

**LIVE STREAM Sunday at 10a**

**CHURCH OF SAINT DUNSTAN**

800 N. Johnson ♦ P. O. Box 81  
Mineola TX 75773

**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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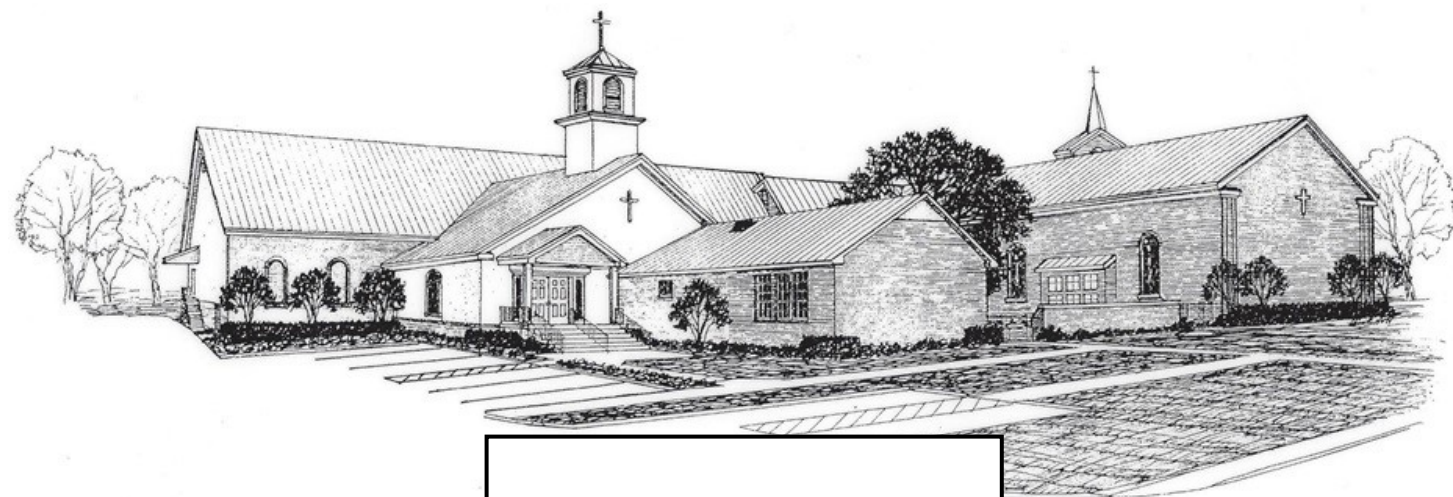


To learn more about St. Dunstan, click on the black QR code at left, the blue QR code at right is a giving link.



# Reaching out by God's Grace

The Church of St. Dunstan  
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- ◆ Established in 1947, The Church of St. 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 St. 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,

The last couple of months have seen an increasing sense of anticipation and gratitude in all that's going on in the parish. Most of you will hopefully have heard of the plan to reorganize the nave of the church. We plan to move the organ towards the front of the nave, right in front of the pulpit. The audio and live-stream equipment is to be moved to the rear of the nave. We are considering types of seating, but anticipate being able to add between 20 and 30 spots once everything is rearranged. At the same time, we are hoping to update the lighting in the area with the low ceiling. Last year, for the first time, we held a dinner for those who were new to the congregation both to welcome you and also to share more about the life of the congregation. We know that it is time to do that again, and there are some preliminary conversations happening to begin planning. We are about to have our fourth children/youth service (first Wednesday of the month). Out of that, we have begun talking about growing our capacity in terms of Sunday School and the development of youth ministry. To this end, I've asked you to pray for God's leading and

provision of appropriate leadership for that ministry. We don't want to simply find someone to "fill a need", but to seek out the people the Lord would use to best shepherd what He is doing. This, of course, brings us to the real cause for rejoicing. We are so delighted to have the growth in the congregation. This is the Lord's doing. Anything and everything we do must be in accord with the "Why" of our existence. We have a mission that defines and drives not only what we do, but also how we do it. Jesus told us (Matthew 28) to make disciples of all nations, to baptize and to teach people what He taught. All our programs, liturgies, courses, ministry groups, building plans and dreams all serve this purpose. We are all about being agents of God's grace. We serve an AWESOME God. He transforms lives, He heals, He delivers, He gives hope, He pours out His love, the Holy Spirit fills His people, and He saves us. We are now in the season of Easter, celebrating Jesus' resurrection and triumph over sin, death, and the devil. These are not merely concepts or memories, but are the realities of our own lives. God is doing great things among us right now. We rejoice in that.

We also need to be very mindful to also be discerning – seeking His direction in cooperating with Him and to grow together with Him and in Him. Every one of us in this congregation has a share in what God is doing and is going to do. Please keep praying for the grace of God to be at work among us. Please keep praying for the Holy Spirit to use us to reveal God's grace and mercy through us. Please keep praying that we will be the kind of family and community He wants us to be. Each of us has a place and purpose in this great adventure now unfolding. To Him be all the glory and praise!

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**
- **APR 1: OFFICE CLOSED**
- **APR 3: 5-7PM, Youth Evening**
- **APR 10: 11AM, Matthew Bible study**
- **APR 13: Parish Spring Cleaning Day 9:45—1:30, Burgers & Dogs**
- **APR 13: 8:30AM, Men's Bible study**
- **APR 15-17: Clergy Conference**
- **APR 16: NOON, Grace Chapter DOK meets**
- **APR 20: 10AM, Vestry meets**
- **APR 23-25, House of Bishops meeting**
- **APR 27: Men's Bible study**
- **APR 27—10AM-1PM, APNET Bible Study, St. Francis**

## ACOLYTE, ALTAR GUILD, LECTOR & STREAMING SCHEDULES

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING ONE OF THESE MINISTRIES, CALL THE OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, 903.569.2478.

### Acolytes for APRIL:

- 7 Chuck & Mary Lu French
- 14 Milton Husbands/Lee Spence
- 21 Tommy & Karen Campbell
- 28 Howard & Kathi Ladewig

### Lectors for APRIL:

- 7 Patti Corbett
- 14 Lee Spence
- 21 Diana Davault
- 28 Kathi Ladewig

### Altar Guild for APRIL:

- 7 Reggie Askins / Anita Reese
- 14 Bonita Howell / Marcia Smith
- 21 Cazzie Husbands/Margie Jennings
- 28 Shirley Tennant

### Camera / Streaming Operation for APRIL:

- 7 Christine Brosky
- 14 Wes Smith / Suellen Holm
- 21 Chuck French / Garrett Willsea
- 28 Steve Holm / Marcia Smith

## APNET HELPS ST. FRANCIS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS

St. Francis will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Rt. Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner will officiate an 11AM service, with a brief program and lunch to follow. All APNET congregations are invited to participate in the celebration. Organizers would appreciate an RSVP no later than May 3<sup>rd</sup> to prepare.

St. Francis will also host the APNET quarterly bible study on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The studies

feature in depth character analysis from the Max Lucado's book, "They Walked with God".

St. Francis Mission in Winnsboro was established as a parochial mission of St. Wm. Laud of Pittsburg in 1994. The first official service was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1994. The Rev. Cn. Bruce MacPherson, Canon of the Ordinary for the Diocese of Dallas, assisted by The Rev. Michael

Woods, conducted the first service. There were at least 30 in attendance with an average attendance that year of 20-23 people according to a report by the late Jim Herlocker, a charter member and treasurer at the time. With space and parking constraints, the congregation found a home in their current location at 407 Blackjack Street where there is ample parking and room to grow. †

### ST. FRANCIS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

MAY 18, 2024 at 11AM



### APNET BIBLE STUDY

APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> AT  
ST. FRANCIS  
407 BLACKJACK ST  
WINNSBORO

The partial history of St. Francis provided with permission by Jay Miller, September 2023, APNET newsletter

## HEALING PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Dallas is offering a Healing Prayer Conference on May 10 & 11, 2024 at The Church of the Incarnation. The conference features Judith MacNutt and The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandra Kerner.

Ms. MacNutt is President and Co-Founder of Christian Healing Ministries. She is a licensed psychotherapist and hold a Masters in Psychology and has written several books

on the subject.

The Rev. Cn. Kerner focuses her work on healing ministry, spiritual direction and pastoral care. She serves as Canon for Prayer and Healing in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

The conference will include worship, prayer and talks that focus on healing, such as:

- ◆Forgiveness
- ◆Physical healing

- ◆Removing obstacles to healing
- ◆Generational healing
- ◆Mother/Father blessing

The conference concludes with resources and a panel discussion on "Where do we go from here?".

The registration fee is \$80 per person for the two day conference. Register at [www.edod.org](http://www.edod.org), or right click and open the [Healing Prayer Conference](#). †

## HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION SET

St. Dunstan will hold a dedication ceremony and an unveiling of their historical marker on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This is also St. Dunstan's feast day and Pentecost Sunday. The event will begin with a celebration service at 10AM, followed by a very brief unveiling of the St. Dunstan marker in the front of the church. Everyone will then be invited to a luncheon in the Parish Hall sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

A short program will feature special guests: Jim Philips, Texas Historical Commission Chairman for Wood County and The Hon. Kevin White, Wood County Judge.

May also marks 77 years in the life of The Church of St. Dunstan. Thanks be to God!

## MISSION DAY: THE GREAT DE-CHURCHING

The Diocese of Dallas annually hosts MISSION DAY. This year, Mission Day is on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The keynote speakers for the event are Jim Davis and Michael Graham. The Great De-Churching will cover:

- Who's Leaving
- Why are they going
- What will it take to bring them back

Afternoon workshops focus on how to share your story of faith with others;

developing an Evangelistic Action Plan for congregations; Creating Space for Seekers; Reaching Gen Z; Ministering to New Immigrant Populations; Short Term Mission Trips—From Start to Finish and Starting a University Outreach.

This is also a great opportunity to spend time with folks from other Parishes within the Diocese. Call the office to register!

Please join us for

Mission Day

May 4, 2024

The Great De-Churching

—  
Answering questions about  
our future

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS:

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| APR |               |
| 2   | Kraig Stemme  |
| 6   | Ray Dean, Sr. |
| 21  | Bishop Fraser |

### ANNIVERSARIES:

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| APR |                         |
| 23  | Mike & Ruth Ann Rodieck |
| 27  | Matt & Erin Bremmer     |
| 28  | Mitzi & Ken Pearce      |



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all!