

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:

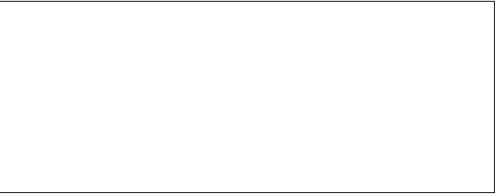
- Cole LaBarre- Had brain surgery causing a stroke, trauma to his left side leaving him blind. Still doing therapy & speech with movement gradually coming back. Update: Not much improvement as of now. (Cole is the great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
- Tommy Morgan- Lost his left eye to infection and has a prosthesis and has glaucoma in his right eye and cancer. Update: The Glaucoma doctor says Tommy’s eyes are stable, and the cancer NP said his platelets are low but not low enough to give him blood. He will be going back to the doctor in three weeks to recheck levels.
- Becky Thompson- Doing well after cancer surgery. Mother of Brandon Thompson
- 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)

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



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# FBC Lawton

## NEWSLETTER

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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 world. Convicted yet? I am 26 years old, and I still get nervous the night before I go to church camp, and I am the one in charge! Do you remember what it was like the first time you walked into a new Sunday School class? Christians are not perfect. I am not perfect by any means, but I strive every day not to be known for who or what Christians are known for but for who Christ is in me.

Another overarching theme in the book was about welcoming our neighbors. Throughout the book, the author explains that Jesus spent time with sinners. He modeled what it looked like to live in the world but not be of the world. Butterfield had a neighbor named Hank. Come to find out, Hank was running a meth lab right next door to Butterfield’s house. The author shared how she was angry with Hank, and rightfully so, but her family showed kindness to Hank through it all. Even while Hank was in prison, her family wrote him letters and prayed for him. Then “one day, the neighborhood meth addict became a brother in Christ,

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.



THE WEEKLY WORDS  
RYLEE WOESSNER  
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

**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.

Online Giving

RightNow Media

Women's newsletter

Church newsletter

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Senior Adults  
Game Day  
Monday, March 17th,  
2025

AT 11:00 A.M.  
BRING FAVORITE BOARD GAME

Save the Date

Join us for a tea party

HOSTED BY THE FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARCH 29th 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

To sign up to host a table, please contact  
Jan McCoy or Amber Whipp

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KIDS

Camp Fundraiser

Spaghetti Lunch & Performances

April 6th after Service  
Please purchase tickets on our website or church app by April 2nd!

Vacation Bible School  
Associational Clinic

Crossroads Baptist Church in Elgin

April 14th 5:45-8:15pm

Get a head start on VBS!

MAGNIFIED!

PSALM 34:3

DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD  
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

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/](https://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](mailto: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](https://fbclawton.org), Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be broadcasting our Morning Worship service on KSWO at 11:00am.

OKLAHOMA  
BAPTISTS

women's retreat

APRIL 11-12, 2025

daring faith

for such a time as this

FALLS CREEK CONFERENCE CENTERS  
OKLAHOMABAPTISTS.ORG/WOMEN

CP COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Preschool Extended Session  
1st-3rd Extended Session  
Morning Worship  
2:00pm Budget/Finance Comm. Mtg.  
3:15pm 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  
12:30pm Budget Forum  
4:00pm Deancon's Meeting