

**LIVE STREAM Sunday at 10a**

**CHURCH OF SAINT DUNSTAN**

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**Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m. and LIVE on Facebook**

Virtual Morning Prayer: Mondays at 11 a.m.

Hour of Prayer, Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

Adult Study: Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Men's Bible Study, 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

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# Reaching out by God's Grace

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◆ Established in 1947, The Church of Saint Dunstan was named for St. Dunstan who was the Archbishop of Canterbury, statesman and reformer circa 909-988

◆ The Rt. Rev. Fraser W. Lawton is the 7th Rector at St. Dunstan

◆ The Church of Saint Dunstan is part of the Diocese of Dallas and a pro-Cathedral working with other congregations in Northeast Texas

◆ St. Dunstan is home to parishioners from five counties: Wood, Smith, Rains, Van Zandt and Hunt

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# SCRIPTORIUM

THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN

## A LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I begin my column for this edition of the Scriptorium by giving thanks to the Episcopal Church Women for their donation to the Rector's Discretionary Account. This came from part of the proceeds from their lunch and Christmas Basket sale late last year. I truly appreciate this gift at this time, especially as the balance in that account was getting a bit low! The discretionary fund is the only account over which I have signing authority (and that is sole authority). It is fairly typical for our parishes to have this type of fund, and the diocese includes directions and rules over their establishment and use. Basically, a discretionary fund is an account that is established for the rector's use in giving some assistance to those in need, to purchase or support resources outside the budget (for instance, it was used a few years ago to purchase copies of "Start With Why" for the vestry members of the day), or other reasons as deemed appropriate. The dispersal of funds is left to the wisdom and discretion of the rector (hence "Discretionary Fund"). This means the rector does not have to go to the vestry or wardens or anyone else to explain a situation, etc., to obtain the funds. That helps maintain confidentiality for those receiving support. It also enables the rector to have re-

sources available to pursue ministry needs. For the last number of years, aside from the purchase of the aforementioned books and to pay for a subscription to *Taste and See* (available in the track rack), all the disbursements have been made to help people who've found themselves in very difficult situations. This has included parishioners and those who have come to us seeking help. It has certainly been a blessing to a number of people. The fund has been maintained only from gifts/donations, mostly given by parishioners. Though the rector has sole discretion in its use, the account is kept by the parish (and, without names, to be reviewed with the wardens each year) and appears on the "Balance Sheet". That is, the account is not a personal account of the rector's, but a trust. In fact, the rector is specifically prohibited from benefitting from the account. The parish does in fact have a written policy about the use of the fund and it is included (again, not with names being revealed) in the annual audit. Again, I give my thanks to those who have supported this fund in the past and for the recent gift from the ECW. This is so much more than having access to some funds for people I encounter or to pursue something I perceive as a need. It is an extension of the generosity of the parish and an expression of God's own care for those in

need. While some of you may be inclined to also give a donation to the Discretionary Fund (which will be gratefully received!!), it is also a good reminder for us all about one of the aspects of Lent. Easter, and therefore Ash Wednesday, is early this year, and it is already time to think about how we will observe Lent. Our use of the finances God has entrusted to us is part of this. This is true of prayerfully considering our tithes. It is also very much about thinking about those who struggle to make ends meet, those in poverty, those in dire need. We, as God's children, are to reflect His generous heart. Let us be soft hearted before the Lord and be open to see the needs around us and take advantage of the opportunity to bless others as we have been blessed by God.

The Lord be with you,  
+Fraser



The Rt. Rev. Fraser W. Lawton, Rector,  
The Church of St. Dunstan and  
Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Dallas

### SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sunday service 10AM & LIVE via Facebook**
- **Mondays at 11AM—Morning Prayer, zoom**
- **Wednesday at 11AM—Bible Study, Parish Hall**
- **Wednesday at 5PM—Women's Bible Study**
- **2nd & 4th Saturday, Men's Bible Study**
- **FEB 3: 10AM-1PM, APNET Bible Study, St. Francis**
- **FEB 7: 5-7PM, Youth Evening**
- **FEB 10: Men's Bible study**
- **FEB 11: Mardi Gras Sunday—gumbo served (instead of POTLUCK)**
- **FEB 14: NOON & 6PM, ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**
- **FEB 17: 10AM, Vestry meeting**
- **FEB 20: NOON, Grace Chapter DOK meets**
- **FEB 21: 12:30, Grace Chapter DOK meets**
- **FEB 24: Men's Bible study**
- **FEB 27—MAR 5: House of Bishops meeting**

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>. THERE WILL BE TWO SERVICES: NOON AND 6:00 P.M.**

## ACOLYTE, ALTAR GUID AND LECTOR SCHEDULES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THESE MINISTRIES AT ST. DUNSTAN? CALL THE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

**Acolytes for FEBRUARY:**

- 4 Howard & Kathi Ladewig
- 11 Tommy & Karen Campbell
- 18 Wes Smith / Wendy Gholson
- 25 Milton Husbands/Lee Spence

**Lectors for FEBRUARY:**

- 4 Kathi Ladewig

- 11 Mary Achziger
- 18 Diana Davault
- 25 Lee Spence

**Altar Guild for FEBRUARY:**

- 4 Lee Spence / Kay Stephens
- 11 Shirley Tennant / Angela Walters
- 18 Reggie Askins / Anita Reese
- 25 Bonita Howell / Marcia Smith

**Camera / Streaming Operation for FEBRUARY:**

- 4 Cazzie Husbands / Mary Achziger
- 11 Wes Smith / Suellen Holm
- 18 Chuck French / Garrett Willsea
- 25 Steve Holm / Marcia Smith

## APNET BIBLE STUDY

APNET quarterly sponsors bible studies that are filled with lively discussion, singing and of course, food and fellowship. The studies are open to parishioners and friends of all the APNET congregations. APNET consists of the following churches: St. Dunstan, St. Francis, St. Philip's, St. Mark's, San Marcos and St. Wm. Laud.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 3rd from 10AM to 1PM at St. Francis Episcopal Church on 407 Blackjack Street in Winnsboro.

The February study will focus on what we have in common with Noah. For reference, the passages for the study are in the banner box at right. The series of bible studies

have been based on Max Lucado's book, "They Walked with God".

The St. Francis lunch team requests that you let the church office know if you plan on attending so they can prepare the food.

Bring a side or dessert if you would like to (or not). There is a rumor that the main dish provided will be smoked meat. †

**APNET BIBLE STUDY**

**A STUDY OF NOAH**

**GENESIS 8:6-11**

**FEBRUARY 3RD  
ST. FRANCIS**

## MISSION TRIP TO IBBA



Ibba market day

Bishop Lawton is exploring organizing a trip to South Sudan and the Diocese of Ibba. If you are interested in joining in on this mission trip, please e-mail Bishop Lawton at [flawton@edod.org](mailto:flawton@edod.org)

Pictures from last year's visit to the Diocese of Ibba are shown here. If you would like to help with funding one of the projects in their Diocese, check out the poster on the bulletin board in the hall.



Parishioners gather in front of Payot

## APNET COUNCIL MEETS AT ST. DUNSTAN

St. Dunstan will host APNET Council members for the next quarterly meeting in our Parish Hall. The meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, March 9th. The host site prepares a meal and dessert for the attendees.

We are asking for a few volunteers who would be willing to prepare a dessert. The count for the meeting is usually around 15. Please contact the office (903.569.2478) if you are interested in helping with dessert for the APNET Council meeting.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

"Thank you for the wonderful prayer blanket. It was very meaningful to me coming from all of you!! Your prayers through this ordeal have certainly helped. Your kind words from each of you and your support I've found are special to me. The tears of joy I shed opening my package may explain why it meant so much. Thank you. I certainly appreciate all of you. Keep

it up. They are working. Thanks to the Lord!! My love to each of you. Missing each one of you.

In His Name,  
Janet



## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM JANET YOUNG

[Many of you may remember Fr. Pat and Janet from their time here at St. Dunstan. She is recovering from a recent health setback.]

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- FEB 6 Gail Lawton
- 11 Mike Rodieck
- 16 Marcia Smith
- 23 Sammie Hall
- 24 Kay Whitley
- 27 Richard Evans

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- FEB 10 Kraig & Suzanne Stemme
- 15 Wes & Marcia Smith
- 22 Doug & Karen Parks



*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all!*