

SICK:

- Allison Spurgin- Was in a very serious car accident. She is now home recuperating and will be doing Rehab (Daughter of Marsha Ayers)
- Noah Markey- 20 yr. old son of David and Melissa (Gordon) Markey has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Cannot start chemo due to a fever. He is a kidney transplant recipient so that's an added risk for treating cancer and protecting his kidney.
- Gary Hart- Underwent quadruple heart surgery, Sunday, August 11 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in OKC. Surgery went well. Now home recuperating.
- Dr. Todd Fisher- Okla Baptist- Dr. Fisher had very serious injuries due to an auto accident. He is now home.
- 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)
- Patti Rhea- Her esophagus has narrowed, not allowing her to eat or swallow. Patti is now home recuperating.
- Ellen Gatliff- Diagnosed with Cancer, now taking chemo treatments.
- Jerry Golson- Has Congestive Heart failure (Friend of Mike Davis)
- Jerry Deaton- Diagnosed with Parkinsons (Brother-in-law of Gary Bradley).

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS

European Peoples

- Pray the new leaders God is raising up will remain faithful in carrying out the missionary task.
- Pray God will raise up thousands of new missionaries who will bring Gospel transformations across Europe.
- Pray God will guide missionaries as they develop creative strategies for sharing the Gospel.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

Faith Garland, Send Relief, Boston,

- Pray men, women and children who are experiencing abuse or being trafficked, that they would be set free.
- Pray for those healing from trauma to find comfort in Jesus and healing.
- Pray for there to be revival here in New England.

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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)
- 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)
- Linda Waybrant-Health issues.
- 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.
- Denise Campbell- Kidney Issues
- Jerry Phelps- Recovering at home.
- Dave Hardison- Recovering at home.

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September 15, 2024



FBC Lawton

NEWSLETTER

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The Weekly WordsI Did

Over a decade ago, I began a journey into the world of Christian Apologetics. My journey didn't start out of fascination but necessity. I was searching for the truth and was willing to go wherever the evidence led me. My belief needed to make sense. Hoping and wishing were not good enough anymore. Could Christianity stand up to the evidence in history, science, and philosophy? I was not sure, but I was willing to find out. Along the way, I discovered Christianity's beauty and, most importantly, its truth. That changed everything.

A decade later, I have had the opportunity to speak into the lives of thousands of students with the same questions I had. Despite my downfalls, I thank the Lord for every opportunity and pray He uses those encounters for His glory. The journey has been a white-knuckle ride of highs and lows; this week has been one of those low points. I lost a former student. The student's passing was unexpected, and my feelings were even more surprising. I have logically walked

through the problem of pain as many times as anyone on the planet. I have walked through it personally. I have taught on it. I have counseled people through it. I could write a book on its philosophy. I understand it deeply.

I don't want you to think I have become some callused academic, because I haven't. I am probably even a bigger softy now. I always try to put myself in the place of those hurting and genuinely grieve with them, but in the back of my mind I have a confident assurance that God is in total control.

However, in this moment, the pain became personal. I reminded myself of all the philosophy, all the scripture, all the promises, but it still hurt differently. It was almost a supernatural hurt.

As I worked through these feelings, I never became angry at God or questioned His Sovereignty, goodness, or existence, but I did have questions. The image burned in my mind was the moment the student passed. I knew God could have intervened at that moment, but He didn't. That became the question. The question wasn't meant to challenge God or question His actions or lack thereof. It was sincere. I wanted to know why He would choose not to act.



BRANDON THOMPSON
STUDENT MINISTER

Why would He be silent in such a moment? I knew there was a good reason; there had to be. The last decade has taught me that God is good, reasonable, logical, full of grace, and just. He doesn't change even in the darkest moments.

As I worked through this question, I received an unexpected response. It was simply, "I did." What could that mean? How did He intervene? Then it hit me like a ton of bricks. He had intervened for this student on the cross 2,000 years earlier. He had intervened for you and me. We don't suffer in vain. The promise is that every tear will be wiped from our eyes because of Him. I think J.R.R. Tolkien says it best, "The birth, death and resurrection of Jesus means that one day everything sad will come untrue."

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



Financial Peace UNIVERSITY
Led by John Saville

There will be a \$40 fee for materials—limited spots for the \$40 price.

Your situation with money will change when you do...



M28 Bridge Ministries
"MISSIONS IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD"

Help Volunteer
Saturday, September 21st.
Sign up with Jeff Henderson
or email web@fbclawton.org.



PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING UTAH MISSION TRIP
October 2-7

- Pray for the teams that are working along side the FBC team.
- Pray for safe travels.
- Pray for health of the team.
- Pray for hearts to be changed.
- Pray for the mind of Jesus to be among the team.
- Pray for God's will to be done.



TRUNK OR TREAT
CANDY. FOOD TRUCKS. INFLATABLES.
OCTOBER 31ST 6:30-8:00PM

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Accepting candy donations!
A candy donation bin is located in the Welcome Center.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School	351
Morning Worship	584

BUDGET REPORT

Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 61,542.29
YTD Required	\$ 837,223.92
YTD Received	\$ 758,406.59
YTD Percentage	90.59%
Vision 2020 Commitments	\$ 745,202.00
Vision 2020 Received	\$ 792,787.97
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.

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.

M28 Pantry Food Drive - September 1 - 15th
From September 1st through September 15th, we are accepting non-perishable food items for the M28 pantry. Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of others through your donation. There will be a shopping cart for food donations in the Welcome Center.

M28 Bridge Ministries - September 21st @ 9:00am
Our next day to serve at M28 Bridge House is Saturday, September 21st, 2024. Please call or text Jeff Henderson at 580.695.5196 if you are able to help serve.

SYATP - September 25th @ 6:30pm
Join us for See You At The Pole on Wednesday, September 25th in the Worship Center at 6:30pm.

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.

LCT Choir & Cast Luncheon Rehearsal - September 29th
Choir and cast luncheon and rehearsal on September 29th @ 12:30pm in the Choir room.

Men's Sunday Evening Gathering - September 29 @ 5pm
Work and career play a major role in the life of every man. This volume of "33 The Series" begins by recognizing the obstacles and tensions that men can experience in their work-lives and then unfolds a process that helps men move beyond the conventional perspective of work that can lead to dead ends and frustration. It leads them to a bigger, biblical vision of work that goes back to God's original intentions.

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.

Save the Date - October 10th @ 7:00pm
The Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma are coming to FBC Lawton on Thursday, October 10th at 7:00pm.

"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 @ 6:30pm
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 6:30-8:00 p.m. 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 on fbclawton.org/events. A donation bin will be in the Welcome Center for candy drop off. If you would rather donate money for candy please visit our fbclawton.org/events under Trunk or Treat Candy Donations and select what you like to donate.

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



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DOORS OPEN @ 5:00PM

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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:

Prayer requests from Xavier Abraham

- Pray for each one 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.
- LCT 2024 – A Christmas Legacy

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Brookridge

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

MISSIONARIES: MIDDLE EAST

Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

Please come join us September 18th, 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: Chick-fil-A Sandwiches, Chips, Fresh Fruit, Salad Bar, Cookies, Brownies.

EDNA MCMILLAN GIVING TO DATE: \$9,414.66

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am Rooted Ladies Bible Study
6:30pm ESL Classes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

Divorce Care
Midweek Media Team
Students Midweek
Men's Gathering
Women's Connection

Worship Choir Rehearsal
LCT Choir and Cast Extended Rehearsal
7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Office Closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9:00am M28 Ministries

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
10:45am Extended Session 1st - 3rd Grade
10:45am Morning Worship
2:00pm Budget/Finance Comm. Mtg.
3:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg.
4:00pm Deacon's Mtg.
5:00pm Managing Anxiety Class
Financial Peace