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Diverse People United in Christ

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Sharing Good Corn

There was once a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it always won first prize. One year, a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned the farmer's strategy for growing winning corn. What was it? Simply this: the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why" said the farmer, "don't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors also grow good corn.¹

As we continue to study the Gospel of Luke on Wednesdays and Sundays, it is clear that when we give back to our community we are in turn blessed. This corn story reminds us that we are connected to everything that happens with our neighbors. Luke 6:38 says, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Sharing our corn, ourselves, with the community is hard work. It takes measuring, pressing, shaking, and running. But when we do invest our money and resources as a church into our city that same investment will return back to us. We will be blessed with new gifts, new friends, new colleagues, new members, and new hope.

In the words of Peter Greer, President of Hope International and Christian advocate for those living in poverty, "Money is a vehicle, not the ultimate objective." If money is the vehicle, where are we going as a church? Where does our money and investment take us? It takes us out into the community, into the streets of Dallas to count the homeless in order to provide them better services. It takes us into City Hall with those lifting their voices for the voiceless. It takes us into the public places of power to bring awareness to those who suffer in our community. It takes us into North Dallas Shared Ministry to sort food and clothes and give medical care to those need. It takes us into interfaith worship services and relationships to join with people of other religions in making Dallas better. It takes us into educational experiences that grow us into a loving, generous, and healthy community.

That's where we are going. And that's where we are growing as good, shared corn.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for February 20 & March 6, 2019.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the date of publication.*

¹ Source: reported in James Bender *How to Talk Well* (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., 1994)

Coming Events

Sunday February 10 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1
- 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 Women of the Church Valentine Lunch — Family Hall
Men, Women & Children invited to enjoy lunch and entertainment.
- 12:15 pm Parents Meeting — Youth Basement (childcare provided)

Tuesday February 12

- 7:00 pm Social Justice Team Meeting – Faith in Texas Dallas Cluster
Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Church, 321 Calumet Ave A, Dallas, TX 75211
- 8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call

Wednesday February 13

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Room 206
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner – Beef Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Salad, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Trifle — 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 – In Focus: Demetria McCain, Fair Housing Issues in Dallas — Family Hall
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Sunday February 17 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Family Hall
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship – Tim Schaefer preaching — Sanctuary

Wednesday February 20 – Mosaic

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:00 p Faith & Arts — Room 206
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Family Hall
Chicken Tacos, Rice, Salad, Cookies
- 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 with Mike Gregg — Family Hall
Luke 1:1-25, The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

February 22
2:00-4:00 pm
Family Hall
Showing of film "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World"
sponsored by Abundant Life.

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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Youth Sunday, January 27, 2019 – Thank you to the youth of RLBC for a job well done!!!





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.

Karen Miller would like YOUR story!
Volunteer Story Form - <https://tinyurl.com/ycfwdytd>

IN FOCUS

Midweek Program – February 13, 2019

In observance of Black History Month, the "In Focus" program will be presented by Demetria McCain. Demetria will speak on fair housing issues in Dallas

Demetria McCain has been with the Inclusive Communities Project (ICP) since its inception and presently serves as its president where she oversees operations as well as engages in advocacy efforts that further ICP's mission. ICP is a Dallas-based affordable fair housing organization that works regionally for the creation and maintenance of thriving racially and economically inclusive communities, expansion of fair and affordable housing opportunities for low income families, and redress for policies and practices that perpetuate the harmful effects of discrimination and segregation. Conceived by Demetria, ICP's "Voices for Opportunity" initiative provides advocacy training for low-income renters and community groups fighting for fair housing and neighborhood equity.

Demetria is the recipient of the 2015 Texas Houser Award. She is a frequent panelist and commenter on issues relating to housing mobility, housing choice voucher holders and fair housing matters including the *Melissa Harris-Perry Show* on MSNBC in 2015. She has been quoted in Health Affairs' policy brief, "Housing Mobility and Health Outcomes". Before returning to her native Dallas, Demetria worked as staff attorney at the Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington, D.C. and as an Equal Justice Works Fellow and staff attorney at the National Housing Law Project in Oakland, CA. Demetria currently serves as a board member of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council and the North Texas Fair Housing Center.

She is a graduate of the Dallas Independent School District, NYU, Brooklyn College and Howard University School of Law. She regularly participates in local community service activities, is an active alumna of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a member of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church.

Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching February 24, 2019 – Tiffany Pittman

Tiffany Pittman is the Director of Admissions at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and a member of the Alliance of Baptists board of directors, serving on the development and communications committees.

Beginning in 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This annual event has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. This annual preaching month is named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman. Royal Lane joins BWIM in this celebration on February 24, 2019, with Tiffany Pittman as preacher.

Q&A Luncheon will be held in Family Hall following worship. (childcare provided)



Prayer Requests:

Mother of Rosa Barrientos

Connie Bechtol

Ray Cox

Farnaz Faghihi, mother of **Behnoush Ghodsi**

Ashley Fleenor's teacher's daughter, **Fiona**

Peggy Gooch, on the death of her mother, **Dorothy Ott**

Jeff Groves, cousin of **Connie Bechtol**

Neva Harvey, mother of **Susie Leinneweber's** son-in-law

Theresa Helms

Harry Hunter

Ruth May

Wayne McClellan

Forrest McKinney

Jane Phelan

Gary Raiza, son of **Maebelle Raiza**

Maybelle Raiza, on the death of her sister, **Joan Wright**

Danny Ray

Sally Robinson, mother of **Leslie Cechan**

Michael Rogers, on the death of his mother, **Billie Poteet**

Daniel Solyom

Duanne Stockton's niece, **Linda Grezak**, and cousin,

Linda Shelton

Homer Terry

Ray & Sharon Vickrey

Lindsey Washington, daughter of **Doug & Sandy**

Washington

Jordan Weilage's friends & family: **Mehran, Keyvan,**

Shahin, Ladah & Family, Massoud

Please continue to pray for:

Jackie Arnold, sister of **Cathy Webb**; **Jerome Collins**,

friend of **Mike Hurder**; **Robbye Foster's** brother, **Robert**;

Doug Leinneweber; **Minnie Macias**, mother of **Rodney**

Macias; **William "Oz" Osborne**; **Robert Putman**;

Ray Thompson, father of **Dan Thompson**; **Sandra**

Tilden, daughter of **Dorothy Tilden**; **Jordan Weilage**;

Byron Willey, cousin of **Daryl Willey**; **John Wolf**, Garland

Pipe Organ

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



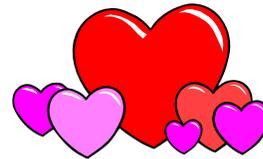
Welcome

Larry Wilkerson

Joined RLBC on January 27, 2019

Don't Forget!

Save Egg Shells for the 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School Class for Confetti Eggs!



Valentine Lunch – Sunday, February 10

Men, Women and Children Are Invited . . .

to Women of the Church, **Sunday, February 10.**

Lunch - 12:00 pm

Lasagna (prepared by "Chef Margaret Darden") and more!

Program

Musical entertainment and fun for the entire family.

Ministry Updates

Memorial Service for Billie Poteet, Mother of Michael Rogers, 1:00 pm, February 16, Denman Avenue Baptist Church, Lufkin Texas.

Memorial Service for Joan Wright, sister of Maebelle Raiza, February 24, Tempe, Arizona.

Deacons of the Week

February 10

Paulette Harrison [214] 577-8058

Dennis Turnbull [214] 240-9061

February 17

Rebecca Rempert [214] 563-6535

Karen Miller [214] 724-0655

Scriptures of the Week

February 10

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 17

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Midweek Service

6:15 p.m. Wednesday
in Family Hall

February 13

Fair Housing Issues in Dallas

with Demetria McCain

February 20

Bible Study, Luke 1:1-25

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

with Mike Gregg

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

Midweek Menu

Wednesday, February 13

Beef Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Salad,
Garlic Bread, Chocolate Trifle

Wednesday, February 20

Chicken Tacos, Rice, Salad, Cookies

Midweek Meal Prices

Adults - \$7 per person

Families - \$15 per family

Seniors - \$5 per person

Menus are available on the
RLBC website calendar.

Open "Midweek Family Dinner" for details

In the Box-Hawkins Gallery

Jim Norman Bush

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

Happy Birthday!

February

Dennis Turnbull 6

Melissa Orwig 7

Clay Williams..... 9

Sue Northrup 16

Ray Vickrey 19



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Wednesday Midweek: 6:15 pm

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Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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