

SICK:

- Steve Branstetter- Has been diagnosed with ALS. (Brother of Gerald Branstetter).
 - Dr. Chris Crimmins- Has serious eye complications (Son of Tom & Mary Lou Crimmins).
 - Debbie Iantorno- Had Spine surgery 9-25 in Duncan, OK. Now doing therapy.
 - Linda Toy - Has been diagnosed with ALS.
 - Craig McDonald - Had heart surgery 10/21.
 - Cheryl Donecker - Finished chemo and now starting radiation, (Cousin of Norma Wells, living in Wichita, KS).
 - Cindi Rackler - (Daughter of Maretta Toler) has heart issues and was taken to the hospital and had a pacemaker implant.
 - Noah Markey - 20 yr. old son of David and Melissa (Gordon) Markey has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He had his second round of chemo and doing well. He is a kidney transplant recipient so that's an added risk for treating cancer and protecting his kidney.
 - Dr. Todd Fisher - Oklahoma Baptist - Dr. Fisher had very serious injuries due to an auto accident. He is now home.
 - 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)
 - Norma Wells- Grandson has contracted a rare disease.
 - Patti Rhea- Her esophagus has narrowed, having difficulty eating. 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).
 - **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)
 - 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.
 - Awanda Glover- Health issues.
 - Mike Finley- Has MS and has back & neck pain.
 - Randy Newman-Heart issues.
 - Beth Mercer- Health issues.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney
 - Daymond McGaughey-Health Issues.
 - Cindy Johnson- Health Issues
 - 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).
 - Levi Taylor- Fell and injured his knee. He is going to have several intensive surgeries to repair his knee. (Son of Troy & LaRae Taylor)

WORSHIP CENTER FLOWERS:

- The Worship Center flowers are given today in memory of our parents, Loy W. & Opal Burnett and Frank & Leota Davis by Pam and Loy Burnett.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS

- David Moore, Associational Mission Strategist, Panhandle of Oklahoma
- Pray God will protect David's family from the schemes of the enemy so they can have a powerful ministry.
 - Pray God will deliver the people in David's area from apathy.
 - Pray men will step up as leaders in the church.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

- Noelson and Edna Chery, Church Planter, Lansdowne, PA
- Pray for a permanent place of worship allowing us to grow and develop strategic ministries that will help reach our community for Christ.

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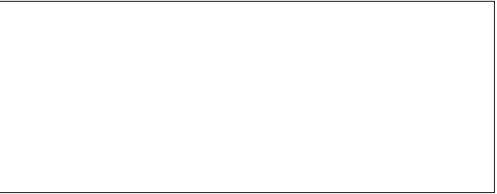



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THE WEEKLY WORDS
RYLEE WOESSNER
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

we do not know exactly what happened during that time because the events during the decension are not explicitly recorded in the Bible. However, studying the descension has given me a better understanding of the power of God. Emerson affirms a unified body-soul dualism and a temporary disembodied state (161). A unified body-soul dualism means that while the body and soul are two separate things, they work together. A disembodied state is when a human exists outside a physical state. That gets deep real quick, but hang with me! In the lamest of terms this means that Jesus was still alive even though His body was physically dead! Emerson argues throughout the book that Jesus was able to defeat death by descending to the place of the dead and then rising again three days later (25). The backbone of Emerson's argument comes from ancient Near Eastern, Greco-Roman thought of different compartments or places of the afterlife (25). These ideas are different from our modern concept of heaven and hell. It was assumed that the place of the righteous dead was Paradise or Abraham's bosom.

The Descent

Have you ever thought about what happened to Jesus when He died? I am still learning because there are so many sub-topics to this one topic, but one of my favorite and most thought-provoking books I have ever read on this topic is *He Descended to the Dead* by Matthew Y. Emerson. Put on your thinking caps because it will make your brain spin in the best way! In this book Emerson discussed all the different historical convictions and viewpoints on what happened to Jesus after He died. It is impossible to cover the descension of Jesus in a 500-word article, but here are some facts and ideas from Emerson's book about the descension to research more on! It is also important to note that the descension is not a core theological topic like the Trinity. There are a lot of different opinions about it and frankly,

While the place of the unrighteous dead was referred to as Hades, Sheol, and Gehenna (33). Emerson uses the various places of the dead to affirm Jesus' descent. Furthermore, the descent is the first of three stops of Jesus' victory tour: 1) realm of the dead 2) realm of the living, 3) heavenly realm (167). We talk about Jesus defeating death all the time, but give very little recognition to the entirety of the victory tour. The key verses that Emerson included and explained their relevance to the descent were: 1 Peter 3:18-22, 1 Peter 4:6, 1 Corinthians 15, Matthew 12:40, Ephesians 4:9, Numbers 16:30, Acts 2:25-28, Psalm 16, Psalm 138:8, Romans 10:7, Revelation 1:18, Revelation 20:13-14, Isaiah 10:7-11; 11:19. The descension of Jesus is a big topic, but don't be afraid to have gentle curiosity about God and the Bible. Use your questions as a tool to seek Him more. Emerson, Matthew Y. *He Descended to the Dead: An Evangelical Theology of Holy Saturday*. InterVarsity Press, 2019.



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Quarterly Business Celebration/
Chili Cook Off

Sunday, October 27th
at 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Think you can handle the heat? Bring your beans to
our Chili Cook Off and let's spice things up!



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.

PARENTING CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 10TH

4:30-7:30PM

DINNER AND CHILDCARE PROVIDED





ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	307
Morning Worship	506
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 32,690.94
YTD Required	\$ 1,055,630.16
YTD Received	\$ 965,150.50
YTD Percentage	91.43%
Vision 2020 Commitments	\$ 745,202.00
Vision 2020 Received	\$ 796,689.81
Current Balance on Vision 2020 loan	\$ \$0
UPCOMING EVENTS	

Diaper Drive - Month of October

The Women’s Ministry is excited to announce that they will be supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) with a special diaper drive throughout the entire month of October. We kindly ask for donations of diapers in sizes 3, 4, and 5. Your generosity will make a real difference in the lives of families in need. Please drop off your donations in the specially designated collection bin at the Welcome Center. Thank you so much for your support!

Bronx, New York Mission Trip

Troy Taylor and Jeff Henderson embarked on a six-day mission trip on Wednesday, October 23rd, with their return scheduled for Monday, October 28th. Let’s keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they serve in New York.

Quarterly Business Celebration/ Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, October 27th will be our Quarterly Business Celebration/Chili Cook-Off. You won’t want to miss this exciting event!

Trunk or Treat

Come join us for our Trunk or Treat event on October 31st starting at 6:30pm..

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don’t forget to set your clocks back on November 3rd.

LCT Choir & Cast Retreat

Choir and cast LCT retreat on November 2nd, 9am-2pm.

Help Wanted!! - November 7th @ 8:30am

We need your help for Operation Christmas Childs Moving Day on Thursday, November 7th, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Join us for a special event following our Sunday morning worship service on November 10th—our Operation Christmas Child Packing Party! We’ll gather in the Fellowship Hall for a fun and meaningful time of packing gifts for children in need.

Parenting Conference

Sunday, November 10th is a night you do not want to miss! This is for single and or married parents of kiddos in the Kids and Student Ministry! There will be an amazing dinner and we will be hearing from Dr. Aaron Fullbright the Student Minister at Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee, OK.

Living Christmas Tree Construction

Following the Morning Worship service on Sunday, November 17, 2024, we will be needing volunteers to help with the construction and decorating of the Living Christmas Tree.

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is in need of bud vases.

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.



TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY NEEDED

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

Colossians 4:2

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MINISTERS:

Prayer request 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
Clydena Fox #50
Earl Mercer #
Nancy Smith #55

MISSIONARIES: MIDDLE EAST

Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

Please come join us October 30th, 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: Chili Dogs, Corn Dogs, Chips, Broccoli & Cheese, Salad Bar, Dessert.



Statement of Faith -
Josephine Burnett, Dee and Anna
Watts

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
Extended Session 1st-3rd
10:45am Morning Worship
3:00pm Kids Team Min.
4:00pm Women’s Min. Leadership
5:00pm Qtrly Business Mtg/ Chili Cook-off

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am Friendship International
4:45pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm KDG Midweek
Christ-Centered Living
Divorce Care
Midweek Media Team
Students Midweek
Men’s Gathering
Women’s Connection

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
6:30pm Trunk or Treat

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00am LCT Retreat

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

KIDS SUNDAY

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
10:45am Morning Worship -
Lord Supper
5:00pm Financial Peace