



# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*

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## ***A Simple and Resurrected Life***

As we stand at the threshold of the Easter season, we are reminded of the joy that following Christ in a community of faith brings. We know resurrection is coming, but we aren't there yet. We continue to plod along through Lent, our "Alleluias" are packed away, joy is a distant memory, and celebration is a far-off goal. Yet, we are guaranteed to witness the empty tomb and it is time to consider living a simple and resurrected life.

Think of something that has sparked joy for you recently. Hold that image in your mind. That image might be cuddling a new grandchild; it might be the look of your son or daughter on their wedding day; it might be holding your spouse's hand; it might be a song you heard; or it might be a moment of quiet prayer. These moments of remembered joy help to resurrect our spirits from the long, cruciform shadows of Lent.

I've been on a journey to simplify my life for many years. One way I simplified my life recently was by culling a thousand books from my office before moving to Dallas. I took some books home, I moved some to my previous church's library, I gave many away, and yes, I threw away a handful of well-worn books too. I wanted just enough books to fit in my bookcases, and nothing more. After I did this my workspace felt lighter... and so did my life.

In my minimizing journey I have latched on to the teachings of simplicity guru Joshua Becker. He and his wife define clutter as (a) too much stuff in too small a space, (b) anything that they no longer used or loved, and (c) anything that led to a feeling of disorganization. Other minimalists like Joshua Fields Millburn define clutter as anything that "does not add value" to your life. Marie Kondo describes clutter as those things in her home that "do not spark joy." Peter Walsh goes even further, saying that clutter is anything that "interferes with the life you could be living." And William Morris says it this way: "Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."

As we experience resurrection this Easter, I want to challenge us to simplify our lives and our church. If we think about our lives, do we have too much stuff in too small a space? Are our schedules packed too tightly so that we don't have enough hours in the day to focus on others, our families, and our church? Do we hold firmly to traditions, ideas, and loyalties of which we need to loosen our grip? I wonder what our lives, our families, our church would look like and feel like if we had more space – more space to breathe, to pray, to ponder, to enjoy. What if we had more space in our hearts, heads, and hands to do what sparks joy in us and in the heart of God?

As we do the work of following Christ as a resurrected people, let's remember the mission of Jesus in the Gospels when he asked his followers to travel lightly. For if we travel lightly, we can do the good work of serving, healing, loving, and yes, living into God's good future. It sounds pretty simple, doesn't it?

*Pastor Mike*


*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 4 & 18, 2018.  
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

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# Coming Events

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- Sunday** **March 25 – Palm/Passion Sunday**  
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall  
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm Adult Choir Lunch & Rehearsal — Family Hall (childcare provided)
- Monday** **March 26**  
10:00 am Abundant Lifers – Senior Medicare Patrol — Family Hall  
6:30 pm Education Committee — Room 206
- Wednesday** **March 28 – Last Day to request Easter Flowers**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Bride’s Room  
5:30 pm Family Supper – Beef Enchilada Bake, Salad, Lemon Ice Box Pie — Family Hall  
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm Children’s Seder — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study, The Gospel of Mark with Mike Gregg — Family Hall  
7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **March 29**  
10:00 am “Planting Party” — Church Grounds
- Friday** **March 30**  
5:30 pm Adult Choir Dinner — Library (childcare provided)  
6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary (childcare provided)  
8:00 pm Good Friday Service — Sanctuary (childcare provided)  
8:00 pm Children’s Good Friday Service — Children’s Building
- Saturday** **March 31**  
2:00 pm Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt — Children’s Building & Church Grounds (2:00 – 4:00 pm)
- Sunday** **April 1 – Easter Sunday**  
*Contributions to Equity in Access received, postmarked or submitted online on or before April 1 will be eligible for matching funding.* 
- 8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Front Lawn  
8:30 am Easter Breakfast — Family Hall  
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- Monday** **April 2**  
Church Office closed
- Tuesday** **April 3**  
6:30 pm Missions Committee — Room 202
- Wednesday** **April 4 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Bride’s Room  
5:30 pm Family Supper — Family Hall  
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study, The Gospel of Mark with Mike Gregg — Family Hall  
7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

*Save the Date!*  
*May 8, 2018 - 7:30 pm*  
*Dedication of Royal Lane*  
*Baptist Church Pipe Organ*

## **April 8 – Scholarship Applications Due!**

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

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## **Women of the Church Spring Fling!**

Come join us from early registration at 2 PM on Friday, May 11, to Saturday, May 12, at 2PM—at the gorgeous Prothro Conference Center in Pottsboro, Texas—overlooking beautiful Lake Texoma! This is all just a little over of an hour from Dallas. The reservation deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, and reservation forms are available in the Church Office or Family Hall. \$100 for the retreat (\$115 if you prefer a single room.) Reservation form may also be downloaded and printed at <https://tinyurl.com/y7mweqzw> and sent to Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez or turn in to the Church Office.



## Missions Matters

Royal Lane has a long history of answering God's call to love through service. "Missions Matters" will appear in the Mosaic on a regular basis. It will highlight our continuing commitment to missions and other matters where we reach out to the community. This will be a place where we will tell our stories and perhaps help you find what "matters" most to you.

## Upscale Retail

Maebelle Raiza joined Royal Lane in 1967. She raised her 3 children in this church and over the years has volunteered in many areas, including several mission trips. If you are looking for Maebelle on Wednesdays, you will find her at Upscale Retail in Richardson where she has volunteered for 14 years.

Upscale Retail is a thrift store operated by Lifesavers Foundation to support their mission "to empower and assist those in crisis." This faith-based charity provides a mobile pediatric unit "Doctor Spot", giving basic medical care to kids in some of Dallas county's underserved neighborhoods. It also provides crisis counseling and education to women through pregnancy centers in the area.

Maebelle says she loves knowing that her volunteer efforts help kids get free medical care. There are several ways you can support Upscale Retail. You can donate gently used or new clothes furniture and household items, volunteer in the store or come and shop. There are great bargains to be found.

More information about the Lifesavers Foundation and Upscale Retail can be found at [www.lifesaversfoundation.org](http://www.lifesaversfoundation.org)

Upscale Retail  
561 W. Campbell #101  
Richardson TX 75080  
972-669-9000



Or, of course, talk to Maebelle.

## Genesis Lenten Mission Project

Genesis Women's Shelter is non-profit agency that helps victims of domestic violence find safe shelter and learn how to live their lives free of abuse. Working with victims of domestic violence can be very difficult both physically and emotionally. This is why the Missions Committee has chosen to honor and bless each employee at Genesis with a small gift bag containing some pampering items. Our goal is to make 100 small gift bags, each containing a few items to help these employees relax, restore, and take care of themselves.

We will have collection boxes in Family Hall, the narthex in the sanctuary, and in the church office. Some gift ideas include small candles, lip balm, face masks, \$10 Starbucks gift cards, scented hand lotions, etc. During this season of Lent, please help us bless the dedicated employees at Genesis.

## Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

**Please bring by Wednesday, March 28**

Individually wrapped candies, plastic eggs and small prizes that can be put in the eggs. Baskets for donations are available in the Church Office and Family Hall. Please remember that these must be safe for our youngest children.

Need some ideas?

Stickers  
Seed Packets  
(to plant after Easter)  
Hot Wheel Cars  
Bouncy Balls  
Erasers

Lip Gloss/Chap Stick  
Character Band-aids  
Fruit Snacks  
Silly Bands  
Small containers of bubbles  
Playdough

Small dolls & figures  
Plastic Animals/Bugs  
Bracelets/Necklaces  
Rubber Stamps

## Prayer Requests:

**Ann Ashcraft**, husband of **Randy Ashcraft** and friend of **Mike Gregg**

**Jon Bell**, friend of **Mike Gregg**

**Jim Bowling**, brother-in-law of **Ray Cox**

**Ruben Cantu & Greg Edmondson**, friends of **Cathy Webb**

**Vickie Daniel**, on the death of her brother-in-law, **Carl Howard**

**Mary Ellen Fisher**, friend of **Michael Knight & Mark DeWitt**

**Rusty Hatcher**, son of **Martha Hatcher**

**David Homan**, father of **Amanda Gregg's** college friend

**Fred Kern**, friend of **Steve Box**

**Jerry Kozak**, friend of **Karen Miller**

**Forrest McKinney**

**Larry Mills**, on the death of his brother-in-law, **Ronald A. Dietel**

**Norman Morris** (father-in-law of **Laurie Page**), **Jeff & Laurie Page**

**Charlotte Mulry**, mother of **Shelley Mulry**

**Marilyn Munro**, on the death of her mother, **Jewel Ambler Marilyn Munro**

**Wade Pace**, grandfather of **Trapper Pace**

**Terry**, friend of **Maebelle Raiza**, on the death of her husband

**Steven Rhodes**

**Daniel Solyom**

**Kevin Sutton's** uncle, **Bob**

**Dorothy Tilden**

**Ray Vickrey**

**Adam Visconti**, son of **Maryanne Visconti Pfeffer**

**Jordan Weilage's** friends & family: **Cynthia's** boyfriend

**Steven Bouquet; Ann; Carol; Darron; Darron's**

grandfather, step-father and mother; **Jon Rabbe;**

**Leslie**, her father, **Jerry**, and brother-in-law, **Larry;**

**Nikki; Robin; Mehran** & his brothers, **Shahin &**

**Keyvan**, sister, **Ladah**, & uncle, **Massoud; Steve;** and

**Jordan's** grandfather, **Jim**

**Byron Willey**, cousin of **Daryl Willey**

**Joan Wright**, sister of **Maebelle Raiza**

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Please continue to pray for:

**Connie Bechtol; Terry Burke**, son-in-law of **Dina DiMaria; Jane Carter; Jerome Collins**, friend of **Mike Hurder; Thomas Jarvis**, brother of **Martha Box; Doug**

**Leinneweber; Robert Putman; Lou Etta Ray; Emelda Schultz**, mother of **Laurence Schultz; Ron Sumter**, father of **Steve Sumter; Jordan Weilage; Carol Williams**, niece of **Lou Etta Ray; Melissa Yale**, friend of **Ruth May**

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Remember the homebound: **Faye Laney; Betty Renfroe; Libba Studdard; James C. Walker**

## *Thank You Notes*

March 19, 2018

Dear Royal Lane Family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your support and love during my mother's illness and death.

I am truly blessed to belong to such a loving faith community. Thank you again!

*Much love,*

*Kevin Sutton*

## **"The Gathering"**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

Sunday, April 1, is designated as the day of the month to bring food items for the North Dallas Shared Ministry. Can't bring contributions on Sunday? Bring them any time and place in the basket in Family Hall, the narthex, or in the Mission Collection Room.

Needs: Pork & Beans, Green Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.) & Fruit Juice, Jelly, Snacks, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Dry Pasta, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo.

## **Abundant Lifers — Monday, March 26, 2018**

Presentation by a representative of the Senior Medicare Patrol on how to spot/report/deter Medicare Fraud. Monday, March 26, 10:00 am, in Family Hall

This promises to be an interesting and informative presentation that will benefit all who are on Medicare or approaching eligibility therefor. Because we will be hosting an outside (volunteer) speaker it is important that we have a good turnout, so this would be an ideal opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member. No advance signup is necessary.

## Deacons of the Week

### March 25

Nancy Ferrell [214] 662-3070

Cathy Webb [214] 354-4766

### April 1

David Doom [214] 662-1199

Linda Binder [214] 264-3440

## Scriptures of the Week

### March 25

Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15;47

### April 1

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18

## Midweek Service

6:15 p.m.

Wednesday

in Family Hall

March 28 & April 4

Bible Study:

The Gospel of Mark

Mike Gregg

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

## Midweek Menu

Wednesday, March 28

Beef Enchilada Bake, Salad,  
Lemon Ice Box Pie

Wednesday, April 4

To be announced

Menus are available on the  
RLBC website calendar.

Open "Midweek Family Dinner" for details

In the Box-Hawkins Gallery

"Stewpot Artists"



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

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*,  
contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or  
bmerry@royallane.org.

## Happy Birthday!

### March

Von Irwin .....	21
Lily Brashear .....	22
Rod Cook .....	22
Woody Weilage.....	22
Amber Lockett Seymour .....	23
Michael Estill .....	26
Melanie Ferguson.....	26
Jan Quesada.....	26
Marcy Waters Brandon .....	28
Jenny Cechan .....	29
Jack Mullinax .....	31
Gena Mukasa-Magoye .....	31

### April

Brian Watson.....	1
Jordan Weilage.....	1
James C. Walker.....	2



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**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm**

**Sunday School: 9:45 am**

**Sunday Worship: 10:55 am**

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