

SICK:

- Levi Taylor- Fell and injured his knee. He is going to have a few intensive surgeries to repair the injured knee. (Son of Troy Taylor)
- Dr. Todd Fisher- Okla Baptist- Dr. Fisher has very serious injuries due to an auto accident. He is now in stable condition.
- Norma Wells- Grandson has been diagnosed with a rare disease.
- John Skinner- Leg & blood clot issues. Jean Skinner- Ulcer issues (parents of Renee Hardage)
- Noel Ritter- Has a serious brain injury(great niece of Barbara Moeller)
- Donna Campbell- Expecting in September, pray the baby will be fine.Update: doctors will be checking baby’s heart next week.
- 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. Not accepting vistors due to Covid.

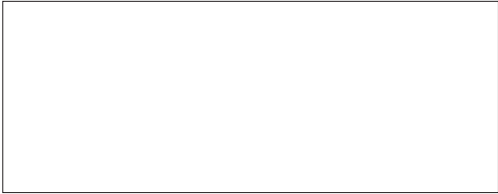
- Barbie Johnson- Serious medical issues (wife of Clayton Johnson, former FBC members needing prayer)
- Jerry Golson- Has Congestive Heart failure (Friend of Mike Davis)
- Jerry Deaton- Diagnosed with Parkinsons (Brother-in-law of Gary Bradley).
- **ONGOING:**
- Cole LaBarre- Had brain surgery causing 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.



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THE WEEKLY WORDS  
RYLEE WOESSNER  
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Philosophical Thoughts and Understanding

The following information contains ideas and thoughts from Dr. Jayme Dew lectures on Philosophy of Religion at NOBTS. Philosophy is extremely valuable to the Christian life, but what about Paul’s warning against philosophy in the Bible? In Colossians 2:8 Paul wrote, “See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ”. When reading the Bible, it is important to look at all the facts surrounding the original people, places, and purpose of the Biblical text before we apply it to our lives today. In Colossians, Paul was writing to people that were largely influenced by Epicurean and Stoic thought. Paul was not discrediting all philosophy for all times in Colossians 2,

but Paul was warning the people at that time to not be swept up in Epicurean and Stoic thought that was running ramped at the time. The Epicureans were concerned about their own personal experience and their own personal happiness. Epicurus believed that gods did not influence humans or the universe. These ideas and thoughts were/are dangerous for Christians because (1) they do not align with what the Bible teaches (2) personal happiness can become an idol in one’s life and cause them to stumble or abandon their faith and pursuit of the Lord. Stoics upheld virtues and rational thought over personal experience. Stoics do have some tendencies that are similar with Christian thought and worldview like the idea that Christians should live virtuous lives, but the two philosophical schools differ metaphysically when it comes to God and ultimate reality. Stoic thoughts and ideas were/can be dangerous for Christians because they can promote a work-based faith. Ephesians 2:8-9 clearly states that it is not works that save someone, but grace through faith that one is saved. There are many philosophers and trains of thought that can be dangerous for

Christians, but probably the most notable is Charles Darwin and his ideas on evolution. It is important to note that his ideas were first cumulated for animals, for it was not until later that he applied his ideas to humans. It is a reasonable statement to say that humanity has evolved over time. The problem occurs when one upholds that humanity has evolved from something or someone other than God. This idea is clearly unbiblical. Just like in Bible times, it is almost too easy to get swept up in ideas that promote a false reality about humanities existence and ultimate reality, which is why it is so important to uphold ones Christian values and understanding when examining philosophy and the Bible. While we do not hear and see the words “epicurean” and “stoic” philosophy often in 2024, many of the ideas and values epicureans and stoics believed are at the forefront of secular society today. May you be reminded and encouraged to not get swept up in prominent secular values and thoughts of the day, but rest in the truth that comes from God.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Jason Yarbrough, Disaster Relief And Chaplanicy Ministry, Serving in OK
- Pray more Oklahoma Baptists will join disaster relief ministry.
  - Pray volunteers will step into leadership positions to strengthen the ability to respnd to disasters.
  - Pray God will give Jason the ability to balance the demands of work and the need for family time.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

- Jacob and Jessica Dahl, Church Planter, Seattle, WA
- Pray as we reach both the next generation (college students) and neighborhoods (families) of Seattle.

Online Giving

RightNow Media

Women's newsletter

Church newsletter

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Monday, August 12 at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall

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HOMEcoming 2024

SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024

Let's celebrate family and friends.  
Invite family and friends to our church home, FBC Lawton!

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COFFEE & CANVAS

August 25, 2024  
from 2:00-4:30pm  
in the Fellowship Hall  
\$35 per person

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FINANCIAL PEACE University

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15TH

LED BY JOHN SAVILLE IN RM 210

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK		
Sunday School		N/A
Morning Worship		N/A
BUDGET REPORT		
Weekly Required	\$	36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$	31,423.91
YTD Required	\$	655,218.72
YTD Received	\$	601,433.22
YTD Percentage		91.79%
Vision 2020 Commitments	\$	745,202.00
Vision 2020 Received	\$	791,323.46
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.

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

**“Home Base” Sunday School Class**  
A five week study on navigating the bases of Biblical Church Membership. October 20 - November 10. Taught by Troy Taylor, Associate Pastor.

**LCT Preview Party**  
Sunday, August 18, Living Christmas Tree (LCT) Preview Party 6pm.

**FBC Homecoming 2024**  
Celebrating Family and Friends!  
One of God's great gifts to the world is the church. The church was created to be a family of believers gathered to grow in our faith, do life together, and impact our communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Join us Sunday, August 18th as we invite family and friends to our church home, FBC Lawton!

**Coffee & Canvas**  
Join us for a relaxing and creative evening at our upcoming Coffee and Canvas event at the church! If you're looking for a fun and enjoyable way to unwind, this is the perfect opportunity for you. You'll have the chance to sip on delicious coffee, connect with others, and let your creative juices flow as you paint a beautiful masterpiece. No prior painting experience is necessary, as our talented instructor will guide you through the process step by step. Whether you're an experienced artist or just looking to try something new, we'd love to have you join us. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a wonderful evening of art and community. Mark your calendar and invite your friends - we can't wait to see you there! Registration is \$35 per person. Scan QR code to register

**Financial Peace University**  
Financial Peace University starts Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Please join John Saville in the upcoming class in room 210. An orientation class will be held on Sunday, August 18, in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service to share what the class will cover. There will be a \$40 registration fee for materials due at orientation.

**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](http://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](http://fbclawton.org), Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be broadcasting our Morning Worship service on KSWO at 11:00am.

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THE 43RD ANNUAL LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 18, 2024  
6:00 PM

A Christmas Legacy  
a prodigal comes home  
LUKE 15:31-32

Preview Party

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Colossians 4:2

[www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray](http://www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray)

MINISTERS:

Prayer requests from Rylee:

- Pray for kids and families as they are going back to school.
- Pray for spiritual, mental, and physical health of teachers and volunteers.
- Pray for spiritual depth, real relationships, and genuine change in the lives and hearts of those in our Kids Ministry,
- Pray for the Lord to help us get out of the way of His work to be done.

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

**Cedar Crest**  
Toshi Smith #120

MISSIONARIES IN EAST ASIA:

Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:

**Wednesday Fellowship Meal**

Please come join us August 14, 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: BBQ Drum Sticks, Corn Cobs, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert.



Baptism Candidate -  
Lizzie & William Oldham



Baptism Candidate -  
Daniela Alipazaga

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**  
**PROMOTION SUNDAY!**

9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Preschool Extended Session  
10:45am 1st-3rd Grade Extended Session  
10:45am Morning Worship  
5:00pm Managing Anxiety Class

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12**  
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm  
11:00am Silver Saints Lunch

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**  
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm  
10:00am Truthseekers Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**  
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm  
9:30am Friendship International  
4:45pm Fellowship Meal  
6:00pm Kid's Midweek  
Student Bible Study  
WCW Bible Study Community  
Mens Gathering  
Worship Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**  
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**  
Office Closed  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**  
9:00AM M28 MINISTRIES

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**  
**FBC HOMEcoming 2024**  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Preschool Extended Session  
10:45am 1st-3rd Grade Extended Session  
10:45am Morning Worship  
2:00pm Budget/Finance Committee Mtg  
3:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg.  
4:00pm Deacon's Mtg.  
5:00pm Managing Anxiety Class  
6:00pm LCT Preview Part