



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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Ahead of the Curve?

Everett Rogers, an American sociologist, developed the theory of diffusion of innovations, which includes familiar terminology like innovators, early adopters, early majority, late majority, and laggards. He created this theory in 1962 as a bell curve to describe how and when people responded to technology. In today's modern world, we think of the innovators and the early adopters as those standing in line overnight to purchase the latest Apple technology, while the laggards still maintain that smart phones are not important. While Rogers' terms apply to our reaction to technology, they can also describe our actions as Christians in modern society.

As a progressive Baptist community of faith, most of us believe that Royal Lane is an early adopter when demonstrating Christian love and justice in the community. We have long been members of the Alliance of Baptists, North Dallas Shared Ministries, and Baptist Peace Fellowship. We collect food and funds for the underprivileged of Dallas each month and maintain housing on the property to provide for those most in need. We participate in community-wide discussions regarding immigration, racial justice, and mental health. We believe in inclusion and diversity and extend hospitality to all people including LGBTQ individuals. Within the church, we differ from the public sphere in that we can dialogue through different perspectives and disagree while still sitting together in the pew and collaborating together to achieve shared congregational goals. By Baptist standards, it would seem as though we are ahead of the curve with regards to implementing Gospel values.

While we appear to be early adopters by modern standards, how would Jesus judge our actions on Rogers' change adoption curve?

By Jesus' standards, we might be perceived as late adopters or even possibly laggards. God tells us in Isaiah 55:8, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." How would Jesus react and advise us to react to current events? Do you remember the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman? Jesus did not consider her less than him because she was a woman and/or a Samaritan – both reasons to ostracize according to societal values of the day. Jesus extended kindness, courtesy, and comfort to her. Where might Jesus fall in supporting women today? My guess is that he would be a source of comfort to victimized women and act as a voice for those too paralyzed to do so for themselves.

Jesus was not reticent of expressing his disapproval of behavior that opposed his message of love and kindness to one another. In Matthew 21:12, Jesus does not simply explain why it is not acceptable to conduct business in the Temple, he actually violently overturns the tables. In viewing racial, economic, and social injustices that are part of modern society, Jesus would likely be on the front lines demanding equality and justice for all God's children. When we participate in the public sphere and petition for change, we are embodying the spirit and actions of Jesus as he turned the tables and demanded a focus on God and access for all.

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*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for November 7 & 21, 2018.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

Coming Events

Pumpkin Patch Hours

Weekdays: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm • Saturdays: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm • Sundays: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- Sunday October 21 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost / Bread for the World Sunday**
- 8:30 am Finance Committee — Library
 - 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall
 - 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
 - 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- Wednesday October 24**
- 5:30 pm Personnel Committee — Room 206
 - 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
 - 6:00 pm Youth — Pumpkin Patch
 - 5:30 pm Family Supper – Pork Loin, Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Chocolate Trifle — Family Hall
 - 6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building
 - 6:15 pm Midweek Service — Family Hall
 - A Discussion with Jeff Hammett About Love, the Law, and Laughter
 - 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday October 26**
- 7:00 pm Youth Lock-in, through 9:00 am, Saturday, October 27 — Youth Basement
- Saturday October 27**
- 9:00 am Youth Lock-in ends
- Sunday October 28 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**
- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall
 - 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
 - 10:55 am Morning Worship – Deacon Ordination — Sanctuary
 - Following Worship – Called Church Conference for the purpose of approving the ordination process for Tim Schaefer
 - 4:00 pm Fall Festival (4:00 pm – 6:30 pm)
- Wednesday October 31**
- No Wednesday Evening Activities

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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Even as he reached out to those marginalized in society, Jesus’ greatest message was love and forgiveness to those who created the most profound of wounds. Nailed to the cross in excruciating pain and dying, Christ did not admonish those causing his death or those stealing the few garments covering him. Rather than condemn, Jesus chose to intercede to God and seek forgiveness for those abusing him. His example requires us to move beyond insults, criticism, and blame to love, consideration, and ultimately forgiveness. This is a clear indicator of how we should react to those whose social and political viewpoints differ from our own.

At Royal Lane, we have the opportunity and the responsibility to be early adopters like Jesus, to usher in an age of collaboration to achieve justice and equality, and to lead with a message of hope both within the congregation and the Dallas community. Reflecting on the Rogers bell diagram, where would you like us to be – lagging behind or ahead of the curve?

Pastor Mike

September 30, 2018 Financials

	YTD	Sept 2018
Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 526,995	\$ 58,555
Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 511,857	\$ 38,340
Budget/Offerings & Revenues	\$ 590,815	\$ 70,188
Actual Offerings & Revenues	\$ 558,859	\$ 35,899
Expenses	\$ 609,092	\$ 62,145
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$50,234)	(\$26,245)

onrealm.org/RoyalLane

Royal Lane Baptist Church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm®. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers.



Let's Connect!

Stay connected to our church wherever you go by downloading the free *Connect --- Our Church Community* app for iPhone and Android devices. Use it to communicate with your groups, RSVP to events, manage your giving, update profile information, and more. It makes it easier for us to connect throughout the week and know what's happening.

- News—Keeps everyone up-to-date with the latest posts, photos, and events for your group and for your church as a whole
- Posts—Post messages to your group and comment on posts by others in your group
- Photos—Capture your moments together and share them with your group
- Events—See event details (date, time, location, etc.), submit your RSVP, and sign up to bring something
- Files —Access your group's shared files
- Messages—Send your entire group, or select individuals, a message that starts a conversation
- Participants—See names and basic profile details for the people in your church or group, based on their privacy preferences
- Notification Settings—Manage your preferences for group notifications and emails

Download the app



iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/connect---our---church---community/id1052274581?mt=8>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.acstechnologies.android.realm.engagement>

To Sign Up using app

User: Download app **Realm Connect**
Create account using invite code, when asked – **RoyalLane**



To Sign Up through website

User: Go to onrealm.org/RoyalLane/SignIn
Select option – **Register now** (*will appear below Email and Password displayed*)
Sign in with your email address
Create password
Follow instructions on screen.

Everyone in our church gets a unique profile. Your profile contains everything you want people in our church to know about you. Your profile also enables you to join a small group, RSVP to events, update your contact information, change family details, set notification preferences, or replace that outdated family photo.”

Optional Details

By keeping your information current, you are helping our staff, group leaders, and our church community. Your Profile includes:

- Contact Information* (e.g. name, address, email, phone)
- Photo
- Family Members
- Personal Information (e.g. marital status, birthday,** etc.)
- Connected Social Media accounts

*You can decide later what data you want to hide online by setting your privacy preferences.

**Feel free to enter your full birthday. The year and your age will not be displayed on your church directory profile. We have entered a birth year of 1800 for anyone who had not already given us this information.

Groups and Classes

Groups and classes are an important part of our church, and now you can connect with the people in them throughout the week. You can keep track of upcoming meetings, who's bringing what, and what's going on in each other's lives.

Your information is your information.

1. You have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information.
2. Contact information is never public or searchable on the Internet. Any information you elect to make visible to your church family is always protected behind a login.
3. Authorized staff will always have access to your profile information.
4. You and certain authorized staff may update your profile information. In some cases, your group leader may update your contact information if you have made it visible to group leaders.
5. For safety reasons, sharing contact and personal information for children under 18 is limited. Parents determine whether or not to display their child's name in the church directory.
6. Children under 13 may not participate and will not be able to sign in.

What People May See

By default, the viewing of your contact and personal information is limited to members of groups you are in, group leaders, and staff members. If you choose to, however, you can make your information visible to the entire church. But if you prefer to be more private, you can customize how people see specific information*.

- Contact Information: Name, Address, Phones, and Email.
- Personal Information: Marital Status, Family Position, Member Status, but you also have the option of sharing your birthday, gender, allergy information, and skills with people in your church.

**If you are a group leader or host an event, certain contact information may be visible regardless of the settings you choose.*

Privacy Settings

- Everyone—Like a church directory listing, everyone in our church will be able to see whatever profile information is marked as visible to everyone.
- My Groups + Group Leaders + Church Staff—This setting means information will only be shared with the people you are involved with at church. This is the default setting.
- Group Leaders + Church Staff—You would use this setting if you wanted to keep some profile information hidden from anyone who is not a group leader or on staff.
- Church Staff Only—This setting effectively removes you from the church directory. Your information will only be available to authorized church staff.**
- Custom Privacy—Choose different privacy levels for specific contact fields and personal information. You can do this in two places: when you edit your profile information or when you manage your privacy settings.***

***While you can hide the majority of your information from most of your church, you should know that, regardless of your settings, contact data will still be visible to certain members of our church staff.*

****The Directory page shows all individuals who have a login, along with individuals without a login who have been opted--in to the directory. Currently, individuals with a login cannot opt out of being listed in the directory.*

Family Privacy

- A family member with a primary position such as "Adult1" or "Adult2" can change privacy settings for other members of the family and opt family members into the church directory.
- Birthdays are required for children (as a means to prohibit access), but it's up to you if you want to share the birth date with your church family.

Support

Click on the ? icon (upper right corner) to open the support center, it will automatically direct you to a section dealing with what you are currently looking at.





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.

More Stories coming in November. Do you have story to share?

Last spring the Missions Committee began spotlighting the stories of volunteering by Royal Laners in the Mosaic and on the Royal Lane website. The stories have been interesting and inspiring and have hopefully helped some of you discover your mission. We want everyone to know the wonderful ways in which this congregation becomes the “hands and feet” of Christ on a daily basis.

We are in need of new stories and we hope you will tell yours. How do you share Christ’s love in the community? To access the online form, use the link provided below or the QR code to obtain the volunteer story form. Forms are also available in the church office. We hope you will share your story, and in sharing it, perhaps inspire someone else to join you.

If you have missed the stories already written, see the Missions bulletin board outside Family Hall or read them online at royallane.org/missions-outreach/volunteer-stories.

Return forms to the church office or contact Karen Miller, 214-724-0655, or kmiller238@sbcglobal.net



**Link to volunteer form is found at royallane.org/missions-outreach
<https://tinyurl.com/ycfwdytd>**



It’s time for the Royal Lane Baptist Annual Fall Festival.

Come join the fun and make lasting memories! We need volunteers for October 28, 2018

Donations needed – Cupcakes for Cake Walk, Individually Wrapped Candy for Trunk or Treat

- Setup (12:30-4:30 pm)
- Trunk or Treat
- Clean up
- Cake walk
- Soccer
- Fishing
- Ducks
- Bowling
- Bean Bag Toss
- Balloon Darts
- Haunted House Guides
- Bounce Houses

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y7nxj65v>



Prayer Requests:

Marge Bryant, mother of **Scott Bryant**

Richard Corbitt, friend of **Laurie Page**

Donna Dyer, mother-in-law of **Jacquie Wooten's** sister,
Maria

Robbye Foster's brother, **Robert**

David Hayes, father of **Reann Tiemann**

Catherine Krantz, daughter of former members, **Melinda**
& **Wayne Huff**

Marilyn Lanfear, mother of **Theresa Helms**

Lauren Madeley, friend of **Brett Washburn**

Mark McCoy, on the death of his mother, **Jackie McCoy**

Forrest McKinney

Ruthi Neal

Kathy Peck, mother of **Tonyia Dotson**

Cindy Piddington

Gary Raiza, son, **Joan Wright**, sister & **Lena**,
granddaughter of **Maebelle Raiza**

Homer Terry

Dorothy Tilden

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

Jordan Weilage

John Wolf, Garland Pipe Organ

Please continue to pray for:

Jackie Arnold, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Jerome Collins**,
friend of **Mike Hurder**; **Doug Leinneweber**; **Minnie**
Macias, mother of **Rodney Macias**; **Barbara Mandeville**,
sister of **Sandy Washington**; **William "Oz" Osborne**;

Robert Putman; **Emelda Schultz**, mother of **Laurence**
Schultz; **Ron Sumter**, father of **Steve Sumter**; **Ray**
Thompson, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Melissa Yale**,
friend of **Ruth May**

Remember the homebound: **Norman Morris**; **Betty Renfroe**; **Libba Studdard**; **James C. Walker**

Called Church Conference

Sunday, October 28

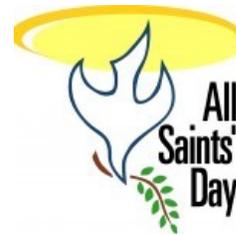
Called Church Conference for the purpose of approving the
ordination process for **Tim Schaefer**

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Church as your designated charity AND a percentage of
each purchase made through Amazon Smile will be
distributed to Royal Lane Baptist Church. Sign up at:
<https://smile.amazon.com/>

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday,

November 4

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.



November 4, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 4, 2018, we will honor the saints of
Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since
November 1 of 2017. If you have a family member you
would like to honor in this service, please notify the church
office, 214-361-2809, by Tuesday, October 30 for listing in
the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your
relationship to this person. We have gathered many names
for this list. Please check with the church office to make
sure we have included your family member.



Deacons of the Week

October 21

Rebecca Rempert [214] 563-6535
 Harry Hunter [469] 662-1855

October 28

Bruce Luedke [817] 994-7484
 Kelley Keith [214] 334-5068

November 4

Garey Wisdom [214] 682-1531
 Sandy Washington [214] 475-3871

Scriptures of the Week

October 21

Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

October 28

Job 42:1-6, 1-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

November 4

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24
 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44

Midweek Service

6:15 p.m.

Wednesday
 in Family Hall
 October 24

A Discussion with Jeff
 Hammett About Love, the
 Law, and Laughter

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, October 24

Pork Loin, Potatoes, Salad, Bread,
 Chocolate Trifle

Wednesday, November 4

To be announced

Happy Birthday!

October

Jennifer Maddox.....	18
Jasmine Parrish.....	18
Becky Fuller.....	19
Josiah Henault.....	20
Shelley Mulry.....	20
Melissa Walker-Luckett.....	20
Sadie Watson.....	20
Wynne Amerson.....	21
Barbara Gunnin.....	21
Robert Putman.....	21
Debi Veninga.....	25
Libba Studdard.....	25
Susie Leinneweber.....	26
Mark McCoy.....	26
Carla Gaylor.....	27
Sheila Calhoon.....	29
Fred Binder.....	30
Steve Box, Jr.....	31
Cathy Webb.....	31

November

Kate Valentine.....	1
Tonyia Dotson.....	2
Cheryl Robinson.....	2

In the Box-Hawkins Gallery



Jacob Hammett

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
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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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