

SICK:

- Cindy Morales- Cancer has returned after two years (mother of Sara Morales).
- Jerry Phelps- Has pneumonia and is in Jim Thorpe rehab.
- Tom Dunn- Having hip surgery on 4/1, Memorial Hospital.
- 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.
- 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)

SYMPATHY:

- To Norma Wells on the passing of her brother, Archie King, Thursday, March 27, 2025, in California.
- To John and Piper Saville on the passing of his brother, Steven Saville, Monday, March 24, 2025, in Iowa.

FBC CHURCH FAMILY:

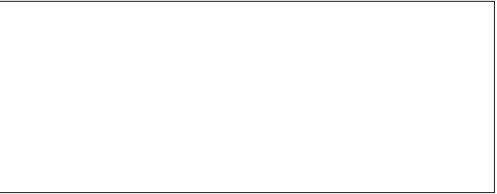
- I have been blessed to serve as an Administrative Assistant for almost 27 years. I felt the time had come to spend more time with my husband. I loved coming to work every day and will miss so many wonderful people. FBC has the best staff (ministerial and support) that I have had the privilege to work with. Thank you for being a major part of my life.

- Love,
Linda Finley



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A Theological and Philosophical Rambling on Miracles

One of my favorite verses in Scripture says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Today, we are focusing in on the last part of the verse, love God with your mind. Hold onto your seat this might be a wild philosophical ride so stay with me.

The other day I was discussing apologetics with a friend. He said, “Do you think the work of some Christian academics, the kind that a regular person cannot understand, is really important.” It was a great question, and I spent a couple of days thinking through it.

Eventually, I concluded, “Yes, it is of utmost importance.” Since the beginning of time, there has been a war for the mind. It began in the Garden of Eden with a philosophical question: “Does God really want good for you, or is He holding you back?” The battle for the mind continues to rage today, with profound impacts. What is debated at the highest levels of philosophy and academia eventually trickles down to the average person in subtle, but startling ways.

This week, I witnessed a perfect example of this played out in one of my classes, titled “Miracles and the Resurrection.” The question we were posed with was, “How would you define the word ‘miracle?’” Our text defined a miracle as, “an event in which God temporarily makes an exception to the natural order of things, to show that God is acting.”(1) On the surface, that looks pretty good, but what if we

engage our minds? What does this say about the nature of God? Does the unchanging-God of the universe occasionally change the rules He has put in place to govern nature? Is He consistent? Why just temporarily suspend the rules? In the words of Captain Barbossa, “the code is more what you’d call ‘guidelines’ than actual rules.” (2)

These things are contrary to the very nature of God. I would propose the following definition for the word “miracle”. A miracle is an event in which God chooses to interact within creation and act on a particular circumstance, person, situation, or object to show His glory and for His purpose.

This definition accounts for not a suspension of the laws He created, but an interaction within the created order. For example, if I hit my nephew a fly ball, the law of gravity is not suspended or violated when he catches it, causing it not to hit the ground. He is an agent working within nature, and his interaction within the created order of things is greater than the gravity that would cause the ball to hit the ground. Miracles are like that.

God, transcending creation, being all-powerful, can interact within His creation for His purposes, that on the surface may look like a suspension of a law, but in reality, the agent of interaction is greater than the law put in place. The law continues without temporary suspension or violation, but is acted upon by a force greater than it.

So, what does this philosophical rambling mean for the average believer? First, it

means Christianity is not built on clicking our heels and wishing hard, we are armed with the truth. Second, we are called to love God with our minds and be prepared to give a response for our hope to those with questions. When reason and emotion collide, passion is born. That is my hope for our church: passion for the gospel, scripture, the lost, and missions. Lastly, it means we should continue to support our friends in the highest levels of academia, fighting a war for the mind. As Southern Baptists, we do that. Of every dollar that goes into the Cooperative Program, 22 cents is allocated to preparing our future pastors, leaders, and professors to fight the war for the mind.

(1) Richard L. Purtill, “Defining Miracles,” in In Defense of Miracles: A Comprehensive Case for God’s Action in History, ed. R. Douglas Geivett and Gary Habermas (IVP Academic, 1997), 62–63.

(2) Gore Verbinski, dir., Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (Walt Disney Pictures, 2003).



THE WEEKLY WORDS
BRANDON THOMPSON
STUDENT MINISTER

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS

Alex & Diane Montgomery, IMBD, Medelin, Columbia

- As the first believers in their families, pray for young believers who are struggling to follow Jesus.
- Pray the Montgomery’s will have continued access to people from unreached people groups.
- Pray the Holy Spirit will draw people to Himself, transform their hearts and minds, as the Montgomeys. Bring light into darkness.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

Colby & Whitney Corsaut, Church Planter, Columbia, Missouri

- Pray that revival breaks out at Mizzou and spreads throughout the city. We desire to see young leaders developed and deployed to the ends of the earth for the glory of the King.



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**FBC KIDS & ADULT
TEACHER LUNCH
& LEADERSHIP
TRAINING**
April 13th following the Worship Service

Senior Adults Luncheon
Piano Concert
Monday, April 14, 2025 @ 11:00am
Join us for lunch and piano concert from Beverly Little



**Vacation Bible School
Associational Clinic**

Crossroads Baptist Church in Elgin

April 14th 5:45-8:15pm

Get a head start on VBS!



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	305
Morning Worship	657
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 10,994.85
YTD Required	\$ 1,892,854.08
YTD Received	\$ 1,741,968.50
YTD Percentage	92.03%
Greater Glory	\$ 237,104.86
UPCOMING EVENTS	

KSWO Preemptions

Our KSWO broadcast will be preempted on April 6th.

Attention!!

Repairs started Monday, March 17, to the exterior of the building. Please be patient, as there will be equipment around the church grounds. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to improve our church's facilities for the benefit of the entire congregation.

His Name Is JESUS Shirts

Pick up your shirts today, Sunday, April 6th. Public wear days will be Friday, April 11th, and Friday, April 18th

FBC Kids Camp Spaghetti Lunch and Performances

Today is our FBC Kids Camp Spaghetti Lunch and performance, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Retreat

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

Palm Sunday

We will be having the Lord's Supper on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Sunday School Leadership Training

Join us for our upcoming FBC Kids & Adult Teacher Lunch & Leadership Training on Sunday, April 13th following the Worship Service. Please sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting our website fbclawton.org/events.

Senior Adults Luncheon & Piano Concert

Join us for the next Senior Adult luncheon on Monday, April 14, at 11:00am. Beverly Little will bless the group with a piano concert. You won't want to miss it!

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.

Save the Date! Good Friday Service

Good Friday Night of Worship service will be on Friday, April 18th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the service begins at 7:00 p.m.

M28 Ministries

The next church day to serve is Saturday, April 19th. Help volunteer. Contact Jeff Henderson for more information or email @jeff@m28ministries.org

Men's Retreat

Men's retreat at Falls Creek will be April 25-26, 2025. Register online at oklahomabaptists.org/mens-retreat/

Operation Christmas Child

Good News! There is a place for you with Operation Christmas Child as a Prayer Team Coordinator. This role uses your love for interceding in prayer along with basic internet capability. 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.

Please join FBC Lawton for Easter
-Sunday, April 20, 2025 - 10:45 AM

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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: • 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 Mike Keahbone	
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 • Pray that the Lord would lead Graham to a young man to disciple who can take his place in ministry when his term ends. • Pray that Graham would abide in Christ and bear much fruit (John 15:4-5).	
Roatan Missions Trip - May 31 - June 7, 2025 The FBC Missions Team is excited for the upcoming mission trip to Roatan, Honduras to serve with Legacy Mission Center on May 31 - June 7, 2025. Please visit our website under the “Mission“ tab for more information. Join us for an important informational meeting about the Roatan Mission trip in the parlor immediately following Worship on April 13th. This gathering is open to everyone who is planning to attend the trip and those who are interested in learning more.	
MEMBER NOTICES: Please come join us April 9, 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: Roast Chicken & Potatoes, Salad Bar, Dessert.	
SUNDAY, APRIL 6 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Preschool Extended Session Morning Worship 12:30pm Kids Spaghetti Fundraiser Lunch/Talent Show	MONDAY, APRIL 7 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm TUESDAY, APRIL 8 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm 9:30am Rooted Ladies 6:30pm ESL Classes WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 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, APRIL 10 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm FRIDAY, APRIL 11 Office Closed Women's Retreat-Falls Creek	SATURDAY, APRIL 12 Office Closed Women's Retreat-Falls Creek SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Preschool Extended Session Morning Worship - Lord Super 12:30pm Kids & Adults Leadership Training/Lunch Roatan Mission Trip Meeting - Parlor