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BRUCE AND ANNA MARIE LOWE – ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH – SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Graduation Sunday was a great way to begin in-person worship at Royal Lane Baptist Church. We honored some amazing young adults, celebrated seeing each other in person, and paid tribute to Bruce and Anna Marie Lowe. It seems appropriate to share some additional information on the legacy of the Lowes.

Bruce Lowe April 8, 1915 - October 29, 2014 (99 years)

Bruce was a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University (1936) and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth (1946). He married Anna Marie in 1944 and they had two sons, Wayne and Woody. Bruce was a Southern Baptist minister for 70 years and pastor for 25 years. He served in World War II as an infantry captain and then as army Chaplain to African American soldiers.

He pastored churches mostly in Louisiana but resigned in 1965 because his racial equality views were rejected. He then worked as a Civil Rights Specialist for Health and Human Services until his retirement in 1994. In this role, he worked with hospitals and nursing homes to meet compliance standards for both African Americans and Americans with Disabilities. **A Letter to Louise: A Biblical Affirmation of Homosexuality** was written by Bruce in 2002. David Chapman, a former Royal Laner and member of Church of the Savior in Austin, established a website (www.GodMadeMeGay.com) to help expand Bruce's ministry around the world. Bruce became an online chaplain to those struggling with their own identity and those struggling with family members identifying as gay. *A Letter to Louise* was written in response to a previous church member who was heartsick but believed her brother would go to hell because he was gay. He needed to reconcile the Loving God of his faith with the scripture's condemnation of homosexuality. So, he researched and studied and *A Letter to Louise* was the product of his commitment to comfort and minister to one broken heart. It has become a pathway to healing for many confused and broken hearts. His life was spent encouraging the acceptance and welcoming of the LGBTQIA community by Christian churches and supporting racial justice for all.

Anna Marie Lowe July 18, 1917 - February 4, 2013. (95 years)

Anna Marie was raised on a farm in Bradley, Arkansas and rode to school on a horse with her big brother. She graduated from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia (1946) and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She was a gifted musician and began sharing her talent when she played the piano for her Baptist congregation at eleven years of age. She was an organist at her husband's pastorates. Anna Marie often accompanied soloist and choirs during her extensive musical career. She truly loved Royal Lane and was loved by many. She was full of grace in word and deed.

Bruce and Anna Marie Lowe and Royal Lane Baptist Church

The Lowes were members at Royal Lane for over 30 years. The Lowes were married for almost 70 years and their love for each other was often on display at Royal Lane. They were together at almost all church functions and they were always holding hands and smiling at each other. As they progressed in age, Anna Marie quit driving but Bruce with her as the "front seat driver" continued driving and never had an accident when she was by his side. But when she wasn't with him, he always had trouble. They were an inseparable team.

Paulette Harrison, Nancy Ferrell, and Cookie Stokes, dear friends of the Lowes, and other Royal Lane members describe them in these terms; "encouragers, Barnabas, insightful, loving, grandparents to all of Royal Lane, foundational, studious, funny, musical, brave, risk takers, courageous, and progressive beyond their time." They were the perfect example of people "living and doing God's work". They both supported education through encouragement of those seeking degrees. Additionally, their son, Wayne, had a 50 year career as an elementary school teacher and then became a therapist and director of a counseling center in California. For Nancy Ferrell, Bruce played an instrumental role in the completion of her doctorate by reading and editing her dissertation. *(continued)*



They also supported learning by encouraging participation in mission trips, including payment of mission fees for those wishing to make a trip. Bruce took vacation to help Woody build his house in the Northwest. Woody was a “mountain man” who could build and/or fix anything, skills he learned from his father. They lived without electricity or water for a long time and built the house by themselves. The vacation/trip was a mission trip for Bruce and his son. Throughout their lives, the Lowes pushed and supported human rights beyond the comfort zone of most churches through their ministry work. They lived long, loving, principled, and remarkable lives and are often referred to as saints of Royal Lane.

The Bruce and Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship Fund

In 2012, based on a recommendation by Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez and Harry Wooten, the Royal Lane general scholarship fund was renamed in honor of Bruce and Anna Marie Lowe. Scholarships (\$500 minimum) are available through an application and interview process to “children of Royal Lane” who are current high school seniors or present undergraduate students enrolled in, received admission to, or have an application pending at an accredited educational institution. The designated scholarship fund is managed through the Education/Scholarship Committee with funds limited to providing scholarships. The fund is ongoing and is funded through annual donations from members and friends of Royal Lane Baptist Church.

During the last nine years, the designated Lowe’s scholarship fund has provided over \$25,000 in 23 scholarships to children of Royal Lane. The first two recipients were Kevin Fallis and Blair Wooten followed by Elyse Glass, Anthony Hatcher, Summerlin Northrup, Chloe Clark-Soles, Steven Gonzalez, Bailey Brown, Sarah Rebecca Stokes, Scottie Gonzalez, Jordan Stubblefield, Jade Arnsward, Caleb Clark-Soles, Cody Collier, Brandon Green, Jayda Parrish, Jackson Maddox, Michael Robinson, Candace Collier, Darrin Fleenor, Samantha Fleenor, Jonah Hammett, Melissa Robinson, and Peter Hart Stokes. Many of the family names of recipients are associated with well known, long-term members of Royal Lane and many of these recipients have grown up at Royal Lane.

The scholarship fund supported by the members of Royal Lane is a marvelous way to say thanks to the Lowes for their many contributions to the church and to promote educational opportunities for the children of Royal Lane. We are blessed by the lives and memories of the Lowes.

In 2021, we had six scholarship recipients which is the largest class ever. The Royal Lane family responded through record donations to the fund. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, Patricia McNutt, Melissa Orwig, Garey Wisdom, and Barrett Wooten, we sincerely appreciate the support from the members listed below.

compiled by Patricia McNutt

Joey & Rosa Belgard	Bruce Luedke	Michael Rogers
Georgia Bradford	Donna Ledgerwood & Ruth May	Matt & Liz Rowan
Jim & Steve Bush	Jennifer Maddox	Kristine Ruddell
Margaret Darden	Scott & Donna Wood-Martin	Tim Schaefer
Nate & Deanna Green	Patricia McNutt	Anne Sewell
Sheryl Gambill	Bettie Meachum	The Dallas Foundation for
Scott & Christine Nicolette Gonzalez	Jack & Judy Mullinax	Terry & Karen Simmons
Steve & Peggy Gooch	Don & Patsy Meier	Thad & Jamie Clark-Soles
Paulette Harrison	Karen Miller	Cookie Stokes
John & Theresa Helms	Marilyn Munro	Dianna Stouffer
Shirley James	Matt & Melissa Orwig	Blake Vickrey
Mike & Pam Keith	Sarah Fuller Phillips	Sharon Vickrey
Phil & Kelley Keith	Robert Pullman	Brett Washburn
Laura Keller	Tex & Jan Quesada	Garey Wisdom
Richard & Christin Lavery	Rebecca & Ken Rempert	

Wednesday Evenings at RLBC

June 23

Sarah Key, Executive Director, Outlast Youth – Zoom.

Outlast Youth exists to reduce and prevent LGBTQ youth homelessness in Dallas and surrounding counties.

June 30

Independence Day Celebration

July 7

Bible Study with Sharon Temple, Hebrews 12:18-13; 16 – Zoom

Coming Events

- Saturday June 19**
10:30 am Celebration of Life – Homer Terry, Sanctuary (*no childcare*)
Reception following, Vickrey Hall
12:00 pm Youth Activity — Church Grounds
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday June 20 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:55 am Morning Worship, Mark Wingfield, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel (*no childcare*)
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Tuesday June 22**
9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday June 23**
6:30 pm Midweek with Sarah Key, Executive Director, Youth Outlast — Zoom
6:30 pm Wacky Wednesday — Location and activity to be announced
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary (*no childcare*)
- Saturday June 26**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday June 27 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Foundation Stones — Zoom
10:55 am Morning Worship, Laura Keller, Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel (*no childcare*)
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Wednesday June 30**
6:30 pm Independence Day Celebration — Church Grounds
- Saturday July 3**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday July 4 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:55 am Morning Worship, Scott Jones, Preacher — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel (*no childcare*)
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Monday July 5**
Church Office Closed
- Wednesday July 7 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Sharon Temple, Hebrews 12:18-13; 16 — Zoom
6:30 pm Wacky Wednesday — Location and activity to be announced

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

“Like” RLBC on Facebook or “Follow” RLBC on Twitter

Event Coordinators

Please be sure you check with the church office before scheduling events so that we can provide a safe environment for all as we move through this period of transition to in-person activities for all ages.

Celebration of Life Homer Terry

*August 8, 1948 – November 7, 2020
will be held*

*Saturday, June 19, 2021
10:30 am*

*Royal Lane Baptist Church
Reception following, Vickrey Hall*

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for
July 7 & 21, 2021.*

*The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m.
Monday prior to the date of publication.*

The members and friends of

Royal Lane Baptist Church

extend our best wishes and hearty congratulations
to our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients.
May God bless you richly.

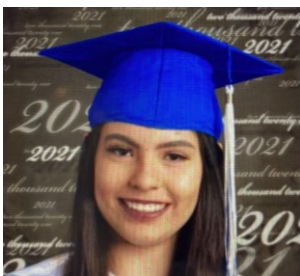
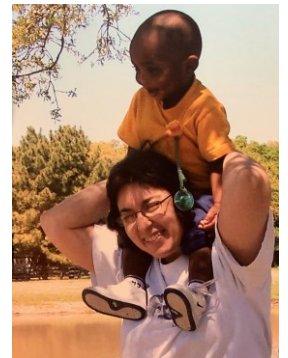


Candace Collier – Lowe Scholarship Recipient

Candace, granddaughter of Anna Lou & Glenn Brown, is graduating from Lake Dallas High School and will be attending Oregon State University to study Pre-Vet. She has plans to continue on to Veterinarian School and specialize in Exotic animal medicine. Candace was a four year varsity volleyball player, as well as. two year varsity team captain. She was involved in her school's PAL program, student council, French club, French honor society, HOSA, Science Club and she is Senior Class Historian.

Darrin Fleenor – Lowe Scholarship Recipient

Darrin, son of Kirsten Fleenor and Angela Hanes, is graduating from Booker T. Washington HSPVA and will be attending The New School in New York to pursue a BFA in Acting. He has acted in plays, designing productions, and running the sound board for productions during his high school years. He also participated in the Black Student Union. In 2020, he organized a zoom meeting between student and faculty to talk about racial injustice and sexual harassment and the effects it's having on students. He feels an innate power to bring people together through words and entertainment; to be a storyteller but to also hold up a mirror to the world and show both its beauty and madness. The kindness and openness of Royal Lane has helped him to be a kinder and more open human.



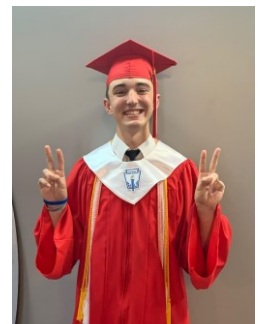
Samantha Fleenor – Lowe Scholarship Recipient

Samantha, daughter of Kirsten Fleenor and Angela Hanes, is graduating from Seagoville High School and will be attending Sam Houston State University to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Treasurer of Student Council, and participated in theatre and debate. Samantha has been an athlete since a young girl. She is involved in numerous sports and was captain of the softball and district winner on her swim team. She also played tennis, soccer, volleyball and cross country. She has worked as a lifeguard for Dallas Aquatics and the YMCA and trained in first aid and CPR. She has

worked hard to be a good role model to the children of Royal Lane by working at VBS, Posada and Piñata, Easter egg hunt, and other children's activities. She discovered her desire to be teacher as a result of working with the children at Royal Lane. She wants to be the best teacher she can and show God's love to her students. She is forever grateful to Royal Lane for our belief in her.

Jonah Hammett – Lowe Scholarship Recipient

Jonah Hammett, son of Jeff & Jennifer Hammett, has attended Royal Lane since birth. He will be graduating 15th in his class at Dr. John D. Horn High School in Mesquite, Texas. Later this fall he will be attending The University of Texas at Austin to study music education with a primary focus in French Horn. In high school, Jonah was heavily involved in the National Honors Society, mock trial club, the varsity full orchestra, and band programs all four years there. This summer, Jonah will be going on tour as a lead mellophone with the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corp from Denver, Colorado! Jonah's love for music has definitely been impacted by his experiences at Royal Lane.



Jasmine Parrish

Jasmine, daughter of Percy & Marcia Parrish, is a senior at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts. Her passion has been playing the violin for the past 10 years. Through the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Young Strings Program, she was selected to compete and attend masterclasses to hone visual pattern abilities, finger dexterity, & language processing skills. She also assisted in the development of the student non-profit, Dallas Teens for Change, with a mission to educate and amplify youth voices in politics. Additionally, she participated in the sustainability education initiative (S.T.E.M Z) in collaboration with graduate students at Southern Methodist University to investigate tap water variations between older and newer campus buildings. In the Fall of 2021, she will attend Wake Forest University on a full ride to major in Business Analytics and a double minor in Music Performance (violin) as well as Politics and International Affairs.



Melissa Robinson – Lowe Scholarship Recipient

Melissa, daughter of Cheryl Robinson, is a graduate of Hexter Elementary, Longfellow Career Academy and soon to be Booker T Washington Arts Magnet. Since Melissa (commonly known to friends and family as Rae Rae) she has loved to sing and entertain with her beautiful musical talent. She has been a member of choir since 4th grade in Ms. Garcia's group that performed at Sandy Lake and North Park Mall. Ms. Higgins at Longfellow was instrumental in the inner teachings of music and was the first to tell Melissa that she had perfect pitch. These choir teachers laid the groundwork for the for the ultimate brass ring – Booker T Washington Melissa has grown as an artist with the help of several staff members at Booker T but most especially the choir director Dr. George Twyman. University of North Texas is her chosen college that she will be starting in August 2021 and has chosen to study Business Management where she intends to be involved in the UNT choir as well.

Hart Stokes – Lowe Scholarship Recipient

Peter Hart Stokes, the 6th child of Jonathan and Sofia Stokes, the grandson of Bigmama Cookie Stokes, graduated from Founders Classical Academy of Leander, Texas, on May 21, 2021. He will begin studying Mechanical Engineering at UT Arlington in the Fall.

Hart has been a part of Royal Lane life through visits to Sunday School, attending and helping in VBS, getting to know Bigmama's international students, and going out to eat with former Facilities Manager Lonnie Harris and others. When Robert Lathan was studying for his PhD, he was impressed with Hart's math ability at a very young age.

Hart was home-schooled at the Stokes Academy in Jonestown until he started at Founders in the 8th grade. At Founders he served as a National Honor Society officer and received academic awards in current events, economics, history, and physics. He participated in speech competition with the National Christian Forensics and Communication Association.

He played football for 8 years with his older brothers for the Wilco Falcons, a 6-man Texas Association of Independent Athletic Organization league in Williamson County. He twice made the All-State team and ranked in the National Top 10 players for his position. Before and after Hart finished his senior year of football, he helped coach his team with exceptional knowledge of the sport.

Hart has been employed by the popular Texas Paintball in Jonestown, Catalyst Teen Center, and at Orange Seal Cycling, both in Cedar Park. Outside of work Hart enjoys playing football and paintball, hanging out with friends, and learning to program in his spare time. In addition to moving to Dallas, Hart is looking forward to furthering his education at UT Arlington in the Fall.



Jordan Stubblefield

Jordan, daughter of Jane Stubblefield, graduated from Texas Tech University on May 15th with a B.M. in Music Performance. During her time at TTU, she participated in Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Lubbock Chamber Orchestra, the Second Baptist Church orchestra, Eastern Music Festival, and TTU's Bravura Chamber Ensemble. She will be attending the University of South Carolina in the Fall for graduate school. Her ultimate goal is to play in the orchestra pit for an opera company.



An Update from the Interim Pastor Search Committee

Dear church family -

Thank you for your prayers as we seek God's guidance in the selection of our Interim Senior Pastor. Our hope is that we will have someone who might be able to begin serving with us in August.

The operative word there is "hope" but we are confident in the Spirit's hand at work. As a committee, we have been working diligently on your behalf (about thirty hours a week for the last seven weeks).

We began by asking for wisdom and thoughts from our ministers - beginning with Mike Gregg before he left and then Laura Keller and Harry Wooten. With the assistance of the Personnel Committee and Deacon Executive Committee, a job description was then created.

This [job description](#) has been shared with the Alliance of Baptists, Fellowship Southwest, and CBF Texas. We have received several good names and the interview process is underway.

A helpful resource - [The Tasks of the Church During an Interim](#) - suggests that there are three ways a church may view an interim. 1. Get over it quickly, 2. tolerate it, or 3. use the time well - perhaps even seeing the interim season as a gift in which we are invited to "gather to work and pray and dream."¹ Those are Ken Medema's words that we sang on Sunday in our closing hymn. We see the third way as the Royal Lane way.

As a committee, we look forward to the day when we are able to share our recommended candidate's name to the Board of Deacons who will then announce it to the congregation in writing. Then, in accordance with our Bylaws, we will officially begin our Interim season following an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of those members present at a regular Sunday morning worship service.

In the meantime, keep the prayers coming and let's continue being the body of Christ to the community and to one another.

Peace,

Interim Pastor Search Committee
(Mike Keith, Sarah Macias, Doug Washington)

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¹ <https://hymnary.org/hymn/CGH2010/692>



Are you curious about how the racial attitudes in your congregation compare to others within the Alliance of Baptists? Or within Protestant denominations within the U.S.?

Congregations within the Alliance of Baptists have long been leaders in their communities and regions in ordaining and calling women to fill their pulpits. Many have also been among the first to include the LGBTQ community in their full life and ministry. Now the Alliance is calling congregations to once again become leaders and [act to dismantle systems of white supremacy, patriarchy and abusive power](#) within our churches and society.

We have good news! The [“Churches that THRIVE for Racial Justice” initiative](#) offers a tool all congregations may utilize to make progress toward racial justice and unity--**an innovative and scholarly survey** that will give an informed and accurate profile of racial attitudes.

The survey is designed by the [Racial Justice and Unity Center \(RJUC\)](#), a new collaborative endeavor to better understand racial dynamics in the United States--and in the Church in particular. Using a multifaceted, multidisciplinary methodology, the RJUC will produce robust, representative, and actionable insights on racial dynamics within U.S. churches.

The data from this survey will hold up a mirror to all of us, helping us more closely examine our ministries through the lens of racial justice. A denial of the existence of racial bias, racist attitudes or racialized ways of being in community is a common refrain in progressive-to-liberal churches. With the data from this survey, we will be provided informed research to more effectively address the realities people of color face regularly and move forward in transforming our congregations into antiracist communities.

In order for the reports to be representative, we need an adequate sampling of all congregations! It is important that your congregation [circulate this form among members encouraging them to sign up for the Alliance of Baptists database by the end of June.](#) It will be possible for your congregation to receive a report indicating racial attitudes for your specific congregation. If you would like to receive such a specific report, contact Paula Dempsey, director of partnership relations (paula@allianceofbaptists.org) for more information.

Please circulate the [sign-up form](#) now, and join our efforts to work toward racial justice in the Alliance of Baptists!

In the spirit of justice,

Paula Clayton Dempsey

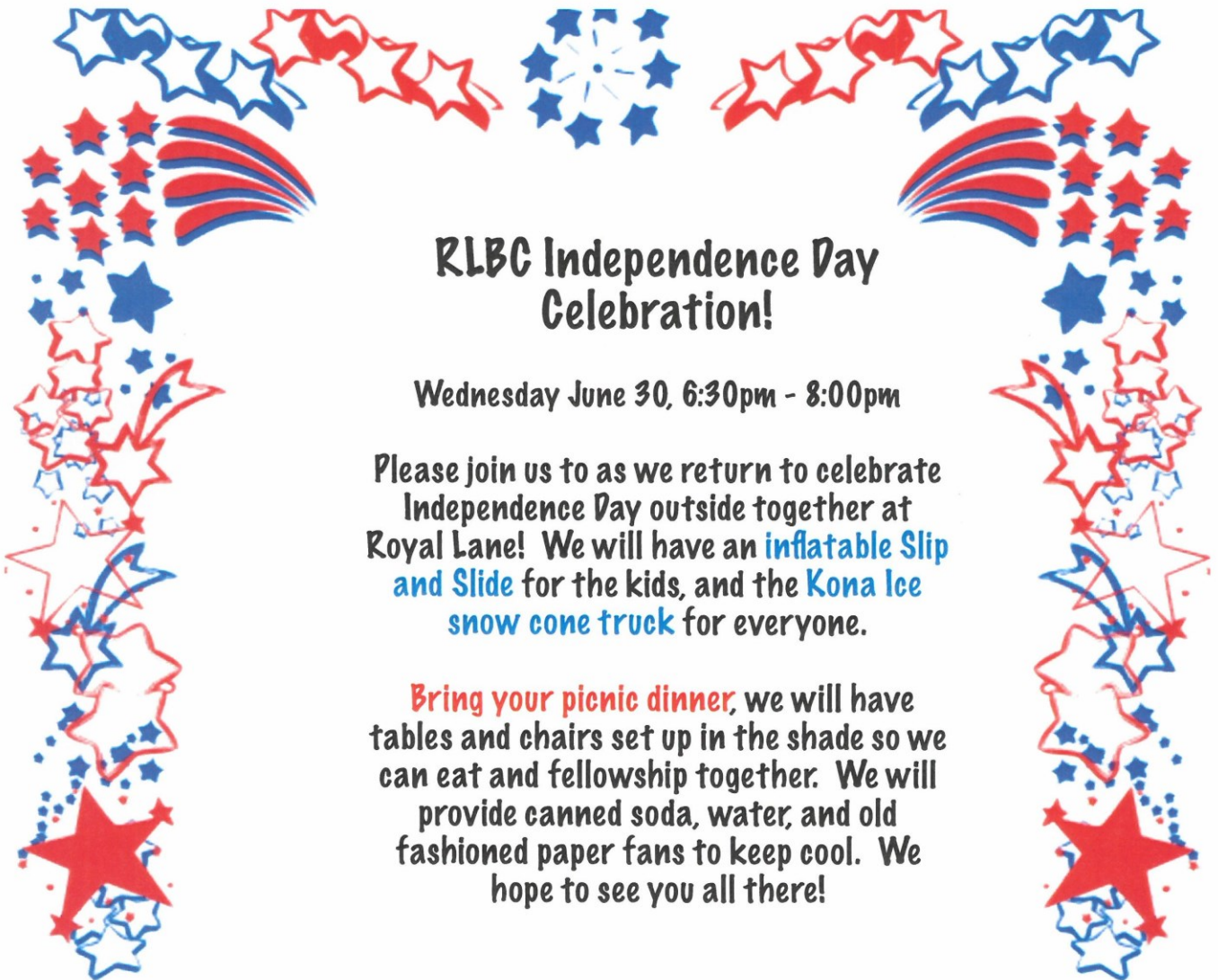
Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, June 22, 2021
9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vickrey Hall

Schedule an appointment: <https://rcblood.org/3v8KQej>



Notes for donors from the American Red Cross:

- You are absolutely able to donate after being vaccinated.
 - Donors do not need to wear a mask if they are vaccinated – we are working by an honor system so they would not have to show proof of vaccination.
 - Red Cross is still testing for antibodies until June 25, so this drive falls before the testing ends.
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RLBC Independence Day Celebration!

Wednesday June 30, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Please join us to as we return to celebrate Independence Day outside together at Royal Lane! We will have an **inflatable Slip and Slide** for the kids, and the **Kona Ice snow cone truck** for everyone.

Bring your picnic dinner, we will have tables and chairs set up in the shade so we can eat and fellowship together. We will provide canned soda, water, and old fashioned paper fans to keep cool. We hope to see you all there!

Deacons of the Week

June 20

John Helms
Cathy Walling

June 27

Melissa Orwig
Blake Miller

July 4

Sarah Fuller Phillips
Karen Simmons

Scriptures of the Week

June 20

1 Samuel 17:(1a. 4-11. 19-23) 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

June 27

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

July 4

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-20 Mark 6:1-13

**All In-Person
Midweek Services
&
Fellowship Meals
Temporarily Suspended**

June 23 – Zoom

Sarah Key
Executive Director, Outlast Youth

June 30

Independence Day Celebration

July 7 – Zoom

Wednesday Bible Study
With Sharon Temple

April 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$320,052
Expenses	\$218,221
Surplus (Deficit)	\$101,830

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Donate online at royallane.org/give/

Happy Birthday!

June

Joe Hill	16
Scott Bryant.....	17
Martha Hatcher.....	17
Jade Arnswald	19
Allen Stewart.....	19
Brittany Jones.....	19
Darrin Fleenor	20
Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez	24
Anne Sewell	24
Steve Sumter.....	25
Avery Michele Stewart.....	26
Leslie Chechan	27
Phil Keith.....	27
Jeffrey Hammett.....	29

July

Cara Mullinax.....	1
Garey Wisdom.....	1
Caleb Clark Soles	4
Daniel Solyom.....	4
Jan Calhoon	5



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Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom
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