

- 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)..
- 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. 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)

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

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ryan & Lynsi Rhodes, American peoples affinity group, Edmond, OK
- Pray the Rhodes will lean on the Father’s wisdom in their work.
 - Pray their children will have a successful year in school.
 - Pray for a small church plant on the outskirts of Lima they are trying to encourage.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

- Scotty & Jessica Santiago, Chaplain, Tampa, Florida
- Pray for good health, safe travels, and the Lord’s abundant provision for all our needs as we share His love during what can be the darkest season for many.
 - Pray also for guidance and discernment in our decisions, trusting in the Lord’s direction every step of the way.

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February 23, 2025

Summary of Five Views on Infants and Children in the Church

I grew up in this church and it was not really until college that I began to study different denominations and religions. It really challenged me to think about “why” behind my beliefs. Keahbone recently shared a post from Shane Pruitt on Facebook about infants that pass away. I highly recommend reading it! I personally uphold the Baptist view depicted below. I think it is important to understand the different viewpoints regarding salvation and baptism, especially when it comes to children. Please note I am not trying to present any viewpoint in a positive or negative fashion, but just shed light on information that was really helpful to me. The following information is cited from Harwood, Adam, Kevin E. Lawson, Jason Foster, David Liberto, David P. Scaer, and Gregg Strawbridge. *Infants and Children in the Church: Five Views on Theology and Ministry*. B & H Academic, 2017.

Orthodox View

The world is inherited from Adam and his descendants, thus there are consequences of sin for all humanity (16). In the womb, each baby realizes the overall effect of sin, but they are victims not yet active perpetrators of sin (17). A priest immerses a child in baptismal water three times and the child is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (26). The infant thus becomes a member of the church and enters the kingdom of God and eternal life (27).

The Orthodox viewpoint does uphold the idea that God is merciful (36).

Roman Catholic View

In Catholicism, revelation from God is from the Holy Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition (48). Catholics believe that when Adam disobeyed God, he lost original justice as well as fell from grace. Due to this, the friendship with God was broken and the ultimate penalty was/is death for humanity (50). Infants thus bear the consequences of original sin too. The only remedy for the sickness of original sin is baptism by immersion or pouring (53-54). The Catholic Church does not have a clear statement on what happens to a child who dies in infancy (56). Since then, many Catholic scholars have tried to depict some limbo state for unbaptized infants to rest or at least hope for children who die in infancy.

A Lutheran View

For Lutherans, baptism is of the upmost importance, for baptism destroys sin, and gives new life to believers in Christ (81). It is not faith that provides salvation, but baptism, for faith merely justifies the sinner (82). Furthermore, there is no limitation on children being able to be baptized, but remorse over sin and faith in Christ are necessary for baptism (84). When a child is baptized, they become a member of the church (87). Also, in emergency situations any Christian can administer baptism (93). Lutherans believe that sin originated in Adam and is passed down from generation to generation (86). It was traditionally held that children that were not baptized did not receive salvation, but in recent years the

viewpoint has changed (93). Lutherans typically believe that a child that dies in infancy can be saved through their mother’s participation in the church and where the Word of God is spoken as well as the idea that children can be exposed to the gospel before they were born (94).

Reformed View

The Reformed view upholds that infants and adults have inherited Adam’s sin. Many reformed theologians hold that children can sin in the womb due to the Calvinists view of the fall and depravity (126). The Reformed view also states that Baptism is a sign and seal of the covenant rather than the actual act of a child becoming part of the covenant (122). Calvinists believe that God has elected people to be saved, thus infants who die in infancy have hope because of their possible election (125). Reformed families also have hope because they believe that God is the ultimate judge who will do what is right (142).

Baptist View

All Baptists uphold that infants and adults should be baptized after they place their faith in Jesus as a public sign that they are followers of the Lord (155). Baptists believe that Baptism does not save, for it is an act of obedience and a symbol of one’s new life in Christ. Baptists believe in original sin, but ultimately believe that infants who die in infancy are safe with God in heaven (166). For Baptists, immersion is the only way someone can be baptized and there is no age minimum that children have to be in order to be baptized (161).

- Rylee Woessner Children’s Minister



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MOM & DAUGHTER POPCORN AND PAJAMAS

MARCH 2ND
5:00 PM

SENIOR

Adult Banquet

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

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July 11-14th 3rd-5th Graders



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He is Creator
He is Everlasting
He is Powerful

SUMMER 2025



OKLAHOMA
BAPTISTS



COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM

| ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Sunday School | 353 |
| Morning Worship | 561 |
| BUDGET REPORT | |
| Weekly Required | \$ 36,401.04 |
| Weekly Received | \$ 19,569.71 |
| YTD Required | \$1,674,447.84 |
| YTD Received | \$1,565,317.36 |
| YTD Percentage | 93.48% |
| Greater Glory | \$ 125,568.70 |
| UPCOMING EVENTS | |

KSWO Preemptions

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

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! Join us for lunch today Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Operation Christmas Child

The last workday in February is the 27th @ 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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update

Great Joy! FBC Lawton collected 3,809 shoeboxes from our packing party and churches in our vicinity. Each shoebox is an opportunity for a child to learn about Jesus. Volunteers are always needed for OCC, especially during National Collection Week (Nov 17-24) and trailer-loading day (Nov 24). 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!

Senior Adult Banquet

Join us Friday, March 7, for a special evening of music and celebration. Featuring the Southwest Pride Barbershop Chorus. While this is a free event, we encourage donations to support future activities.

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 - \$15.00**

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.

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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.

- Pastor Keahbone

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

McMahon-Tomlinson
Charles & Marcia Elkins #41 A & B

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 26, 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: Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
1st-3rd Extended Session
Morning Worship
12:30pm New Members Lunch
3:30pm Revelation Women's Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

9:30am Rooted Ladies

6:30pm ESL Classes

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

9:30am Friendship International

4:45pm Fellowship Meal

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 27

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Office Closed

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Office Closed

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

9:30am Sunday School

10:45am Preschool Extended Session

Morning Worship

3:30pm Revelation Women's Bible Study

5:00pm Mother/Daughter Event