

SICK:

- Craig McDonald- Heath issues.
- Audelle Owen- Broken femur.
- Brad Davis- Had heart surgery with more to come. (Friends of Karen & Wayne Bishop)
- Barbara Hoskins- Extreme Health issues.
- 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

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

Jessica Wagner, International Mission Board, Yokohama, Japan

- Pray for Jessica as she continues to study the challenging language of Japanese.
- Pray doors will swing open wide for Gospel conversations when she is in school, on campus, or surfing the ocean on her sabbath.
- Amidst the challenges of life, pray God would use the difficult times for His glory and for Jessica's sanctification.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

Kevin and Andria Ibanez, Church Planter, Vista, California

- Pray for more workers in the harvest as we reach the least, the last, and the lost with the gospel.
- Pray for a building for O'side Church and Dream Center.

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- **Christians in Syria:** Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Syria who are facing persecution.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

LAWTON · FORT SILL
501 SW B Ave
Lawton, OK 73501

March 16, 2025



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and it changed everything" (176). Butterfield and her family choose to see Hank as a child of God despite what he had done.

Please note there are times when separation from certain situations is Biblical, and we should never condone or support sin, but I hope these ideas challenge you the way they challenged me. Who do you share the gospel with? To whom do you show the love of Christ?

When was the last time you invited someone into your bubble? I pray daily that the Lord will help me get out of the way of His work and will to be done, and I hope this encourages you to do the same!

Reference: Butterfield, R. C. (2018, March 30). *The Gospel Comes With A House Key*. Crossway.

One of the most impactful books I have read is *The Gospel Comes With A House Key* by Rosaria Champagne Butterfield. Disclaimer: Not all the things in this book align with the Baptist Faith and Message, so know that beforehand if you read it!

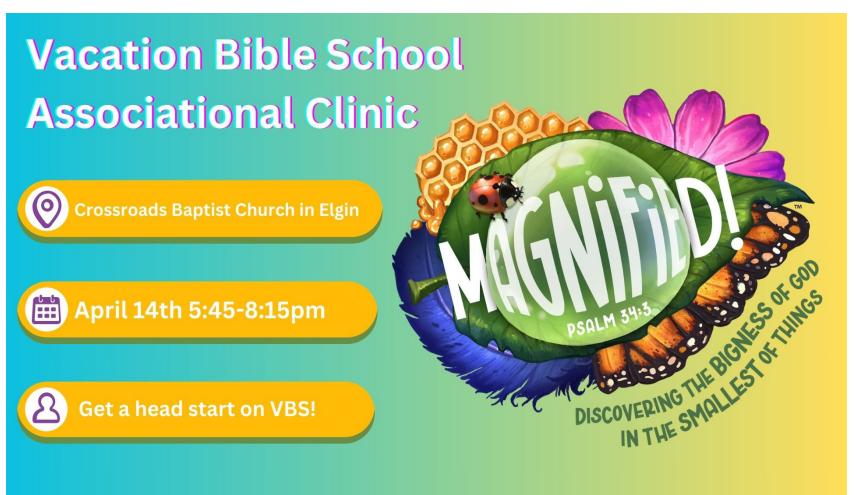
Butterfield was very honest and blunt in her book, discussing how Christians are often the ones who prohibit the spread of the Gospel.

For example, Christians love to fellowship with like-minded people. Having fellowship with like-minded people is a good thing, don't get me wrong, but what should we do about people with different opinions and/or lifestyles than us? We cannot spread the Gospel effectively if we only hang out with like-minded people.

In Butterfield's words, "Christians can be known for their clicks, and they can be demanding and even hypocritical" (32). She went on to say that Christians have no business calling out their neighbors to live differently if they themselves do not live differently than



THE WEEKLY WORDS
RYLEE WOESSNER
CHILDREN'S MINISTER



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	290
Morning Worship	597
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 50,802.23
YTD Required	\$1,783,650.96
YTD Received	\$1,676,881.65
YTD Percentage	94.01%
Greater Glory	\$ 219,436.45

UPCOMING EVENTS

KSWO Preemptions

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

Senior Adult Game Day

Join us for a delightful Senior Adult Board Game Lunch! Bring your own sack lunch and a board game, and enjoy delicious appetizers and drinks provided by the church. Fun and fellowship await!

No Wednesday Activities

There will be no Wednesday evening activities Wednesday, March 19, 2025, due to Spring Break. Enjoy your Spring Break!

2025-2026 Proposed Budget and Budget Forum

The 2025-2026 Budget Proposals are available in the Welcome Center and Foyer. The Budget Forum will be on Sunday, March 23, immediately following Morning Worship in the Parlor. The Annual Budget Vote will follow Morning Worship on Sunday, March 30. Committees and Ministry teams will be approved.

Women's Tea Party

Get ready for a delightful morning at our Women's Tea on Saturday, March 29th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.! Enjoy a charming atmosphere filled with laughter, delicious tea, and tasty treats—all for just \$5. Bring your friends and let's make some wonderful memories together! Please register @ fbclawton.org/events.

FBC Kids Camp Spaghetti Lunch and Performances

Our kiddos will be going to CrossTimbers in July! We are having a spaghetti lunch along with some performances by FBC kiddos on April 6th right after the Worship Service! Purchase a meal ticket by April 2nd! No tickets will be available past April 2nd to help us know exactly how much food we should purchase! If you would like to sponsor a child the cost per child is \$125!

Women's Retreat

Women's retreat at Falls Creek will be April 11-12, 2025. Register online at Oklahomabaptist.org/women/retreat/.

VBS Associational Clinic

Join us on Monday, April 14th, from 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. for the Vacation Bible School Associational Clinic at Crossroads Baptist Church.

Men's Retreat

ATTENTION all FBC Lawton Men! Join us, April 25-26, 2025, we will take a group of men to Falls Creek for this two-day Men's Retreat! We will stay in the FBC Lawton cabin (No additional charge). If you are planning to attend, please use the link below to register, then follow up with Jeff Henderson via text at 580-695-5196 or email at jeff@m28ministries.org. The deadline to register is April 8. Cost: \$100 Adults/ \$75 Students 14-17. <https://register.oklahomabaptists.org/mens-retreat/>

Operation Christmas Child

Great Joy! 3,809 shoeboxes were collected from our area last year! Each shoebox is a special opportunity for the child who received it. Volunteers are always needed for OCC - our area needs a Prayer Team Coordinator and a Church Relations Coordinator. Text or phone Mary Swafford 281-851-9389 for information on how you can be involved with Operation Christmas Child.

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.



SUNDAY, MARCH 16	
ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session 1st-3rd Extended Session Morning Worship Budget/Finance Comm. Mtg. Personnel Committee Mtg.
MONDAY, MARCH 17	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
11:00am	Senior Adult Game Day
TUESDAY, MARCH 18	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm No Fellowship meal or Evening Activities
6:00pm	Men's Bible Study
THURSDAY, MARCH 20	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
FRIDAY, MARCH 21	
Office Closed	
SATURDAY, MARCH 22	
Office Closed	
SUNDAY, MARCH 23	
ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session 1st-3rd Extended Session Morning Worship Budget Forum Deancon's Meeting
12:30pm	
4:00pm	

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

MINISTERS:
Dear church family, Can you believe it's EASTER time? There is still time to join our Choir family... Please join me this day on this prayer from the book of 1st Corinthians 10: 31 - "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." That is my prayer for you, and I hope that you will continue to pray for me and my family as we serve alongside you. One very important date to pray for us is the Greater Glory Campaign.

How can you pray for our ministry:

- Pray for each one of our volunteers in the worship team.
- Also, pray for each one of my kids and their school calendars.
- Pray for Gabby as she continues to recover from a concussion, and pray for us as we continue to look for answers; pray for doctors and medical staff to provide guidance on the next steps and treatment plan.
- Pray for my wife and her role as an educator and mentor to so many.
- Pray for our marriage; may God strengthen our relationship more and more each day.

Thank you for all your prayers.

Xavier Abraham

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:
Veterans Center
Rex Polone #112 Green
Bill Looney #116 Blue

MISSIONARIES:
Brady & Julie Plunk and children - Middle East
Graham Taylor - Central Asia

- Praise - Graham has settled in well in his city and language school.
- Pray that he would continue to pick up his country's language quickly and be effective in speaking.

MEMBER NOTICES:
NO Wednesday Evening Activities due to Spring Break.