

SICK:

- John Skinner- Leg & blood clot issues.
- Jean Skinner- Ulcer issues (parents of Renee Hardage)
- Donna Campbell- Expecting in September, pray the baby will be fine. Update: doctors will be checking baby’s heart next week.
- Holly Phillips- Badly burned in home accident.
- Jack Hoskins- Had open heart surgery on 7/8. Surgery went well. Update: Now home recovering.
- Madelyn Corbett- Had Gallbladder surgery 6/25 now home recuperating.
- Patti Rhea- Her esophagus has narrowed, not allowing her to eat or swallow. Patti is now home recuperating.
- Denise Campbell - Having Kidney issues.
- Bryer Olivia Means- Infant daughter of Emily & Kenton Means had heart surgery 6-17 at OU Children’s Hospital. Surgery went well. Bryer is the Granddaughter of Kay and Philip Means. Update: Now home and growing.
- Ellen Gatliff- Diagnosed with Cancer, now taking chemo treatments.
- Chuck Klein- Cancer has spread.
- Linda Waybrant-Went back into the hospital having heart issues and retaining fluid causing more problems.
- Barbie Johnson- Serious medical issues (wife of Clayton Johnson, former FBC members needing prayer)
- Jerry Golson- Has Congestive Heart failure (Friend of Mike Davis)
- Jerry Deaton- Diagnosed with Parkinsons (Brother-in-law of

ONGOING:

- Gary Bradley).
- Cole LaBarre- Had brain surgery causing a stroke, trauma to his left side leaving him blind. Still doing therapy & speech with movement starting to come back.Update: He is walking alone now, short distances and his sight has returned a tiny bit in both eyes. (Cole is the great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
- Randy Newman- Heart issues
- Awanda Glover- Health issues
- Cindy Johnson- Health issues
- Beth Mercer- Health issues
- Marcia & Charles Elkins- Health issues
- Tommy Morgan-Lost his left eye to infection and has a prosthesis and has glaucoma in his right eye and cancer. Update: Chemo Infusions have caused his pancreas to stop producing insulin, now he’s a life-long diabetic. Chemo has been suspended until July. Eyes are now stable with its AMD and glaucoma.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney
- Karen & Chuck Loeffke- Health issues
- Mike Finley- Has MS and has back & pain issues.
- Daymond McGaughey- Health issues
- Phyllis Scott- Has moved to be with her daughter in Owasso, OK.
- Bud Hoskins- Health Issues (Brother of Michael Hoskins)
- Connie McCoy- Update: Connie is adjusting to the changes needed for her heart condition. (Friend of April Bowden).
- Norma Wells- Had Back Surgery on

- May 31 and had complications. She hopes to leave OU Medical in a few days.
- 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).
  - Sheila Newman- Doing well after hip replacement surgery.
  - Jerry Phelps- Recovering at home.
  - Dave Hardison- Recovering at home.
  - SYMPATHY:
  - To William Allen Sr., William Allen Jr. and Angela Thompson in the passing of his wife and their mother, Arcelia E. Allen, July 1, 2024. Her funeral was Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Chapel. Arcelia was a librarian at First Baptist Church for many, many years.
  - To Brittany Hylton and family on the passing of her sister, Aprill Thompson, July 6, 2024. Her celebration of life will be Thursday, July 18, 2024, Grace Community Church, 311 Carolann St. Eyota, Minnesota. 55934
  - To Deborah Harwell and family on the passing of her husband, Stephen F. Harwell, July 18, 2024. His Memorial Service will be Tuesday, July 30, 2024, Choctaw Road Baptist Church, Choctaw, OK. Deborah and Steve are former members of FBC.



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THE WEEKLY WORDS  
BRANDON THOMPSON  
STUDENT MINISTER

Reminiscing, Shrinking, and Growing

When I drove through the gates of Falls Creek in 2015, little did I know what impact that place would have on my life. I remember the excitement of watching 5,000 students worshipping at the same time. I remember the old rickety cabin by West End Coffee shop I stayed in that crumbled two years later. I remember those 14 students’ faces. I remember the Tabernacle speaker and the way he connected with students. I remember being asked to speak in-cabin to those 14 students and being scared to death. I remember walking by the Ada Lodge thinking; “What kind of church stays in that Bass Pro Shop?” The following year, we upgraded cabins, took more students, and for the first time, I walked a student through accepting Christ. I was hooked. I attended an apologetics forum and realized I wasn’t the only one with questions. I dropped out of OU the following week and enrolled in Oklahoma Baptist University’s apologetics

Master’s Program. In the following years, I became more involved in student ministry. I grew as a teacher and students grew in their faith, but Falls Creek was always on our minds. I will never forget the white-board in the student center at Cyril, which was updated weekly with a countdown until Falls Creek. Like me, students had become addicted to the life change we saw at camp. When the Lord called me to Lawton, I knew Falls Creek would be different. That cabin I once wondered about had become our home for the week. The 14 students had turned into 200. The camp that once felt like Disney World was now more like Frontier City. The camp that was once unfathomable in scale had shrunk. I had never taken that many students and had no idea how the Lord could work in a group that size, but the Lord moved, despite my inadequacies. With all the experience gained last year, our student ministry team was committed to bringing spiritual depth to camp. I wanted to go back to my roots. Small groups of students digging into the Bible. Scrapping all the material from Falls Creek, Chase, Kenley, Troy, and I went out on a limb and wrote our own material. This camp was different. Instead of depending on Falls Creek to be sensitive to the Lord, we needed to be faithful in hearing from God. I was nervous. What if we missed?

As we were loading students on buses the last night of camp, a group of young girls had not made it back from Tabernacle. My patience was wearing thin; groups of boys were organizing chants and jumping on a bridge in unison (I am glad they didn’t bring that bridge down, but it would have served them right). Curling irons were missing, everyone was asking questions, and I couldn’t find that group of girls. Suddenly, I hear a sweet little voice say, “Brandon!” I turn to see the girls I have been looking for. Before I could get a word out of my mouth, she said, “I got saved tonight.” The chants, the curling irons, and the bridge on the brink of collapse all melted away. In my mind, it was once again, 2015. A small-town kid on a porch with a little girl whose eternity had changed. Falls Creek may have shrunk, but God sure hasn’t. Each year, He becomes more immense and wonderful than I could ever imagine. He never misses.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Faye Mueller, Empowers Churches in Central Asia
- Pray God would grant strong faith, unity and provision for local believers.
  - Pray Faye’s desire to remain in the power of Christ and His Word will be strong.
  - Pray many new believers will come from Islam and Hinduism.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

- Selamab and Betty Assefa, Church Planter, Columbus
- Pray for more people to come to faith in Jesus Christ as a result of our ministry.
  - Pray for the strengthening of our family relationally and for our marriage to be an example for our children.

Online Giving

RightNow Media

Women's newsletter

Church newsletter

FBCLAWTON.ORG  
501 SW B AVE  
LAWTON, OK. 73501  
(580) 353-1770



FIRST BAPTIST LAWTON

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

BBQ

EVENT

SUNDAY, JULY 28 AT 5 PM

GRILLERS AND MEAT NEEDED!

SIGN-UP SHEETS CAN BE FOUND IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, WELCOME CENTER, OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

POTLUCK - BRING YOUR FAVORITE BBQ SIDE DISH OR DESSERT.

CHURCH WILL PROVIDE DRINKS AND PAPER GOODS.

WEAR YOUR BEST APRON!



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

FBC Lawton has partnered with The Great 580 to gather school supplies. There are tubs in the Welcome Center for supply drop-off. The Great 580 will pick up tubs between July 29 - August 1.

LIST OF SUPPLIES NEEDED:

NOTEBOOKS

NOTEBOOK PAPER

PENCILS

DRY ERASE MARKERS

TISSUE AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS

HAND SANITIZER AND LOTION

CONSTRUCTION PAPER

GLUE



FBC KIDS & Students

July 10th Midweek (CrossTimbers Parent/Camper Meeting)

July 15th-19 Falls Creek

JULY 17TH NO MIDWEEK

July 23-26 CrossTimbers

JULY 24TH NO MIDWEEK (FALLS CREEK AFTER PARTY)

July 31st Midweek

August 7th Midweek

August 14th Midweek

August 21st Back To School Bash



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missions

join TEAM UTAH

As we serve

HopeValley CHURCH

&

Salt Lake baptist ASSOCIATION

in advancing the gospel in the Salt Lake City Area.

Oct 2-7, 2024

SIGN UP DEADLINE

JULY 31, 2024



FOR MORE INFO & APPLICATION

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	328
Morning Worship	821
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 34,856.35
YTD Required	\$ 582,416.64
YTD Received	\$ 549,482.65
YTD Percentage	94.35%
Vision 2020 Commitments	\$ 745,202.00
Vision 2020 Received	\$ 790,081.23
Current Balance on Vision 2020 loan	\$ 21,456.65
UPCOMING EVENTS	

**Attention!!**  
Repairs will start Thursday, July 25, 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.

**Quarterly Business Celebration/BBQ Event**  
The Quarterly Business Celebration/BBQ Potluck Event will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Grillers and meat are needed! Sign-up sheets are available in Sunday School Class, Welcome Center, or by scanning the QR code. This is a potluck event, so all the meats and side dishes will be put on a table for all to partake in.

**First Grade Bible Presentation**  
We (the church) want to come alongside families and support and pray over you and your child as you present your current kindergarden kids with their first “big kids Bible” during the service on August 4th. Please register by July 10th to ensure that your child’s name can be engraved in time on their Bible. We will have a quick meeting about the logistics and importance of this transition in your child’s life on July 31st at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. Register at fbclawton.org/events.

**Giddy Up Sunday**  
Promotion Sunday for FBC Kids and FBC Students is on August 11th.

**Managing Anxiety: Yours and Theirs**  
The class managing anxiety sourced from Steve Cuss is designed to help equip people of faith with tools to help understand and manage anxiety. We will discover and study the four spaces of anxiety, the nature of chronic anxiety, dealing with our inner critic, theology of anxiety, universal sources, life giving life, differentiation and put into practice what we learn. Disclaimer: Steve Cuss nor Rylee Woessner are licensed therapist/counselors and we encourage you to seek professional help if needed. Spots are limited so sign up today! Starts August 11, 2024.

**Silver Saints Luncheon**  
Silver Saints luncheon will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 11:00am.

**Upcoming Sunday School Classes**  
Two new discipleship classes. “Firm Foundation” Seven foundational truths of our faith. August 18 - September 29. “Home Base” A five week study on navigating the bases of Biblical Church Membership. October 20 - November 10. Taught by Troy Taylor, Associate Pastor.

**Save the Date**  
Sunday, August 18, Living Christams Tree (LCT) Preview Party 6pm.

**Utah Missions Trip**  
The FBC Missions Team is excited for the upcoming mission trip to Salt Lake City to serve with Hope Valley Church on October 2-7, 2024. Open to all adults. We will be ministering to the local community and helping Hope Valley with community relations. We will also be helping the Salt Lake Baptist Association. They will put the final itinerary together after we have our team assembled that will best fit our team. If you would like to join us on this trip please fill out the missions trip application on our webpage at www.fbclawton.org/missions. You will find more info on our webpage as well.

**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.

Helping all believers walk confidently in the Truth of God’s word.

FBC LAWTON

PRESENTS

FIRM FOUNDATION

August 18th – September 29

Sundays @ 9:30 am

Join an 8 week class that will cover 7 foundational truths of our faith.

TOPICS:

1. SALVATION

2. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

3. THE BIBLE

4. PRAYER

5. THE CHURCH

6. SPIRITUAL WARFARE

7. EVANGELISM-SHARING YOUR STORY

SCAN ME



Register here! Limited Space.  
Taught by Associate Pastor; Troy Taylor

Incorporating "Deepening Your Spiritual Roots" by Tommy Hagle

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Welcome Home

FBC LAWTON PRESENTS

HOME BASE

A Church Membership Class

October 20 - November 10

Sundays @ 9:30am

Join us for a 5 wk study on navigating the bases of church membership. Taught by Associate Pastor; Troy Taylor.

SCAN ME



Register here! Limited Space.

All church members welcome!

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2

www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray

MINISTERS:

Prayer request from Brandon Thompson:

- Pray for Students as they begin a new school year.
- Pray that commitments made at Falls Creek will be made a priority.
- Pray for growth in student’s faith.
- Pray for Sunday School Teachers as they connect with new students.

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Morada  
Sharon Fudge

MISSIONARIES IN EAST ASIA:

Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

Please come join us August 7, 2024, 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: Burgers, Fries, and Floats

Employment Opportunities: Facilities Manager & Childcare Workers

Applicants will find job summaries on the web-site at fbclawton.org/employment and may apply by filling out an online application or by picking up a printed application in the church office.

Thank You Note:

Thank you for your condolences. My mom loved attending First Baptist Church of Lawton, OK. Hence her being a member for over 45 years.

- Family of Arcelia E. Allen

SUNDAY, JULY 28

9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Kid’s-4-Christ-Childrens Bldg  
10:45am Morning Worship- CrossTimbers Report  
5:00pm Quarterly Business Celebration/ BBQ Event

MONDAY, JULY 29

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm  
8:30am Kitchen Cleanup

TUESDAY, JULY 30

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm  
8:30am Kitchen Cleanup  
9:30am Rooted Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm  
8:30am Kitchen Cleanup  
4:00pm Missions Team Meeting  
6:00pm Kid’s Midweek  
Student Bible Study  
WCW Bible Study Community  
Mens Gathering

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Office Closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Office Closed

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

9:30am Sunday School  
Promotion Breakfast  
10:45am Morning Worship-1st Grad Bible Presentation  
5:00pm Adult 3 Fish Fry