

- SICK:**
 - Cooper Anderson- Surgery was a success.
 - Barbara Hoskins- Extreme Health issues.
 - Tommy Booker- Having A-Fib and associated cardiac issues. Grandson of Bill Malone living in San Marcos, TX.
 - Vicki Shafer- Having hip surgery, and Ken Shafer diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (Family of Rhonda Cotton).
 - Linda Toy- Diagnosed with ALS.
 - Cheryl Donecker- Finished chemo and now starting radiation, doing better. (Cousin of Norma Wells, living in Wichita, KS)
 - 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.
 - Archie King- Last days of cancer (Brother of Norma Wells)
 - Joseph and Sarah Woods- Medical needs.
 - Ellen Gatliff- Diagnosed with Cancer, now taking chemo treatments.
 - Jerry Golson- Has Congestive Heart failure (Friend of Mike Davis)..
- Update: Not much improvement as of now. (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 restarted. CT Scan is scheduled for Feb 11, to see if tumors in lungs and liver are continuing to shrink. his eyesight continues to decline
 - Awanda Glover- Health issues.
 - Jean & John Skinner- Health issues. (Parents of Renee Hardage)
 - Mike Finley- Has MS and has back & leg pain.
 - Randy Newman-Heart issues.
 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney
 - Daymond McGaughey-Health Issues.
 - Cindy Johnson- Health Issues
 - Bud Hoskins- Health Issues. (Brother of Michael Hoskins)
 - 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)

- ONGOING:**
 - Cole LaBarre- Had brain surgery causing a stroke, trauma to his left side leaving him blind. Still doing therapy & speech with movement gradually coming back.

FBC KIDS ADULT T-SHIRTS AND KID-SIZED BEANIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE WELCOME CENTER AFTER CHURCH.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS

- North Africa & Middle Eastern Peoples
- Pray missionaries and fellow believers in this area of the world would have opportunities to share the Gospel and that they will be salt and light to those living in spiritual darkness.
 - Pray God will raise up a visionary national leader among the 802 people groups of Northern Africa and the Middle East, so they will come to faith in Jesus, by leading of the Holy Spirit.
 - Pray God will protect and provide for missionaries as they serve.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

- Marvin & Patricia Sellman, Church Planter, Waldorf, Maryland
- Pray for God’s guidance and strength in our church plant. We also seek for patience to wait on Him as we disciple the Prince Frederick community in Maryland.

WORSHIP CENTER FLOWERS:

- In honor of the birthday of Catherine “Squeege” Witzel Dunn. With our love, Tom Dunn, Laura Birdwell and Judy Landrum.


WELCOME



Transfer of Letter- Kyle and Davida Carr



Transfer of Letter- Sharla and Shay Spencer



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Bad Theology

I have always found it fascinating that a word, song, smell, or situation can transport you back in time. This happens to me relatively often, especially when I am listening to punk rock music from the 1990s and early 2000s. For just a moment, I am 15 again, riding a lawnmower across town to hang out with friends, on the way to a football game, cruising Main with my buddies, or working on my old Mustang in the school parking lot.

This weekend, I had one of those reality-shifting flashbacks, but it wasn’t from a song that annoys my wife; it was from a situation in a church service. Rob, Raleah, Courtney, Bennett, Xavier, April, and I took our students to United Weekend. We have a great group of students, and spending time with them is always entertaining. They are funny, respectful, kind, sweet, and stinking know the Bible. It’s a youth pastor’s dream.

Most of the weekend, I watched in relaxation mode as our students engaged with the speakers, small group leaders, and breakout teachers and during worship. I have never been more impressed with them. I was proud. Proud of where we are now as a Student Ministry, proud of the growth,

proud of the maturity, proud that they are our kids. But my favorite moment happened when I least expected it.

At the end of the last service, a student approached me and asked if we could talk. I agreed, and we made our way to a quiet place to chat. I listened as this student poured her heart out. She explained that she was reading her Bible every day, but it was just going through the motions. She would worship, but it was mechanical. She was obedient, but she wanted more. It was a moment of true repentance. While she was talking the first thought that ran through my mind was, “Wow, what a kid. She is repenting for doing all the right things, but knows her heart wasn’t in it.” At her age, my confession would have probably made my youth pastor blush.

After she had unloaded all the pain and guilt, I just stood there. As I started to talk, the first words that came out of my mouth were, “You are a good kid...” Instantly, I had a flashback. I was 13 again, crying face down in a pew in the middle of a revival in an old church, and an older lady was standing over me. She asked me what was wrong, and I basically said what this young lady had just said to me. Her response was, “Brandon, you’re a good kid; you don’t have anything to worry about.” That was bad theology despite her meaning

well. I don’t know how long I was in this alternate reality, but I snapped back and finished the sentence, “You’re a good kid, but I am proud of you for knowing our goodness, and even our best intentions aren’t good enough in front of a Holy God. Today, you repented. You already know Christ is your Savior, but you said you’re tired of being complacent today. Repentance means turning around and changing course, and you did just that.”

I wish I had her understanding when I was her age. I wish I could go back in time and tell that lady she was wrong. My challenge is this: Take a long look at your theology. If you have been going through the motions and not enjoying a relationship with Christ, it is time to turn around. If you think piling up good things gets you in. If you do good things, but your heart is not in it. If your theology is not the same as this 17-year-old girl, then you have “bad theology.”



THE WEEKLY WORDS
BRANDON THOMPSON
STUDENT MINISTER

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Women's newsletter



Church newsletter







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NEW MEMBERS LUNCH

February 23, 2025
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

SENIOR

Adult Banquet

Friday, March 7, 2025
6:00 p.m.





WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
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WWW.FBCLAWTON.ORG/EVENTS
OR IN WELCOME CENTER

| ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Sunday School | 328 |
| Morning Worship | 516 |
| BUDGET REPORT | |
| Weekly Required | \$ 36,401.04 |
| Weekly Received | \$ 46,656.23 |
| YTD Required | \$1,638,046.80 |
| YTD Received | \$1,545,497.65 |
| YTD Percentage | 94.35% |
| UPCOMING EVENTS | |

KSWO Preemptions
Our KSWO broadcast will be preempted on February 16th, 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th.

FBC Kids Talent Search Auditions
Auditions to perform in our camp fundraiser lunch will take place on February 16th after the Worship Service in the Lift Lounge. If your child would like to audition please register them so we know how many to expect.

Office Closure
Due to Presidents’ Day, a Federal Holiday, the FBC office will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Firm Foundation
This eight-week study will cover seven key truths of our faith, starting on February 23rd and concluding on April 13th. The class will take place during Sunday School at 9:30 a.m

New Members Lunch
New Members! Make sure and save the date for the New Members Lunch on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Operation Christmas Child
Good news! Operation Christmas Child workdays resume. Our usual workdays will be on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month to prepare for the packing party in November. February workdays will be February 13 and February 27 1:30pm in Room 210. Text or phone Mary Swafford 281-851-9389 for information on how you can be involved with Operation Christmas Child.

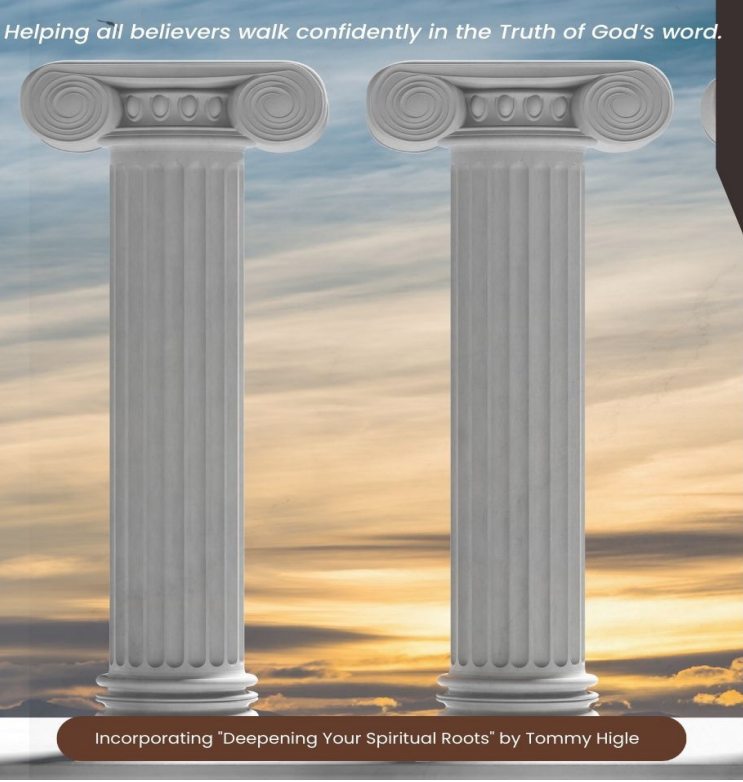
Mother/Daughter Popcorn And Pajamas
Join FBC Kids on Sunday, March 2nd for an evening of food, fellowship, and lots of fun! This Mother/Daughter event is for kiddos birth-5th grade and their mom, aunt, grandma, female guardian or caretaker in their life. You do NOT have to be a member of FBC Lawton to attend. The cost is \$5 per person. Wear your PJ’s and invite some friends too! We hope to see you there!

Mac Powell - I Love Jesus Tour
Join us for the *I Love Jesus Tour*, featuring Mac Powell, the iconic voice of Third Day, alongside Cochren & Co. and Jon Riddick for an evening of music and inspiration! Tickets can be bought on etix.com or at the Welcome Center. General Admission tickets - \$25.00

CrossTimbers - July 11-14, 2025
CrossTimbers is a mission adventure camp for completed 3rd-5th graders in Davis, Oklahoma! The cost for early bird is \$125 per child if you sign them up before Easter 2025! Use code: EARLYBIRD. After Easter the cost is \$145 per child. You will have to fill out a form for EACH child you are sending. Multiple children cannot be put on the same form. Please make sure you select the correct gender/ticket for your child to attend. Sign up is online only. We do have some scholarships available. You can pick up a scholarship application in the church office! Spots are limited, so don’t delay!

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.

Helping all believers walk confidently in the Truth of God’s word.



Incorporating "Deepening Your Spiritual Roots" by Tommy Hagle

FBC LAWTON PRESENTS FIRM FOUNDATION

February 23rd – April 13th
Sunday’s @ 9:30 am

Join an 8 week class that will cover 7 foundational truths of our faith.

TOPICS:

1. SALVATION
2. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION
3. THE BIBLE
4. PRAYER
5. THE CHURCH
6. SPIRITUAL WARFARE
7. EVANGELISM-SHARING YOUR STORY

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WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

MINISTERS:

- As we have stepped into the new year, we are reminded of the faithfulness of our God, who holds the future in His hands. His Word assures us, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11). Our prayer is that God would continue to use us for His Kingdom purposes, drawing us closer to Him and to reach others as we walk through the year ahead.
- Heather and I realize how precious these next few years will be with our boys before they begin new chapters in their lives after high school. We would love to push the pause button, but we know that the future is bright for Lane and Cade.
- Please pray for them as they continue to grow in wisdom and stature before God and man.
- We also ask you to join us in praying for their future spouses, knowing that God has incredible plans in store for them.
- Pray for the boys: Lane is taking concurrent Comp 2 through Cameron University while also gearing up for track season, and Cade is transitioning into golf season—both boys continue to excel as great students!
- We are so thankful for our church family and the love, support, and prayers you continually offer. May God bless you richly in the year ahead!

Mike Neff – Administrative Pastor

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:
Cedar Crest
Toshi Smith #120

MISSIONARIES: MIDDLE EAST
Brady & Julie Plunk and children
Pray for Graham Taylor as he heads for Central Asia

MEMBER NOTICES:
Please come join us February 19, 2025, 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: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert.

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| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | |
| 9:30am | Sunday School |
| 10:45am | Preschool Extended Session |
| | 1st-3rd Extended Session |
| | Morning Worship |
| 12:30pm | Charcuterie Class |
| 2:00pm | Budget/Finance Comm. Mtg. |
| 3:15pm | Personnel Committee Mtg. |
| 3:30pm | Revelation Women’s Bible Study |
| 4:00 | Deacon’s Meeting |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | |
| Office Closed | |
| TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | |
| 8:30am | Office Hours - 5:00pm |
| 9:30am | Rooted Ladies |
| 6:30pm | ESL Classes |
| WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | |
| 8:30am | Office Hours - 5:00pm |
| 9:30am | Friendship International |
| 4:45pm | Fellowship Meal |
| 5:00pm | Nominating Committee |
| 6:00pm | PreK/KDG Midweek |
| | Christ-Centered Living |
| | Divorce Care |
| | Midweek Media Team |
| | Student’s Midweek |
| | Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| | Women’s Connection |
| | Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| | Men’s Gathering |
| THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | |
| 8:30am | Office Hours - 5:00pm |
| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | |
| Office Closed | |
| SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | |
| Office Closed | |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | |
| 9:30am | Sunday School |
| 10:45am | Preschool Extended Session |
| | 1st-3rd Extended Session |
| | Morning Worship |
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