannon  
Judy Mullinax  
*by Shirley Bohannon*

Linnie & Marion Carpenter  
Evelyn Baker Meredith  
*by Rick & Kay Carpenter*

Mammaw  
*by Madge Cruse*

Lynn Darden  
*by Margaret Darden*

My Brother: Judge Fred Edwards  
Our Father: J. C. Edwards  
Dear Friends: Shelley Webster Weisinger  
and Lea Ann Webster Moore  
*by Elwanda Edwards*

Theuns Stoffberg  
*by Suré Eloff*

Nell & Ed Thomas  
I.E. (Gene) Garrett  
*by Betty Garrett*

Gerry Gunnin  
*by Barbara Gunnin*

Olan & Pharis Hanes  
*by Angela Hanes*

Anna Marie & Bruce Lowe  
*by Paulette & Harold Harrison*

Calvin James  
Alvie & Pauline Cook  
Wendell & Opal James  
*by Shirley James*

Marie Smith Coble & Warren Lee Coble  
*by Cynthia Kupres*

Donna & Billy Wood  
Doug Martin  
*by Donna Wood-Martin & Scott Martin*

Donald E. Meier  
*by Patsy Meier*

Judith Ann Mullinax  
Brother: Donald Richard Mullinax  
*by Jack Mullinax*

Maxine & George Quesada  
Charlie Jaynes  
Judy Mullinax  
*by Tex & Jan Quesada*

Jim Sewell  
Ruth Logan  
Bill Logan  
*by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson*

Mary & Mark Walker and Roy Lockett  
*by James & Melissa Walker-Lockett*

***Easter Flowers have been given  
in honor of:***

Holly, Clay, Faith, Shelby, Blake & Hope  
*by Shirley Bohannon*

Anna Lou & Glenn Brown  
*by Cheryl Brown*

Our Mother: Bobbie Joyce Edwards  
*by Elwanda Edwards*

Tom Brekhus  
*by Suré Eloff*

Granddaughter: Summer  
*by Mike Jones*

Granddaughters: Jillian, Bethany, & Mallory  
*by Bruce Luedke*

Jackie Martin  
*by Donna Wood-Martin & Scott Martin*

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie, Kendall,  
and Ben  
Aubrey Connatser, Mary Katherine,  
and Mac  
Royal Lane Ministers and Staff  
Ruth Seib  
*by Bettie Meachum*

Susie Jaynes  
Bryan Chastain  
*by Tex & Jan Quesada*

Anne Sewell  
Sue Watson  
Bob Watson  
Donna Sewell  
Grace Watson  
Emma Watson  
Sadie Watson  
*by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson*

My Daughter: Corrie Stokes & her family  
My Son: Jonathan Stokes & his family  
*by Cookie Stokes*

Cookie Stokes  
*by Hazel & Wilke Stokes*

James C. Walker  
The Seymours  
The Stewarts  
Zadie Lockett  
*by James & Melissa Walker-Lockett*

Carol Tabor  
*by Cathy Webb*

Scott Bryant  
*by Kristie & Jordan Weilage*

Brittany & Nathan Jones  
Barrett, Jacquie, Harper, Turner,  
and Harrison Wooten  
Blair Wooten & Morris "Mo" House III  
*by Harry & Debi Wooten*

# WEEKLY *DETAILS*



## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**April 7 - 13**

Jeff Hill  
Kelley Keith

**April 14 - 20**

Joey Belgard  
Sheryl Gambill



## SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

**April 7**

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

**April 14**

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

## IN THE BOX GALLERY



## WEAVINGS AND WATERCOLORS

**Artist:**

**TERRI MULDOON**

March 31 - June 28  
Artist Reception - May 11

*The Box Gallery is open by appointment 10:00am-4:00pm on weekdays, 10:00am-5:00pm on Wednesdays.*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Keller Cavins
- 6 Jane Carter
- 9 Brad Carter
- 10 Cynthia Kupres
- 10 Melissa Robinson
- 11 Erin Waters
- 16 Katie Faulkinbury
- 16 Matt Powers

Register for VBS - Music/Arts Camp  
<https://bit.ly/49DRmPf>



*The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
(214) 361-2809

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00m

**Wednesday Midweek:** 6:15 pm

**Christian Education:** Saturday & Sunday

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## ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor

Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families

Barbara Merry, Ministries Assistant

David Doom, Ministries Assistant

David Weigle, Organist

Ellen Miers, Housekeeping

Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician

Brandon Green, Audio Technician

Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician

