



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



February 2023

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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**Preaching Schedule**

**Feb. 5 - Jane Els, communion**  
**Feb. 12 - Lessons and Hymns**  
**Feb. 19 - Jane Els, Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes 5:00 p.m.**  
**Feb. 26 - Tricia Clark, 1st Sunday of Lent**

**Session Highlights**

Because of my mom's illness, I have not been able to write up session highlights for this month. I will put highlights of the January session meeting and congregational meeting in the February newsletter. Tricia



**Music Notes**

The chime choir will continue to practice at 10:20 on Sunday mornings. We would welcome any new members! Contact Patricia Fields if you are interested.

Sunday February 12th is Camp and Retreat Sunday, and that makes it a great day to have an Indoor Picnic! Let's plan to celebrate by wearing casual clothes and gathering in Fellowship after the service for lunch with a menu of things like sandwiches, chips, soda and snacks.

**Attendance:**

January 1—12  
January 8—14  
January 15—10  
January 22—9

**February birthdays & anniversaries:**

**(Please notify the office if I do not have your birthday)**

**There are no birthdays or anniversaries in February.**

## February 2023 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

### Sunday, February 5

Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]

Psalms 112:1–9 [10]

1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]

Matthew 5:13–20

### Sunday, February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15–20 or Sirach 15:15–20

Psalms 119:1–8

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

Matthew 5:21–37

### Transfiguration of the Lord—February 19

Exodus 24:12–18

Psalms 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16–21

Matthew 17:1–9

### Ash Wednesday—February 22

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12

Psalms 51:1–17

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

### First Sunday in Lent—February 26

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12–19



## Annie Lou Dunn (Knight)

Saturday, March 15, 1930 - Monday, January 16, 2023

Annie Lou Knight Dunn joined the faithful in Heaven on January 16, 2023 after a long and well lived life. Mrs. Dunn was born on March 15, 1930, in Grapevine, Texas, to the late Monroe and Eliza Emery Knight. She was a 1947 graduate of Winnsboro High School and then attended Draughn Business School in Dallas. Annie was and executive secretary for most of her adult life working for W.R. Grace in Dallas and Santa Fe Drilling in Odessa. Mrs. Dunn served for 3 years in the mission field in Nepal with the Lutheran Church. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro.

Annie was a voracious reader and loved dogs. She was always asking about her families dogs and loved to give them a scratch on the ears. Mrs. Dunn was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ray Dunn; siblings A.J. Baker, Ruth Knight Carpenter, M.R. Knight, Jr., Clyde Knight, Imogene Knight McCord, and Dorothy Knight Craddock. She is survived by daughter Ronda Pressly Wallis and husband Jim, daughter Tricia Pressly Clark and husband John; granddaughter Lauren Wallis, granddaughter Holly Clark-Porter and spouse K.C., granddaughter Hannah Clark Horstman and husband Jordan; grandson Nathan Clark and spouse Kristin; great-grandchildren Lily and Will Clark, Brooklyn Horstman; and many beloved nieces and nephews. The family will hold a service of remembrance for Mrs. Dunn at a later date. If you would like to make a donation in her memory, the family requests contributions be sent to the Gilbreath Memorial Library, 916 N. Main St., Winnsboro, Tx. 75494 or to the Winnsboro Animal Shelter by going to <https://www.winnsborotxanimalshelter.org/>



# Jane's Journey

I went to one of the best meetings of Grace Presbytery I've ever had the pleasure of attending last Saturday. Let me tell you about it.

For one thing it was in person. And I usually know about half of the people at these meetings. They are all good friends and colleagues in ministry. I kept seeing the same gesture of outstretched hands with fingers wiggling in anticipation: people just wanted to get their hands on each other and hug. We were so happy to meet in person and not on a computer screen that it was palpable. It was good to see each other in the flesh.

It was a stated meeting which meant we had only one purpose and that was to vote on two nominations from committees. We would start with a short worship service as always and then listen to proposals from search committees for the two most consequential positions in the presbytery: General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. The General Presbyter position had been vacant for three and a half years, a long time – mostly due to the pandemic but made easier by an easy-going and competent interim General Presbyter. But the other position had only been vacated in December by a retirement.

We knew going into the meeting we would make history by voting in a young black man as General Presbyter and an openly gay man as the Stated Clerk. They were introduced by the search committees with glowing recommendations as to their qualifications for the job. As in our national government, (which was based on the presbyterian form of government), the floor was opened to questions and comments. Only one person had a comment and that was really directed toward another issue completely. The moderator let him have his say (refer to my favorite paragraph in the Book of Order: Mutual Forbearance F3.0105). And we voted overwhelmingly to elect them.

I met Chris Lee, our new General Presbyter, about two years ago when Armel and I called him with questions about a program on race relations that we were interested in. He was one of the pastors at Canyon Creek in Richardson, one of the largest and fastest growing churches in the area. He is a bright, enthusiastic and humble guy and I think he will bring a new energy to our presbytery.

With these two guys, we join Austin Seminary who just installed an Hispanic president and a Black academic dean, in taking some pretty bold moves in the Diversity Department. And I know this might make some people uncomfortable. They might question their credentials and wonder if these people are really qualified or if we just put them there to look good.

For that question I can only say that I know any search committee in the Presbyterian Church is going to pray for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit every time they meet. They are going to pray in their car on the way to the meetings. They are going to pray at home at night, or while walking their dog, or drinking their morning coffee. They are going to pray their guts out that they are choosing the candidate of God's choice. I can only conclude the person they choose is therefore that choice. As a voting member of Grace Presbytery I could feel the Spirit moving in the Sanctuary on Saturday. I trust the movement of that Spirit. I trust our church to work through any difficulties a transition process brings. Chris Lee told us he would make mistakes and asked for our help when he did so. There was an atmosphere of love and support surrounding the election. We do not travel alone as we enter this new territory. We step out trusting in God and in each other. We are traveling toward the Kingdom of God.



# Jack Sidney Baber

June 6, 1927-January 16, 2023

Jack was born in Brownsville, Texas on June 6, 1927, to Judge Lester Baber (Les) and Nana Louis Stokes Baber; while Les was working on a construction job. Shortly after Jack's birth the family moved back to Winnsboro. Jack graduated from Winnsboro High School in 1944. After graduation, Jack went to work in the oil fields of West Texas and Oklahoma. He served in the Army from 1945-46 and returned to Winnsboro after he was Honorably Discharged. He worked on construction jobs and attended Kilgore Junior College for the next several years.

In May of 1950, Jack married Audrey Laverne Saxon (Laverne); the couple would be united in marriage for seventy years. Shortly after his marriage Jack bought the Sinclair oil dealership and began to sell petroleum products in the local area. During his time with Sinclair he learned about oil treating chemicals and began to sell them in the oil fields surrounding Winnsboro. In the early 1960s, Jack sold the Sinclair dealership and began his own business Jack Baber Oil & Chemicals; he continued this company until he retired in 1989.

Shortly after retirement, Jack and Laverne moved to Mineola and lived there for thirteen years. After that the couple moved to Tyler where they spent the last twenty years of their lives. Both Jack and Laverne referred to these as the happy years of their life due to the arrival of their grandsons Grant and Avery. Jack used to tease me and say, you know if I could have figured out how to have grandkids first; I think I would have had them and been done with it. After Laverne's death on September 2, 2020, Jack lived with his son and daughter-in-law, and grandchildren; except for a brief period near the end of his life when he required extra care.

Jack had a full and productive life, he enjoyed bird hunting, dogs and cats, working on any type of car or truck; and above all anything involving his grandsons. He was preceded in death by many friends and leaves many friends behind that will miss his warm and caring personality.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Laverne; brothers Bill (Will T.) Baber; Bob (Robert H.) Baber, and Joe Baber; and sister Frances Alice Arrington. He is survived by his son Brian Saxon Baber, his wife Janice Inell Baber, grandsons Grant Baber and Avery Baber; nephews Ben Arrington and his wife Darlene; Jeff Baber and his wife Marlene; nieces Alice Arrington Newsome, Rivkah Cohen, and Sue Baber. Cousins James Kell Patrick and John Patrick.

The family will receive friends at Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro on Friday, January 27th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and the graveside will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Lee Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Ben Arrington, John Patrick, Darin Baber, Grant Baber, and Avery Baber. Honorary Pallbearers are James Kell Patrick and Gene Shuttlesworth.



# Laurel Dee Hubbell

November 1, 1944-January 18, 2023

Our beloved wife, mother, Lovey, sister, aunt, friend and daughter of Christ peacefully entered Heaven January 18, 2023; at the age of 78. She was born November 1, 1944, in San Diego, California, to her loving parents Harley Lee and Amie Dee Neighbors, and also to her one and only favorite older brother Robert "Bob" (whom all have preceded her in death).

She was given the name Laurel Dee by her parents, however the nurses at the time of her birth nicknamed her "Suzie Q" and to many of you and her family that is how you know her as "Sue". She and her family moved to Pittsburg, Texas where she graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1962. She then attended East Texas Baptist College for two years before transferring to East Texas State University and then graduating in 1965. She was saved and baptized as a freshman while in college at ETBU.

She began her teaching career in Rosenberg, Texas, in 1966, where she joined Calvary Baptist Church. This is where she met the love of her life and soon beloved husband Dan Richard Hubbell. They were married February 13, 1967; and have spent 56 wonderful years together in ministry, traveling the world on mission trips, writing books together, and counseling many families in the church. She has two sons. Dan and wife Nancy, of Sulphur Springs, Texas; David and wife Kristi of Spring Hill, Florida.

After moving to Winnsboro, her husband became the pastor of First Baptist Church, 1969-1979, while she served these years as pastor's wife, mother to two rambunctious, trouble-making little boys, and a public school teacher in Winnsboro and Como ISD. After much prayer she and Dan decided to travel as missionaries to South Africa, France, China, and various places in the US; they did Missions work in a total of 27 Nations of the World. She taught school in Pittsburg ISD, until they made the decision to home school the boys until their high school graduation.

Her greatest love was serving others and she did this for over 12 years when they purchased and renovated Thee Hubbell House Bed & Breakfast; 1987-1999. She then took her love of teaching back to the classroom, however this time it was at the Johnston Unit of Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a GED teacher from 1995-2010. There she had the privilege to graduate over 1500 men with their GED. She was honored as "Teacher of the Year" while employed at the prison. She retired from teaching in 2010; but continued to do ministry work in the local Winnsboro and surrounding areas with her husband and her very close ladies bible group. She valued the relationships with her family member who are pastors and love the Lord as much as she did. Her brother-in-law Pastor Mickey Hubbell, nephews Pastor John D. Cooke, Pastor Shiles Hubbell, grandson Pastor Lance Bass, and her most loved Pastor her husband Dan Hubbell.

She also has a dear and loving sister-in-law Ann Neighbors of Austin, Tx that was married to her late brother Bob; and many, nieces, nephews, cousins, students she taught, dear friends all over that she loved and admired.

She has accomplished so many milestones in her life, but her most joyous, treasured one happened over 31 years ago when she became "LOVEY". Since then, she has only grown that title grand by grand, followed by great-grand, and most recently great-great-grand. Her Grands were her world and she never missed a birthday that she and Poppa-D would not call and sing "Happy Birthday" to each and every one of them or she never missed an opportunity to "play the piano"; which was not the typical way. Each Grand-Child loved when Lovey would come to visit, they would lay on the floor; raise their shirt, hold their ears, and she would "play the piano" on their ribs.

She leaves behind her grandchildren Kaci and husband Lance Bass; Jacob and wife Courtney Hubbell, Bailee and TJ Hubbell; all of Tampa, Florida. Heather and husband Erik Nash; Houston, Texas, (the late Dale McPhearson).

Great Grands: Caden, Ben, Harley, Paislee Bass, Jaxtyn Hubbell, Zaine, Zayde, Bentley Nash, and Brianna McPhearson

Great Great Grand: Lakelynn Nash.

Lovey leaves a Legacy that we are all so very proud to share. As she was a true Proverbs 31 WOMAN.

Prov. 31 25-29 NIV

She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

27 She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:

29 "Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all."

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider a donation to your local church body for missions in honor of our Mother,  
or to Morgan's Mercy Mansion

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Visitation:

Beaty Funeral Home

Friday, January 27, 4-7PM

Service:

Beaty Funeral Home

Saturday, January 28, 10:00 AM

# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	2pm - Bible Study		First Day of Black History 9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion	2pm - Bible Study		9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Camp & Retreat	2pm - Bible Study	Valentine's Day	9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Transfiguration of the	Cross & Crown due Presidents' Day 2pm - Bible Study		Ash Wednesday 9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
1st Sunday in Lent	2pm - Bible Study		First Day of Women's 9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon