

SICK:

- Campbell Finley- Will have ACL/ meniscus surgery, Wednesday, November 27. (Granddaughter of Mike & Linda Finley).
- Joseph and Sarah Woods- Medical needs.
- Steve Branstetter- Has been diagnosed with ALS. (Brother of Gerald Branstetter).
- Vicki Shafer- Having hip surgery, and Ken Shafer diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (Family of Rhonda Cotton).
- 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.
- 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 diagosed 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 & leg 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)
- Marcia & Charles Elkins- Health issues.
- 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)
- Denise Campbell- Kidney Issues
- SYMPATHY:
- To Jon Long and family of the passing of his wife, Laveta, Saturday, November 23, 2024.
- THANK YOU:
- FBC, Thank you for the peace lily sent to our Dad’s funeral. We appreciate the thoughtfulness. - Jeanna Mercer Weeks, Tod Mercer & Family.
- Dear FBC, Thank you so much for supplying the meal for our mothers funeral. It was very lovely and the food was delicious. Your kindness and generosity was very much appreciated. This church was a blessing to the Cagle family for many, many years. Thank you again! -Marlene Cagle & Family



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Lottie Moon Story

The following article displays content from The New Lottie Moon Story by Allen, Catherine B.

Lottie Moon was born in Viewmont on December 12th in 1840. She grew to be 4 feet 3 inches. Although she was tiny, her impact was huge. From an early age, Moon was taught about the Lord and Baptist beliefs, for her parents were highly involved in Baptist churches. Moon also had an excellent education. As a child, Moon was not allowed to gossip, and she studied religion, literature, and history. In 1854, Moon’s mother sent her to Virginia to a Female Seminary School at Botetourt Springs. In 1858, Moon accepted Jesus as the boss of her life and while she did not know at the time, this was the moment that her life forever changed. Moon spent most of her time studying Greek and Hebrew. Moon was also at the forefront of women in ministry debates and discussions. Her role in the church was constantly challenged and she continually sought to fulfill the Lord’s call on her life. In 1873, Moon was appointed as a missionary by the Foreign Misson Board

in Richmond. Eventually Moon made it to Tengchow and she spent thirty-nine years there.

Miss Moon was brave and bold, but she was also a peacekeeper. She found herself in feuds and frustration over money and even friendship, but she was always able to remain friends with her colleagues. When she was back in the states, she spoke at various churches and associations on her personal dime in order to share about the work the Lord was doing overseas. While on the mission field, she fought for permanent mission residence to be established for families and single women. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering began in 1887.

While on the mission field, she faced challenges due to illness and loneliness. As she continued her mission work in China, she ended up moving inland and completely cut herself off from contacts, protection, and comforts. She also spent time in P’ingtu. While she was there, she established and reopened many schools. Even though Moon faced challenges, she was constantly encouraging and writing to other missionaries. Moon constantly and consistently put the needs of others before herself and sacrificed

her life for the sake of the gospel. In 1898, Moon wrote that she “began to feel the effects of her age.” Many people encouraged her to go home to the United States, but her response was “China is my home now.” Towards the end of her life, she weighed fifty pounds. She passed away on December 24th in 1912, at the age of seventy-two in Japan. The cause of her death was melancholia and senility. Moon’s impact in undeniable. In 1912 alone, there were 2,358 baptisms in the area she was ministering to. To this day every Christmas, Baptists partner together and take up an offering in order to support missionaries. Lottie Moon paved the way for so many missionaries and truly lived out what it means to sacrifice your life for the sake of the gospel.

December 1, 2024

FBC Lawton
NEWSLETTER

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OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS

Paul Lewis, Director of Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Oklahoma State University

- Pray that God would continue to draw college students to himself and keep using the BCM to help students come to know Jesus and grow in their faith.
- Pray God would raise up student leaders to reach as many of the 25,000 students as possible.
- Pray God would help the staff team grow to meet the needs of the students who are part of the OSU BCM.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

International Missions

- Pray the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions supports the many International Mission Board missionaries serving around the globe by providing the resource they need to give help and hope to a lost world. Pray Southern Baptists will give generously and sacrificially to spread the good news of Jesus throughout the world.



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THE WEEKLY WORDS
RYLEE WOESSNER
CHILDREN'S MINISTER



FBC KIDS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Dec 1st Family Worship (No 1st-3rd Extended Session)

Dec 8th Living Christmas Tree During Worship Service

Dec 18th FBC Kids Hula Party 6:00-7:30pm

Dec 22nd No Sunday School, No 1st-3rd Extended Session, No Preschool Extended Session

Dec 25th No Midweek

Dec 29th No Sunday School, No 1st-3rd Extended Session, No Preschool Extended Session

January 1st No Midweek

January 5th Family Worship

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$40,000

Every dollar you give goes to the mission field to support gospel transformation among the lost. Thank you for your generosity!

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Holiday SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Service - Lord's Supper Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ 5:00pm

Office Closed Dec. 23-Jan. 3, 2025

Wednesday, December 18
No Evening Activities

Sunday, December 22
No Sunday School
No Evening Services

Wednesday, December 25
No Evening Activities

Sunday, December 29
No Sunday School
No Evening Services

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	N/A
Morning Worship	N/A
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 15,188.91
YTD Required	\$ 1,237,636.36
YTD Received	\$ 1,105,760.65
YTD Percentage	89.34%
Current Balance on Vision 2020 loan	\$ \$0.00
UPCOMING EVENTS	

The 43rd Annual Living Christmas Tree
The 43rd Annual Living Christmas Tree Musical, *A Christmas Legacy*, requires a whole “host” of volunteers. Our desire is for every member to attend one presentation, but we would also ask for you to serve one as well. There are several areas for you to put your gift of service into action. Parking Attendants, Greeters, Servers for cookies and cider each presentation and prayer warriors. There are also volunteer needs for childcare and the shuttle service for the presentation dates. Please pray for LCT, all who will attend and how you may be directly involved. Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Center.

2024 LCT Non-Perishable Food Drive
Every year we ask people who attend our Living Christmas Tree presentations to contribute non-perishable food items. Our church’s job is to be sure the food is distributed to deserving families or individuals. If you or your Sunday School class want to participate, your responsibility is simply to come where the food will be displayed, fill a box and take it to the family/individual. You or your class may add meat or other perishables at your expense, if you desire. The food and empty boxes will be available December 9-18. Whatever is not distributed through this process or kept at the church for future use, will be donated the morning of December 19 to a worthy organization. If you have questions about food distribution, contact Bob Robinson at 580-695-8638 or bobr1823@hotmail.com.

Riverside Indian School Students
Get ready to spread some holiday cheer! This season, we have the joy of partnering with 50 wonderful students from Riverside Indian School, each sharing their top three gift choices. Our mission is to select one gift, purchase, and wrap the perfect surprises. Please have wrapped gifts with name tags returned by Sunday, December 1st. You can pick up a sponsored student slip in the welcome center. Let’s come together to bring some extra joy to these students and make this holiday season truly special!

FBC Hula Day Party
Join FBC Kids at Midweek on Wednesday, December 18th, for our Christmas party. Have your Kiddos wear their PJ’s or Hula gear!

Shuttle Ministry Volunteers
Volunteers needed for shuttle ministry! Please contact the church office for more information. We specifically need shuttle service volunteers for the LCT presentation dates.

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.

PRESENTS THE 43RD ANNUAL LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas Legacy

a prodigal comes home
LUKE 15:31-32

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2024 PRESENTATIONS:
FRI., DEC. 6 @ 7:00PM
SAT., DEC. 7 @ 6:00 PM
SUN., DEC. 8 @ 10:30 & 6:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION
PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST
“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
Colossians 4:2
www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray

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:
Willow Park
Denise Campbell #8-D

MISSIONARIES: MIDDLE EAST
Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:
Please come join us December 4, 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 and Fries, Salad Bar, Dessert.

FBC KIDS BEANIES AND T-SHIRTS:
FBC Kids (kid size beanies) and FBC Kids (adult size t-shirts) will be available the first three Sundays in December to purchase in the welcome center after service on Sundays. The cost of a T-shirt and or beanie is \$10 each. Payment can be made via cash, check, or card..

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
LOTTIE MOON
FAMILY WORSHIP
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
10:45am Morning Worship
12:30pm LCT Choir & Cast Luncheon/ Rehearsal on Tree

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am Rooted Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
Office Closed
7:00pm LCT Presentation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
Office Closed
6:00pm LCT Presentation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
LOTTIE MOON
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
10:45am Extended Session 1st-3rd
10:30am LCT Presentation
6:00pm LCT Presentation