

SICK:

- Jody Sparks- His cancer is spreading like wildfire and their oncologist has scheduled his second immunotherapy. (Jody is friends of Tom Bell family).
- Evan Ranier- 14 yr. old great nephew of David Askew is in need of a new kidney.
- Cindy Morales- Cancer has returned after two years (mother of Sara Morales).
- Jerry Phelps- Has pneumonia and is in Jim Thorpe rehab.
- Tom Dunn- Having hip surgery on 4/1, Memorial Hospital.
- Craig McDonald- Heath issues.
- Audelle Owen- Broken femur.
- Brad Davis- Had heart surgery with more to come. (Friends of Karen & Wayne Bishop)
- Barbara Hoskins- Extreme Health issues.
- Vicki Shafer- Having hip surgery, and Ken Shafer diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (Family of Rhonda Cotton).
- Linda Toy- Diagnosed with ALS.
- Cheryl Donecker- Finished chemo and now starting radiation, doing better. (Cousin of Norma Wells, living in Wichita, KS)
- Noel Ritter- Has a serious brain injury (Great niece of Barbara Moeller)
- Norma Wells- Grandson has contracted a rare disease.
- Patti Rhea- Her esophagus has narrowed, having difficulty eating. Patti is now home recuperating.
- Joseph and Sarah Woods- Medical needs.

- Ellen Gatliff- Diagnosed with Cancer, now taking chemo treatments.
 - Jerry Golson- Has Congestive Heart failure (Friend of Mike Davis).
- ONGOING:**
- Cole LaBarre- Had brain surgery causing a stroke, trauma to his left side leaving him blind. Still doing therapy & speech with movement gradually coming back. Update: Not much improvement as of now. (Cole is the great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
 - Tommy Morgan- Lost his left eye to infection and has a prosthesis and has glaucoma in his right eye and cancer. Update: Urgent need for healing on diabetic wounds and worried that infection will spread into blood stream. Needs fast healing.
 - Becky Thompson- Doing well after cancer surgery. Mother of Brandon Thompson
 - Awanda Glover- Health issues.
 - Jean & John Skinner- Health issues. (Parents of Renee Hardage)
 - Mike Finley- Has MS and has back & leg pain.
 - Randy Newman-Heart issues.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney
 - Daymond McGaughey-Health Issues.
 - Cindy Johnson- Health Issues
 - Bud Hoskins- Health Issues. (Brother of Michael Hoskins)
 - Marcia & Charles Elkins- Health issues.
 - Evelyn Ard- Has Kidney failure and

- Dementia, lives in Georgia. (Mother of Tiffany Burris).
- David Ellsworth- Pray for heart healing and less anxiety.
 - Harold Gaches- Health Issues (Lead Pastor of FBC West)

SYMPATHY:

- To the family of Audelle Owen, on her passing, Friday, April 18, 2025. Funeral arrangements are pending.
- To the family of Nathan Austin Ellis on his passing, Monday, April 14, 2025. His Graveside Service will be 2:00 pm Friday, April 25, 2025, Sunset Memorial Gardens, Lawton, OK
- To Ken Couch on the passing of his brothers, Royce W. Couch, Saturday, April 12, 2025, in Cokchico, OK., and Bob L. Couch, Monday, April 14, 2025, in Cache, OK.



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Building Repairs

Repairs started Monday, March 17, to the exterior of the building. Please be patient, as there will be equipment around the church grounds. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to improve our church’s facilities for the benefit of the entire congregation.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS

- Chris & Jamie Schilt, IMBD, Malawi, Africa
- Pray the Schilt’s will abide in Christ through busy schedules and lots of travel.
 - Pray their eldest son will adjust well to college in the U.S.
 - Pray the Malawian church will be in unity and take ownership of the Great Commission.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

- Matthew & Valerie Crane, Crane, Church Planter, Napa California
- Pray that Matthew would be a Spirit-led husband, father, pastor and friend.
 - Pray that Christ Church will be used to bring hope, life, and the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the city of Napa.



Baby Dedication

A part of our long-range plan and heartbeat of FBC Kids is to create an atmosphere of family discipleship and encourage parents to take on their role as a child’s primary source of spiritual development. We (the church) also want to come alongside families to support, equip, and train parents and kids. Raising and training a child in the way of the Lord is a team effort. According to LifeWay research, kids are more likely to stay in the church when they have positive relationships with Christian friends, leaders, influencers, and Pastors. Baby Dedication is one of our ministry initiatives that comes out of our long-range plan goal. Baby Dedication is also a milestone in a child’s life.

Baby Dedication is a time when parents present their child to the Lord. Parents are charged to depend upon God and the partnership of the church to teach their children the truths of the Christian faith, set a Christian example before them, raise them in the instruction and discipline of the Lord, and encourage their children to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

While this Sunday is “Baby Dedication Sunday,” there is no age limit for a child to be dedicated. Parents at any time in a child’s life can commit to raising and training their child in the way of the Lord, and at every age and stage, our church is ready to support, equip, and train!

If you missed this Baby Dedication, don’t worry we would love for you to participate in the next one!

In other denominations, Baby Dedication can mean or represent a child’s baptism or salvation.

We, as Baptists, believe that salvation is by faith alone and that baptism is the first act of obedience in a believer’s life. A familiar verse that is referred to when explaining and understanding salvation is found in Ephesians and Romans.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast.” - Ephesians 2:8-9

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” -Romans 10:9

There are lots of other verses that support salvation by faith and believers baptism. Believers baptism according to the Baptist Faith and Message, Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer’s faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer’s death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord’s Supper.

If you have questions about Baby Dedication, baptism, or salvation, please contact anyone on staff. We would love to chat with you!

Online Giving

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THE WEEKLY WORDS
RYLEE WOESSNER
CHILDREN'S MINISTER



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	310
Morning Worship	1,095
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$ 35,943.95
YTD Required	\$ 114,996.81
YTD Received	\$ 104,582.45
YTD Percentage	90.74%
Greater Glory	\$ 238,108.52
UPCOMING EVENTS	

KSWO Preemptions
Our KSWO broadcast will be preempted on May 11th and 18th.

Operation Christmas Child
Great joy! Prayer answered! Ashleigh McBride recently joined Operation Christmas Child’s Church Relations Team. As a Church Relations Team member Ashleigh will support churches in the Lawton area currently participating in OCC. She will also tell other churches in Lawton how God works through OCC. Please thank Ashleigh for taking on this important task.

Quarterly Business Celebration
Our Quarterly Business Celebration will be today Sunday, April 27, at 5:00pm in the Student Center.

Senior Adult Field Trip
Join us for a charming field trip to Duncan on Monday, April 28th! We will be visiting Jonny’s (for lunch), Gardentown, and Inside Out for the afternoon. Please visit our website under Senior Adults for more detailed information and to register.

National Day of Prayer
National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 1, 2025. The Worship Center will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for anyone who wants to use it for prayer. Also, the Oklahoma State Capitol will hold prayer time from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 2nd-floor Rotunda. For more information, visit getword.org.

Kids Sunday
Sunday, May 4, 2025, will be Kid’s Sunday. There will be no 1st-3rd Extended Session on this day.

Senior Sunday
We will be celebrating Senior Sunday on May 4, 2025. If you have a graduating senior please invite family and friends to church as we celebrate FBC Lawton’s Senior class.

Mother’s Day
Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Senior Adults
Senior Adults Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 11:00am. Guest speaker - Mayor Stan Booker.

Student Auction
You don’t want to miss our student auction on Sunday, May 18th, 2025, at 5:30 pm! Registration for this event will be a simple head count. If you plan to sell an item, you will find a couple of questions on the registration you will need to fill out.

M28 Bridge Ministries
Our next day to serve at M28 Ministries is Saturday, May 17, 2025. Please call or text Jeff Henderson at 580-695-5196 for more information.

Pregnancy Resource Center
Save the date! The Walk for Life event will be held on Saturday, June 7th, starting at 9 a.m. at Elmer Thomas Park.

VBS
Registration for VBS is OPEN for completed pre-K through 5th graders. VBS is June 23rd-27th from 9:00am-12:00pm. Pre-register your child by June 18th! Volunteer registration is also open. Register at fbclawton.org/events

Live Stream
We will be live streaming our worship service at 10:45am on Sunday mornings from our website at fbclawton.org, Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be broadcasting our Morning Worship service on KSWO at 11:00am.

Vacation Bible School

 501 SW B Ave Lawton, OK 73501

 June 23-27

 Completed PreK-5th Graders





WEEKLY PRAYER LIST “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2 www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray	
MINISTERS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pray for each of our volunteers in the worship team.• Pray for each one of my kids and their school calendar.• Pray for my wife and her role as an educator and mentor to so many.• Pray for our marriage, that God will strengthen our relationship more and more each day. <p>-Xavier Abraham, Worship Pastor</p>	
MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING: McMahon-Tomlinson Charles & Marcia Elkins # 41 A&B	
MISSIONARIES: Brady & Julie Plunk and children - Middle East Graham Taylor - Central Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pray that he will abide well in Christ and bear much fruit (John 15:5).• Pray for wisdom and direction to know how to spend his time in his community• Pray for continued opportunities to have Gospel conversations.• Pray for Adeel, a medical student from another country who is very lonely.• Pray that he will come to know the care and love of our Heavenly Father.	
MEMBER NOTICES: Please come join us April 30, 2025, at 4:45pm for our weekly fellowship meal. Adults \$5.00, Kids (5-12) \$3.00, (under 5 free) \$20 Family Max (5 or more people). Menu: Smothered Pork Chops, Broccoli & Cheese, Salad Bar, Dessert.	
Fellowship Meal Information: The last Wednesday Night Meal will be May 21st.	
SUNDAY, APRIL 27 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Preschool Extended Session 1st -3rd Extended Session Morning Worship - Baby Dedication 12:30pm Budget/Finance Committee Mtg 3:00pm Personnel Committee Mtg 4:00pm Deacon’s Mtg 5:00pm Quarterly Business Celebration	
MONDAY, APRIL 28 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm	
TUESDAY, APRIL 29 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm 9:30am Rooted Ladies 6:30pm ESL Classes	
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm 9:30am Friendship International 4:45pm Fellowship Meal 6:00pm PreK/KDG Midweek Christ-Centered Living Divorce Care Midweek Media Team Student’s Midweek Worship Choir Rehearsal Women’s Connection Worship Choir Rehearsal Men’s Gathering	
THURSDAY, MAY 1 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm	
FRIDAY, MAY 2 Office Closed	
SATURDAY, MAY 3 Office Closed	
SUNDAY, MAY 4 - SENIOR SUNDAY 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Preschool Extended Session Morning Worship	