

SICK:

- Allison Spurgin- Was in a very serious car accident. She's in ICU at Norman Regional Health Plex with brain bleed, with more surgery to come. (daughter of Marsha Ayers).
- Gary Hart- Underwent quadruple heart surgery, Sunday, August 11 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in OKC. Surgery went well. Going home to recuperate.
- Levi Taylor- Fell and injured his knee. He is going to have a few intensive surgeries to repair the injured knee. (Son of Troy & LaRae Taylor)
- Dr. Todd Fisher- Okla Baptist- Dr. Fisher has very serious injuries due to an auto accident. He is now in rehab.
- 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.
- Ellen Gatliff- Diagnosed with Cancer, now taking chemo

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS:

Shane Kammerer, Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) Director of University of Oklahoma (OU)

- Pray God will provide for the BCM's budget and ministry needs.
- Pray student leaders would be faithful to verbally declare the Gospel and that true repentance would sweep across OU.
- Pray BCM leaders develop the crucial habits of connecting daily with God, Obeying His Word completely, and equipping God's people for the rest of their lives.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

Brenda and Doug Lee, Chaplain at Great Plains Health, North Platte, NE

- Pray for our Chaplain Staff as we encounter patients in some of the most difficult times in their lives while in the hospital and as we support and encourage our staff.

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treatments.

- Chuck Klein- Cancer has spread.
- Linda Waybrant- Now back at home
- 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 treatments started back up on August 8th. Please pray for safe travels and God's hand in the treatments.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney
- Mike Finley- Has MS and has back & pain issues.
- Daymond McGaughey- Health issues
- Bud Hoskin- Health Issues (Brother of Michael Hoskin)
- Connie McCoy- Update: Connie is adjusting to the changes needed for her heart condition. (Friend of April Bowden).

- 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
BRANDON THOMPSON
STUDENT MINISTER

Wrestling with Will

When I was a kid, wrestling with my dad was one of my favorite

things. We played this game where if I got too close to him, he would grab me with his legs or tie my arms up so I could not get loose. The only way I could get out was to say, "calf rope." Looking back, I still don't know why he made me say that, but that tradition of wrestling has continued with my nephew Will and me, along with saying, "calf rope" to be freed. Will is a quick little fella (he didn't get those genes from my side of the family). In our game, he will get close, run away, and dodge my grip, but occasionally, he gets too brave, and I'll snatch him up. Our wrestling match always goes the same way; he tries to squirm free, starts laughing, and then demands me to let him go. I tell him he must say the magic words, but he refuses (he gets those genes from my side). Eventually, Will caves and says, "calf rope," and I let him loose. In all the countless times I wrestled my Dad and Will has wrestled me, I cannot recall anyone getting hurt. You would think a 40-lb kid wrestling with a 270-lb grown man would not end well for the kid, but it always does. Why? The answer is super apparent. I care about Will, and even though I am bigger and stronger, I always handle him with gentleness and respect. Our interactions with the world should be similar to the wrestling match with my nephew. The most quoted verse in apologetics is 1 Peter 3:15: "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect." It is easy to forget the last couple of words in that verse. We are armed with the truth when we share the gospel or confront culture. It's like a 270-lb guy wrestling with a 40-lb kid. The way we share matters. Instead of delivering mean, brutal blows, I encourage you to surround them with the gospel's truth, wrap them up tightly, and let the Holy Spirit do the work. Let them be frustrated at the situation, but not you. They may be stubborn, it may take time, it may never happen, but we cannot continue to fight the same way as the world does. My prayer is that you are given opportunities to share the gospel in the following weeks and that when those opportunities arise, you do so with care, gentleness, and respect. Before you type that mean comment online, share that ugly post about the world, attack a friend, or spar with a co-worker at the water cooler, remember you are wrestling with Will.



COFFEE & CANVAS

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

REGISTER HERE 

Women's Connection

THE BOOK OF
philippians

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm in Rm 208
Starting August 28, 2024

Join us for a verse-by-verse study of Philippians covering personal discipleship and how to share your faith.



Beginning Sunday, September 15 @ 5:00 PM in Rm 210



An orientation class will be held on Sunday, August 18, in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service. There will be a \$40 registration fee for materials due at orientation.

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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	380
Morning Worship	774
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 29,059.00
YTD Required	\$ 728,020.80
YTD Received	\$ 662,654.10
YTD Percentage	91.02%
Vision 2020 Commitments	\$ 745,202.00
Vision 2020 Received	\$ 792,150.50
Current Balance on Vision 2020 loan	\$ 14,948.47

UPCOMING EVENTS

Attention!!

Repairs started 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.

Men's Breakfast - August 24 @ 8am

Our Men's Quarterly Breakfast will be Saturday, August 24, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. We need help cooking, setting up and cleaning up so if you are interested in volunteering please email the office at web@fbclawton.org. Volunteers need to be at the church kitchen at 7am.

Coffee & Canvas - August 25th @ 2pm

Join us on August 25th @ 2pm for coffee and painting. Registration is \$35 per person. Scan QR code to register.

Bill Fudge's Birthday Celebration - August 31st @ 11:30

On August 31st, there will be a birthday celebration for Bill Fudge's 80th birthday in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 11:30.

Women's Connection - Wednesdays @ 6pm

We will be studying the book of Philippians as well as continuing to emphasize growth in personal discipleship. Great way for women to grow in this area so that they can also disciple their children and youth. Starting Wednesday, August 28 @ 6:00pm in Rm 208.

Daddy Daughter Dance - September 13th @ 6pm

Giddy up and join FBC Kids for an evening of food, fellowship, and lots of fun! This Daddy Daughter event is for girls birth-5th grade and their dad, uncle, grandpa, male caretaker, or male guardian in their life! You do NOT have to be a member of FBC Lawton to attend. The cost is \$5 per person and the last official day to register is September 8th! Wear your western or country attire and get ready to boot, scoot, and boogie!

Financial Peace University - September 15th @ 5pm

Financial Peace University starts Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Please join John Saville in the upcoming class in room 210. Get your spot today! Limited spots for the \$40 fee for materials.

Save the Date

See You At The Pole on Wednesday, September 25th.

Speak of Love Tour - September 28th @ 6pm

We eagerly anticipate your presence at our evening concert with David Phelps! Tickets are available @ The Welcome Center or online through the FBC website. Ticket prices: Artist Circle- \$40.00 (only 60 tickets available) & General Admission- \$25.00.

Utah Missions Trip - October 2-7

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. You will find more info on our webpage as well.

"Home Base" Sunday School Class - October 13th @ 9:30am
A five week study on navigating the bases of Biblical Church Membership. October 13 - November 10. Taught by Troy Taylor, Associate Pastor.

Trunk or Treat - October 31st @ 6:30

Please join us in praying and preparing for Trunk of Treat! Drop off candy in the bin in the Welcome Center! The event is October 31st from 6:30-8:00pm. Sign up to volunteer by providing a trunk or you can sign up to serve on the security team, traffic/parking team, clean up (food tables and trash) team, or a candy runner!

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.

DAVID PHELPS

THE SPEAK OF LOVE TOUR

SEPT. 28. 2024 6:00PM

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Speak Of Love

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WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

Colossians 4:2

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MINISTERS:

- Pray for a fresh and powerful walk with Jesus for myself, Jennifer, Hannah, Mikah and Sarah. Pray for God's favor, protection and provision for my family and me.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and vision as I lead my family and pastor our church.
- Pray for leading and anointing of the Holy Spirit as I prepare and as I preach.

Mike Keahbone

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Brookridge
Georgianna Anderson #26
Clydene Fox #50
Kotoko Ratliff #58
Nancy Smith #55

MISSIONARIES IN EAST ASIA:

Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

Please come join us August 28, 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: Pork Chops, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert.

State Mission Offering: Edna McMillan

Edna McMillan's offering envelopes are in the back of the pews. If you want to give to this ministry, please place the offering in the designated envelopes and put it inside the tithing boxes.

FBC goal is \$10,000.



Statement of Faith-
Rachael Brinkley



Transfer of Letter-
Carey & Ashlee Leighow,
Baptism Candidate -
Kayden Leighow (middle left)



Statement of Faith-
"Dru"illa Soto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
10:45am Extended Session 1st - 3rd Grade
10:45am Morning Worship
2:00pm Coffee & Canvas
5:00pm Managing Anxiety Class

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
6:30pm ESL Testing

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am Friendship International
4:45pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm KDG Midweek
Christ-Centered Living
Midweek Media Team
Student Bible Study

Mens Gathering
Womens Connection
Worship Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Office Closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Bill Fudge - 80th Birthday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
10:45am Extended Session 1st - 3rd Grade
10:45am Morning Worship
5:00pm Men's Sunday Evening Gathering