

SICK:

- Bill Malone- Recuperating at home
- Debbie Evans- Has sprained her ankle. On 4/25 will be having shoulder surgery.
- Sheila Newman- Will have hip replacement surgery 4/18.
- Anna Johnson- Cancer, on Hospice (Mother of Clayton Johnson)
- Ellen Gatliff- Fell, broke both her wrists. Update: All of the pins have been removed now doing rehab at home.
- Chuck Klein- Cancer has spread
- Bob Couch- Serious Health Issues (Brother of Ken Couch)
- Steve Harwell- Diagnosed with brain cancer. He & Deborah are former members, and living in Del City, OK.
- Mark Jackson- Had his foot amputated, doing Rehab. Will be fitted for a prosthesis (Brother of Joe Jackson)
- Linda Waybrant- Now home recuperating
- Barbie Johnson- Serious medical issues (wife of Clayton Johnson, former FBC members needing prayer)
- Jerry Golson- Has Congestive Heart failure (Friend of Mike Davis)
- Addison Lehmann- Having serious seizures (14 yr. old Addison lives in Mississippi, niece of Tammy Branstetter)
- Dennis Newell- Pray for his many health challenges.(Brother of Jack Newell)
- Harold Gaches- Health issues (Lead Pastor of FBC West)
- Jerry Deaton- Diagnosed with Parkinsons (Brother-in-law of Gary Bradley)
- Chloe Moore & Bear- Safe remainder of pregnancy and delivery. Health issues showing on baby. (Friend of Penny Rich)
- **ONGOING:**
- Cole LaBarre- Had brain surgery causing a stroke, trauma to his left side leaving him blind. Still doing therapy & speech with movement starting to come back. Update: He is walking alone now, and his sight has returned a tiny bit in both eyes. (Cole is the great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
- Tommy Morgan- Requests prayer for his eyesight. Lost his left eye to infection and has a prosthesis and has glaucoma in his right eye and cancer. Update: Just completed 5 rounds of radiation for renal cell carcinoma which has spread to his lungs, CT showed it's slow growing. His right eye is stable now with its AMD and glaucoma.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney

SYMPATHY:

- To Neil and Mary Beaver on the passing of his mother, Virginia Beaver, Monday, April 8, 2024, in Olathia, Kansas. Her funeral will be Saturday, April 13, 2024, in Parsons, Kansas.
- To Mona Bevington and family on the passing of her father, Tom E. Bevington, Thursday, April 3, 2024. His funeral will be Thursday, April 11, 2024, at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS:

Amy Cordova, Oklahoma Baptist as the Missions and Women's Ministry Partner, Oklahoma

- Pray Amy, her husband Rick, and their three children will thrive as a family.
- Pray Amy's ministry to missions and women will be fruitful.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD PRAYER REQUESTS:

Austin and Shauna Jackson, Church Planter, The Ridge Church in Pacific, Pacific, Missouri

- Pray for their church to have a consistent place to gather that meets their congregation's needs.

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April 14, 2024

FBC Lawton NEWSLETTER

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THE WEEKLY WORDS
BRANDON THOMPSON
STUDENT MINISTER



for just a couple hours.

Arriving at camp, his presence surprised everyone. The kids were excited,

at Falls Creek would be just one of the many dominoes that began to fall, many of which happened at Falls Creek, that eventually would lead him into student ministry.

That young banker was me and I was wrong for not supporting students heading to camp. Things that happen at camp do stick, I am a walking testimony of that and so are 37,000 others who surrendered their lives to ministry at Falls Creek in the past 100 years. In total there have been over 280,000 spiritual decisions, 72,000 of which were professions of faith, at Falls Creek. If you think camp is just free shirts and moon pies, you are as wrong as I was.

If you would like to be part of the legacy of financially supporting students attending Falls Creek, I would like to personally invite you to our Student Falls Creek Auction on April 14th @ 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall where you can enjoy camp food and make an investment in tomorrow's leaders today.



God, Camp, T-Shirts, and Moon Pies

Almost a decade ago, a young businessman went to Falls Creek for the first time. He didn't grow up Southern Baptist, so he never went to camp as a kid. He grew up writing off camps as feel-good moments that didn't stick.

When the church he attended started going to camp, he conveniently missed the night of the fundraiser. He didn't want to give to a cause he thought was fruitless. Years passed and he still never attended the camp.

Eventually through being recruited as a bus driver to events, this young man began to volunteer at youth on Wednesday nights. He was invited to camp as a sponsor numerous times and always laughed at the thought. No one would ever catch him at a youth camp.

Over the course of a couple of years the relationship between the young man and several students began to grow. Those students begged him to go to camp, but he refused. One night sitting in a lonely office with piles of papers, he decided he would drive to Davis the next morning to visit the kids

and he was intrigued to find out what Falls Creek was all about. Despite not being much of a touchy-feely guy, he would later admit that he knew something was different as soon as he drove through the gates.

That night watching close to 7,000 students worship and hundreds respond to the gospel, he knew he had been wrong all those years. He walked outside the cabin that night and called his boss to tell him that he would not be back until next week.

The young man ate like a king that week, received a camp shirt, stayed in a slightly sketchy cabin, worshipped with a world class band, and heard preaching from a nationally recognized speaker, and he had done absolutely nothing to contribute to the experience.

He left camp differently than when he arrived. His first experience

SBC FAMILY MEETING

16 APRIL 10AM
FIRST BAPTIST LAWTON

MIKE LAW LAW AMENDMENT **JOSH WESTER** ARITF **MIKE KEAHBONE** HOST

SCAN TO REGISTER  [FBCLAWTON.ORG](http://fbclawton.org)



stand TALL and donate

fbc Blood Drive Sunday, April 21 Noon - 3:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Walk-ins Welcome!

Our next day to serve at M28 Ministries is Saturday, April 20, 2024. Please call or text Jeff Henderson at 580-695-5196 if you are able to help serve on this Saturday.

OK Blood Institute Blood Drive Following the Worship Service on Sunday, April 21, 2024, the Oklahoma Blood Institute will be available in the Fellowship Hall to take blood donations. Free shirts to those who donate.

Women's Tea Party Ladies! Join us for our Women's Tea Party on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 9:30-11:30am. Register at [www.fbclawton.org/women](http://fbclawton.org/women)

Baby Dedication Baby Dedication will be April 28th during the Worship Service. Please register by April 21st to ensure us enough time to make gift bags and get all of your information prepared for the Worship Service! Register at fbclawton.org/events or the church app.

Quarterly Business Celebration Our Quarterly Business Celebration will be held Sunday, April 28, 2024, at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

National Day of Prayer Breakfast National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 8:00am. The Worship Center will be open and available throughout the day for anyone who would like to use it for prayer.

Golf Days Golf Days will be May 4, 2024, in Fort Cobb; cost will be \$40. We will be leaving the church at 7:00am. Please contact Jack Newell to register at 580-585-1582.

Save the Date: Senior Sunday Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating Senior Sunday on May 5, 2024. If you have a graduating senior please invite family and friends to church as we celebrate FBC Lawton's Senior class.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Tea Party Saturday, April 27th 2024 9:30am - 11:30am

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." CORINTHIANS 10:31

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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| Sunday School | 327 |
| Morning Worship | 682 |

BUDGET REPORT

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| Weekly Required | \$ 36,401.04 |
| Weekly Received | \$ 32,619.80 |
| YTD Required | \$ 36,401.04 |
| YTD Received | \$ 32,619.80 |
| YTD Percentage | 89.61% |
| Vision 2020 Commitments | \$ 745,202.00 |
| Vision 2020 Received | \$ 780,903.33 |
| Current Balance on Vision 2020 loan | \$ 47,266.16 |
| Annie Armstrong | \$ 15,671.15 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

KSWO Preemptions
Our KSWO broadcast will be preempted for the entire hour on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

Quarterly Men's Breakfast
Come join us for our Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 8:00am-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Student Auction
You don't want to miss our Student Auction Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 5:00pm! You can register auction items online by scanning the QR code in the Falls Creek Auction image.

SBC Family Meeting
The SBC Family Meeting is a one day information rally on Tuesday, April 16, from 10:00am-3:30pm. Two of the primary topics heading into the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting will be the report from the Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force and the second vote on the Law Amendment. This SBC Family Meeting is for all Southern Baptists who want to be more informed on these issues, but especially for pastors, leaders, and registered messengers that will be attending the annual meeting in June. Register at www.fbclawton.org/events

Donuts & Pajamas - Mom & Daughter Event
Join FBC Kids 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! The last official day to register is Sunday, April 14, 2024.

M28 Bridge Ministries "Missions in your own backyard"
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Falls Creek AUCTION

REGISTER AUCTION ITEMS ONLINE 

Support FBC Lawton Student Ministry

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

MINISTERS:

- Pray for FBC Lawton students to be bold proclaimers of the gospel at school.
- Pray for FBC Lawton Sunday School Teachers as they begin a new series with the students.
- Pray for Courtney and me as we begin planning and coordinating spring student events.

Brandon

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

MORADA LAWTON

Curtis Cavel #439

MISSIONARIES IN EAST ASIA:

Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

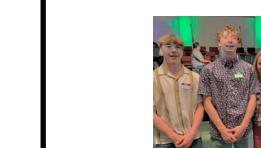
Please come join us April 17, 2024, at 4:45pm for our weekly fellowship meal. Adults \$5.00, Kids (5-12) \$3.00, (under 5 free) \$20 Family Max (5 or more people). Menu: Loaded Potatoes, shredded meat, broccoli, toppings, salad bar and dessert

Employment Opportunities: Facilities Manager & Childcare Workers

Applicants will find job summaries on the web-site at fbclawton.org/ employment and may apply by filling out an online application or by picking up a printed application in the church office.

Thank You

Dear FBC Family, Thank you for the lovely Peace Lily with red bow. Richard loved lilies and would have been so pleased with the many expressions of love. Thank you for everything, Phyllis Werstein and family



Transfer of Letter-Jason, Robbie, Jake & John Lohman



Statement of Faith-Wanda Patterson & William Smith, Faith, Ayden & Calesi



Baptism-Nani Nunez

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Kid's 4-Christ-Children's Bldg
10:45am Morning Worship
5:00pm Student Auction
Financial Peace University
Men's Sunday Gathering

MONDAY, APRIL 15

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
TUESDAY, APRIL 16
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
SBC Family Meeting
Rooted Ladies Bible Study
ESL Class Sessions

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
Friendship International Fellowship Meal
Kid's Midweek
Student Bible Study
Women's Connection
Men's Gathering
Worship Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Women's Retreat - Falls Creek

Office Closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Women's Retreat - Falls Creek

M28 Ministries

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Kid's 4-Christ-Children's Bldg
10:45am Morning Worship
OK Blood Institute Blood Drive
Budget/Finance Committee Mtg
Personnel Committee Mtg
Deacon's Mtg
Mother/Daughter Donuts & PJ's
Financial Peace University
Men's Sunday Gathering

APRIL 14TH

5:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL