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The Rt. Rev. David Reed visitation to St. Francis was on Sunday, Feb. 3. (L to R): Fr. David, Phil Harmon, Tatiana Hoecker, Bishop David Reed, Tom O'Bryant, Brian Freiberger, Mary Anne O'Bryant, and Fr. Gordon.



“Walk in Love
as
Christ loved us.”
- Ephesians 5:2

115th Diocesan Council

The 115th Diocesan Council will begin Thursday, Feb. 21, at the McAllen Convention Center with Registration at 10:00 a.m. Official business convenes at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and concludes at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23. For current information and registration, visit council-dwtx.org.



Mark your calendars

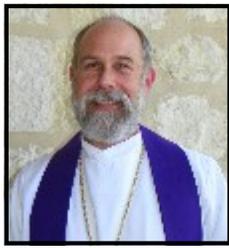
The Spring Women's Gathering is Apr. 26 to 28 at Camp Capers. The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge will lead discussion, and study focused on women's profound impact on Jesus' ministry in John's gospel. Contact Marjorie George at marjoriegeorge@dwtx.org with questions, and find more information and registration at dwtx.org/women/events.



Second Saturday Retreats

Join other women on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center's beautiful grounds for a time of contemplative silence and fellowship. Contact Marjorie George at marjoriegeorge@dwtx.org for more information.

Second Saturday Retreats take place at the Bishop Jones Center most months (111 Torcido Drive; San Antonio, TX 78209.) Check the diocesan calendar (<https://www.dwtx.org/calendar-events/calendar/>) for finalized dates.



Pax et bonum!

There are many quotations ascribed to our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, some of which can be proven and others, well, we accept on faith. A proven saying of his is *Pax et bonum*. "Peace and all good wishes!"



"Words are signs of things." The Franciscan greeting of *peace* is a sign of the life Francis sought to bring into the lives of the people he served. We know that St. Francis was an *instrument of peace* on many occasions during his lifetime. One in particular is important to share.

It happened toward the end of Francis' life. The Bishop of Assisi and a public official of the same city were involved in a bitter conflict over power: authority and control. The bishop had excommunicated the magistrate and he, in turn, forbade the merchants of the town to sell anything to the bishop. Francis grieved at such behavior, and he devised a means of bringing reconciliation to the two warring individuals. It was on this occasion that Francis composed another stanza to the famous "Canticle of the Sun."

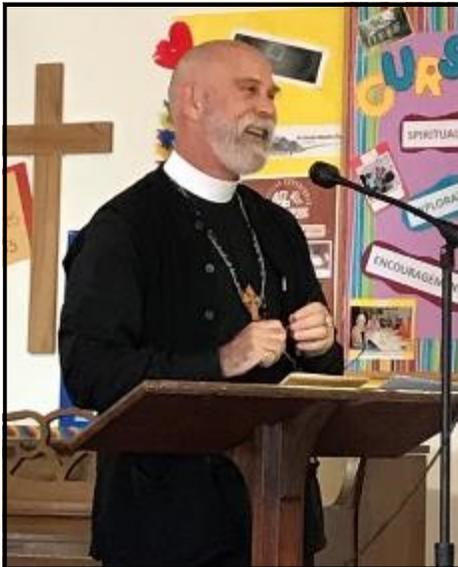
"Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for His love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation; Blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for Thou, Most High, shall give them a crown."

Francis concocted an opportunity, invited the two men, and had two brothers sing a duet before the enraged bishop and the seething magistrate. The result was what Francis had hoped and prayed: rec-

onciliation—*pardon* and *peace* between the two men; and *good* was restored to the community...

May *pax et bonum* be on each and all of our lips and lived through our lives.

For the love and God and the life of the world,
Fr. David



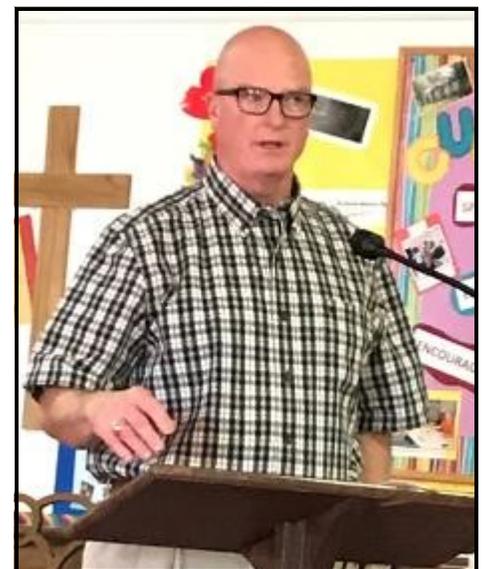
At the Annual Parish Meeting on Jan. 27, Fr. David thanked the outgoing vestry members: Linda Bosenbark, Brenda Smith, and Don Stackhouse, for their service to St. Francis.



Bob Amos agreed to be the St. Francis Treasurer for another year.



Sr. Warden Linda Bosenbark talked about her ministry with the St. Francis' vestry.



Jr. Warden Chris Mitchell talked about his ministry with the St. Francis' vestry.





Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)

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Greetings All,

Overall 2018 was a balanced year for St. Francis by the Lake. Lots of good news was combined with some important challenges.

Here is a summary of our financial condition at year end 2018.

General Operations ran a higher deficit than planned.

The Capital Campaign did well with contributions ahead of plan.

Debt Retirement also did well with contributions ahead of plan.

Endowment Fund declined 3.3% due to market declines in the fourth quarter.

Year end 2018 details:

Operations:

Revenues: Contributions to the General Fund were \$261,840.81, which was \$8,684.66 less (worse) than planned, largely due to the shortfall in Regular Giving. Pledges were on target and other sources were slightly ahead.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$281,945.25, which was \$868.75 less (better) than planned.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): We experienced a deficit of \$20,104.44, which was \$7,815.91 higher (worse) than expected.

Capital:

Capital Campaign: The Capital Campaign did well. Contributions were \$171,330.73 which was \$45,395.73 better than expected.

Other Building Funds: The Building Fund grew by \$19,066.91, New Building Memorials grew by \$1,810.00, Kitchen Fund grew by \$4,581.00, and New Building Furniture and Equipment fund grew by \$5,100.00 during 2018.

We have begun paying for the Ministry and Outreach Center from our Building and Capital Campaign funds. We also secured a construction line of credit loan from Frost Bank and a permanent financing loan commitment from the Crump Foundation.

Debt Retirement: Debt retirement contributions for 2018 were \$26,4890.00, which was \$6,737.00 better than expected. We paid off our \$30,000 Crump loan on the church sanctuary building, two years ahead of schedule. And we have a good start on the debt retirement contributions need to pay the new mortgage on the Ministry and Outreach Center.

Endowment Fund: The Endowment Fund is invested in a conservative fund managed by the Diocese of West Texas Foundation. The year-end balance is \$49,873.85, which is a decline of \$1,688.88 in asset value, due to the market decline in the fourth quarter of 2018.

Other Highlights: Our local and outreach ministries were funded as planned. We contributed \$9,158.25 to our ministries during 2018. Also, we funded Fr. David's sabbatical.

Endowment Fund: The balance is \$52,959.86 as of November 30, which represents an increase of \$1,332.47 so far in 2018.

Our **funds** as of December 31, 2018:

General Operating:	\$	11,064.21
Debt Retirement:	\$	8,216.62
Building Fund:	\$	48,675.35
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$	40,361.54
Endowment Fund:	\$	49,873.85
Debt	\$	0.00

Thank you all for your generous and faithful support of our church and our ministries at St. Francis by the Lake during 2018.

If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss a pledge or contribution, please feel free to contact me at treasure@gvtc.com.



Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#), ECW President

Dear Friends,

What a blessing to live in a community with people who are gifted with vision, fortitude, and heart to bring about positive changes for others. At the January ECW meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing from Ms. Roxanna Deane, Library Director for Tye Preston Memorial Library. Ms. Deane graciously stepped in for our ill speaker, Ms. Betty Colley. We learned that Betty Colley, Burnham Jones, Bette Wehner, and other Canyon Lake residents were the catalysts for changing Texas law governing the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of community district libraries. The legislation allows the formation of library taxing districts and permits voters to choose to dedicate a portion of their sales tax revenue to support library services. After the state law was amended, these Canyon Lake library champions worked tirelessly to bring about a vote for a Canyon Lake Community Library District. After that was passed, these citizens accomplished the tasks of securing a site, funding, and building the current Tye Preston Memorial Library. We are thankful for Betty, Burnham, Bette, Roxanna, and others in Canyon Lake (past and present) who are devoted to serving and improving the quality of life for residents in this area.

Please plan to attend the next monthly ECW meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14, at Betty Morris' home. The brunch and fellowship begin at

11:00 a.m. and the program and business meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Our guest speaker this month is Mrs. Kay Stackhouse. Kay will be sharing about her daily walk with Jesus and her experiences with in an international online Bible study group (Hannah Ministry.)

All women are invited to provide input on ECW's outreach funding awards. We have \$6,000 to award to organizations in our community and the larger world. [Click here](#) to link to and print a copy of the disbursement form. Paper copies of the form are available in the Narthex. Please put your completed form in the ECW box in the office or bring it with you to the Feb. 14 ECW meeting. The deadline for submitting forms is Feb. 14. We are collecting them early so as to be able to make awards at the time of the "Big Give" when receiving organizations are eligible for matching funds and prizes which expand their awards.

We are excitedly preparing for the Taters-N-Treasures parish

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Reaching up... Reaching out

Lord, what do you want to do through me?

This is our parish. The time is now. Pray for our Capital Campaign and our Stewardship Campaign and ask God's guidance in how you are to join in the vision.

The floor plan of the Outreach and Ministry Center is available in the Narthex.



Practical Exercise Class At

Saint Francis by the Lake

Class instruction focuses on posture, breathing, stretching, balance, form, and light exercise.

Instructor: Jeanne Slupik

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Where: Parish hall. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat.

Cost: Donations only, to benefit St. Francis by the Lake.

Come join us!



Needs for the CRRC food pantry

Our local food pantry continues to be in need of the following items:

- green beans (frozen or canned);
 - carrots (frozen or canned);
 - mixed vegetables (frozen or canned);
 - canned beans - assorted;
 - assorted soups;
 - cereal;
 - plastic grocery bags;
 - toilet paper;
 - baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, and adult sizes, (both disposable and cloth diapers); and
 - toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss.
- (When visiting the dentist each patient is usually given a small bag that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. As each of us has our semi-annual checkups, please consider bringing those to church for the CRRC donation box. Thanks to Betty Morris for that suggestion.)*
- All contributions are appreciated.*

What's happening

Daughters of the King (DOK)

will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall on Feb. 27 after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

Episcopal Church Women

(ECW) meet on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Betty Morris' home. ([See article, p. 4.](#))

Scripture Study Group is an informal study that meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the parish hall, followed by Eucharist.

Vestry meets the second Sunday of each month. The group will meet Feb. 10 at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall.

Adult Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group decides at their meeting where the next get-together will take place.

Breathing Under Water: Spirituality & the Twelve Steps is Fr. Gordon's book study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.

Caregiver Support Group meets every third Monday (Feb. 18) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

COH Circle of Care meet in the parish hall every first Monday of the month (on Sunday, (Feb. 4.)

St. Francis Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Monday of the month in the parish hall.

Men's Gathering meets every second Saturday (Feb. 9) of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat meets each month on the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. On beautiful grounds, the time is for contemplative silence and fellowship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several woman from St. Francis that would be glad to have you join them. Please call the St. Francis office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)

February anniversaries

Fr. Gordon and Pam Scheible	2/18
Paul and Judy McClendon	2/21
Dale and Libby Templeton	2/23
Brian and Stacey Benham	2/26

February birthdays

Sandra Goad	2/1
T.W. Jackson	2/1
Andy Scheible	2/2
Robbie White	2/2
Brenda Smith	2/4
Judy Reese	2/11
Valerie Kirk	2/12
Marcel Klaftegger	2/14
Art Hoecker	2/18
Jay Hillin	2/20
Jo Conchado	2/21

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luncheon and silent auction on Sunday, Feb. 17. See more about the event in this newsletter and the weekly *Good News*. Please contact me if you have questions, or would like to

volunteer or donate (512) 497-2297 or gabe.triciajones@gmail.com).

Almighty God, Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son Jesus. Amen. Excerpted from the ECW Prayer.

Mark your calendars

Feb. 3 - The Bishop David Reed's visitation takes place at both services. (Dates for the inquirer's class will be forthcoming.)

Feb. 17 - 12:15 p.m. - Taters-N-Treasures - an ECW FUNd-raiser. ([See article on p. 6.](#))

Feb. 21-23 - 115th Diocesan Council in McAllen.

Mar. 6 - **Ash Wednesday**
6:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

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News from Lynda McNab

Dear friends and family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support and prayers. I received my 5th (and final!) chemo on Jan 2. The treatment went well, but the recovery seemed to take a bit longer, probably due to the chemicals building up in my body. This Wednesday I met with the radiologist, and on Friday I went in to be “mapped and tattooed.” Radiation will begin on Jan. 28 and last for 6 ½ weeks. I will have daily treatments, Monday through Friday. Then we celebrate!

I have had such a wonderful support team; my nurse navigator, my surgeon, my oncologist and her caring staff, all of the wonderful nonprofits who have guided me and helped me to feel and look my best, but most of all the angels near and far who have called, emailed, texted, written, and prayed for me throughout this journey. You have been awesome and I look forward to thanking each of you in person soon.

I felt protected as the army of chemicals marched in to fight the cancer cells, and give fair warning to any who linger...radiation is out to get you! Can't wait to have hair and a mani-pedi, but in the meantime, I will try to keep my life as normal as possible.

The shirt in the picture was a Christmas present from Robert. I wore it to my final chemo session.

Thank you again for everything.

Love and blessings,
Lynda



2019 Upcoming events:

Mar. 14-17: Cursillo weekend #281 at Camp Capers.

May 2-5: Cursillo weekend #282 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Sep. 26-29: Cursillo weekend #283 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Nov. 7-10: Cursillo weekend #284 at Camp Capers.



ECW and Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head invite YOU to the

Taters-N-Treasures

FUNd-Raiser Luncheon!

Sunday, February 17, 12:15 p.m.;
Parish Hall, St. Francis by the Lake

A \$10 ticket buys YOU a large, hot baked potato with your choice of trimmings, chilled fresh salad, home-made dressings, home-made dessert, and beverage.

And because we love to have fun and to shop, there will be a Treasure Trove of Spectacular Silent Auction Prizes for you to bid on during lunch. Be the lucky one to take home one (or more) of the fabulous prizes that have been generously donated.

Please buy your tickets in advance on Sunday, Feb. 3 or Sunday, Feb. 10. Tickets will also be available the day of the event.

Purchasing a \$10 ticket and being the winner of a Silent Auction prize helps ECW to award scholarships to our parish's high school graduates, acknowledge new confirmands with a Book of Common Prayer, and award funds to nonprofit organizations that directly support those in need in our community. Thank You!

Honduras Mission trip in January, - working hard!



In loving memory

Baker Duncan

Dec. 12, 1927 - January 16, 2019

In loving memory

Sally Duncan

March 1, 1926 - January 24, 2019



Children in Honduras Scholarship program

**The Way of Love:
Practices for a
Jesus-Centered
Life**

From *Weekly ENEWS from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas*

The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life is Presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s initiative inviting Episcopalians to Jesus-centered living through seven practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Go, Bless, and Rest. The Way of Love will be a focus of the Annual Diocesan Council and Christian spiritual formation throughout the year. For more information, visit christian-formation-dwtx.org/the-way-of-love.

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**Our Mission
Statement**

As Children of God we, at St. Francis by the Lake, are committed to living, learning, and sharing the love of Christ, the Word of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit with our parish family, our communities, and the world.



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