

CHURCH CALENDAR

- February 2, 8:05 Moms in Prayer, Parlor
- February 3, 6:00 Mission Friends  
G.A.s and R.A.s Youth  
Women’s Bible Study  
Men’s Bible Study
- February 7, 10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Time
- February 9, 8:05 Moms in Prayer, Parlor
- February 10, Wednesday Activities
- February 14, 10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Time  
Children’s Church
- February 16, 8:05 Moms in Prayer, Parlor
- February 17, 6:00 Mission Friends  
G.A.s and R.A.s, Youth  
Women’s Bible Study FH  
Men’s Bible Study 3rd Floor
- February 21, 8:30 Deacons Meeting  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Time  
Children’s Church  
5:30 Family Night FLC
- February 23, 8:05 Moms in Prayer, Parlor
- February 24, 6:00 Mission Friends  
G.A.s and R.A.s, Youth  
Women’s Bible Study FH  
Men’s Bible Study 3rd Floor
- February 26, 6-9 Date Night FLC
- February 28, 10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Time  
Children’s Church

In The Media Center...

We have a wide variety of books on many subjects. We are anxious for the time we will be open and we look forward to seeing you!

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As we head into February, I can’t help but be excited. That means spring is right around the corner, but it also means that Valentine’s Day is close-guys, you are welcome. Now, Jen and I don’t typically do gifts, and if I am waiting for just one day to tell my spouse how much I love her, well then, I am not being the husband Jen needs me to be. However, for the past eight or nine years our friend group-no matter where we live -has gotten together to celebrate Valentine’s Day. The ladies hangout together and us guys prepare the meal, and truthfully, it is fancy. From the shopping all the way to dessert prep, we put in some work and creativity, but it is so fun. The ladies enjoy their time together. The guys enjoy our time together, and then as we all come together for dinner, it just makes for an awesome night. It is a tradition that we will continue for as long as we are capable. Friends enjoying the company of friends.

Now I share this not in order to get a “job well done” but rather as a way to show how important relationships are meant to be. We all have made it a point to come together and intentionally spend time with one another. Yes, us guys want to celebrate our wives, but a big part of this tradition is just us getting together. People were not created to do life alone. The Lord puts people in our lives to help enrich and make our lives even better. I couldn’t be more thankful for the friends that we get to do life with; they are the best. I Thessalonians 5:11 says, “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” I truly hope that each of us will be this type of friend in the relationships that we have; I know that I am beyond thankful to have friends like this in my life. Now, off to figuring out what will be on the menu for this year.

Take Care,  
Matt  
Philemon 1:6

## From Hillary Davison, Minister of Music

Romans 12:1, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Worship. This is a term that I have often restricted to the four walls of my church (or my car). I think that when many of us hear the word, we like me, think of music and sermon and the time that we spend physically in church. In reflecting on my every day convictions, I came to the realization that my worship extends beyond what I do as a music minister on Sundays, My worship is in the relationships that I build. My worship is in my attitude. My worship is in what comes out of the mouth and what I put into my mind and heart. My worship is in my community outreach. In the referenced passage of scripture, it hit me that all that I produce from this body should be a living example of praising and worshipping God. If what I produce is not of God, then I am not truly worshipping Him.

I’m very thankful for the worshippers in our church. So many sets the stage of what worship looks like outside of our church and we truly have a congregation that has a heart of worship in all things. As we walk this journey on earth, let us all remember to worship in everything that we do. If things or people are holding back your worship, be bold and pray that God will not only break those chains of bondage for you, but will loosen the chains on your neighbor. Let’s be free in our church worship and in our worship outside the church and watch how God transforms us and uses us for His glory.

Blessings,

Hillary

Announcements:

Choir remains at a standstill. We will be doing a modified Easter service, similar to our Christmas service. If you have interest in singing, please contact me.

If you have interest in singing or playing on our praise team, please contact me. We would love to have you on our rotation.

Coming up in February.....

February 14th & 21st Sermon Series: “Love Is A Verb!”

February 21st, 5:30 Dinner and Games in FLC and Gym

February 26th, Date Night 6-9 PM in FLC, We will have a short devotion and then parents will leave for date.

*Contribution statements are available in the Parlor.*

*As you enter the sanctuary please feel free to grab sermon notes and announcement sheets in order to keep up with what is going on in the life of our church.*

*Children’s Church will start February 14th during the worship service. Grades 1st-5th. It will be called 3G kids.*

*Nursery volunteers needed! Anyone interested in service in the nursery during worship service please contact Colleen Phillips or Jina Harris. All help appreciated! Note: Masks must be worn.*

THANK YOU!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all the best in the New Year!

I want to give a report on our White Christmas Tree Offering that took place in December. For this designated offering we came together and gave an additional \$16,000. WOW! I am truly grateful and thankful for each and every person who took part. I do realize this was not our goal for the White Christmas Tree Offering, but that doesn’t mean that we didn’t finish the year off strong. Many additional gifts were given!

You all may remember from my last letter that in an average month we take in roughly \$16,000; I am happy and very proud to inform you all that in December our tithing was just under \$40,000. Although it may not show on paper that our goal was met; Royston Baptist Church, you did AWESOME!

Thank you again for loving the Lord and supporting this church the way you do. I am so excited to see our church thrive and grow in the year ahead!

Olivia M. Harris and the Budget & Finance Committee

Your support with your time and your benevolent dollars to reach out in love to hurting neighbors led a client to write the following thank you note.

*Dear Community Resource Service,*

*I am so grateful for the love shown through the Community Resource Service. I almost gave up on life but God sent you to remind me of his love and faithfulness! I am finally at peace with my life and I am taking it one day at a time! I can truly say that me and my girls witnessed the hand of God in 2020. You went above and beyond to help us out and I am so grateful. 2021 is gonna be even better!! May God continue to bless the ministry.*

*With Love,*

Interesting year 2020! How is that for an understatement? Community Resource Service served 59 local households with a total of 160 household members. Talking with clients it was clear that the Covid 19 Stimulus checks postponed the number of families calling for assistance. Thanks to your generosity and support of this joint community service, CRS had the funds to assist with \$7,111.01 to pay power bills, rent, buy RX, and even pay for medical labs for a diabetic living off a SSI check.

Since the inception of Community Resource Service in October 2016 God has provided the funds to assist every verified need that has been presented. In 2020 we experienced an increase in partnerships with other agencies and the opportunity for sharing the cost of assistance.

Claudia Kay, Program Administrator

We are thankful for a contribution in memory of Mrs. Dot Jones by the Family of Lynn and Anne Hall.

Up next for **Bereavement Meal:**  
Zadie Gaines’ Group

Look around each week and make a note of someone you miss seeing at church. Give them a call or send a card. It will make a difference.