

SICK:

- Dave Hardison- Fell and has 2 small fractures in his spine, hopes to be home soon from Wichita Falls Hospital.
- Kathy Schneider- Recovering at home after foot surgery
- Chase Pickett- Will have Meniscus surgery on 6-20.
- Jerry Phelps- Recovering at home.
- John & Billie Tuck- making plans to move back to Lawton from Tennessee. Phoned, wanting prayers to make decisions.
- Lori McAnelly- Had knee replacement on April 16th at McBride Clinic, Edmond- now recuperating at home
- Sheila Newman- Had hip replacement surgery 4/18.
- Lisa Ewing- Now has a heart catheter and does not need stints, no blockages. God has blessed her to tell others about Jesus.
- Anna Johnson- Cancer, on Hospice (Mother of Clayton Johnson)
- Ellen Gatliff- Diagnosed with Cancer, waiting to see how to proceed.
- 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.

- 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)
- 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: Will have infusions every 3 weeks. His glaucoma remains stable and will have a check- up on May 24. His right eye is stable now with its AMD and glaucoma.

- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney
- Awanda Glover- Health issues
- Mike Finley- Has MS and has back & pain issues.
- Randy Newman- Heart issues
- Beth Mercer- Health issues
- Daymond McGaughey- Health issues
- Phyllis Scott- Has moved to be with her daughter in Owasso, OK.
- Cindy Johnson- Health issues
- Karen & Chuck Loefke- Health issues
- Bud Hoskins- Health Issues (Brother of Michael Hoskins)
- Connie McCoy- Connie is adjusting to the changes needed for her heart condition. (Friend of April Bowden)
- Norma Wells- Had Back Surgery on May 31 and had complications. She hopes to leave OU Medical in a few days.
- 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.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS:

Jane Woodhouse, Journeyman with the International Mission Board, Europe

- Pray that Jo & A (names changed for security) would know the Lord and have an intimate relationship with Him.
- Pray for a current church Jane and her team are hoping to plant in the south of western Europe.
- Pray the NAME women would be freed from the bonds of Islam and find freedom in Christ.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD PRAYER REQUESTS:

Jay and Tiffany Stovall, Church Planter, Portrait Church, Redlands, California

- Pray for a culture of discipleship and spiritual formation to begin to take root within our first year.
- Pray for our church to be resourced financially and logically as we are seeking to serve lower socioeconomic communities in our region.

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JUNE 16, 2024



THE WEEKLY WORDS

RYLEE WOESSNER
CHILDREN'S MINISTER



An Apologetics Response

For my apologetic classes in Seminary, we had to watch a lot of YouTube videos from Atheists and Skeptics and write a discussion post based on how we should respond to the Atheist/skeptic. Every video seemed to have two common themes: (1) Church hurt (2) Doubt. Below is one of my responses. I hope it can help you respond better to people who believe differently than you or maybe it might encourage you to seek answers to your doubts about God.

"I am so sorry that you felt so much pressure from the church and people in the church. I also struggle with fear and anxiety of disappointing people. I have found freedom in knowing that what other people think about me at the end of the day does not matter. My worth and value is found in Christ alone. I am who He says I am, not what other people say I am or want me to be."

"I have also struggled with doubt. The more I studied the Bible the more questions I seemed to have about God and the Bible. One day I was honest with my pastor and told him that I was struggling with doubt,

through the questions I had with no judgment. I realized in this moment that God welcomes our questions about Him and even our doubts about Him because it leads us to seeking Him more. The more I study and read the Word the more affirmed I am in my relationship with God. When we spiral in our doubt and anxiety it leads us away from the Lord, but the Lord never intended for us to do this. He intended that when we have doubts, we spiral upwards towards Him with gentle curiosity."

Our worldviews are based off of reason and reflection. What has led you to where you are in your life right now? What is your definition of faith and belief? Jamye Dew says that a belief is an idea or concept that we hold to be true. Justification is the reason for thinking the belief is true and truth is the belief that something is actually true. If all of these are true then something is considered knowledge or a justified, true, belief. There was a time in my life when I just had belief in God, but throughout my life I have found justification and

truth in my beliefs. Knowledge of God is possible. God choose to reveal Himself through general and special revelation. Whether we are examining the world around us or the Bible there are many ways that we can discover or encounter knowledge of God. Finally, I encourage you to look at and examine intellectual virtues like humility, honesty, courage, and carefulness. Give yourself the grace to examine your past experiences and why you believe what you believe. Continue to give yourself the freedom to learn and grow and do not give up on the Lord just because of what other people have done or told you.



FBC LAWTON STUDENTS SUMMER SCHEDULE 2024		
	MAY	22nd 29th Midweek FBC Student Center No Midweek Memorial Day
	JUNE	5th 12th 19th 26th No Midweek VBS No Midweek Midweek FBC Student Center Game Night FBC Student Center
	JULY	3rd 7th 10th 15th-19th 4th of July Falls Creek Parent Meeting Mini Golf Night Jungle Ice Fun Zone (Meet at Student Center) Falls Creek Falls Creek Reunion Midweek FBC Student Center
	AUGUST	7th 14th 21st Midweek FBC Student Center Midweek Back To School Bash FBC Student Center

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	300
Morning Worship	613
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 33,758.93
YTD Required	\$ 364,010.40
YTD Received	\$ 328,533.93
YTD Percentage	90.25%
Vision 2020 Commitments	\$ 745,202.00
Vision 2020 Received	\$ 786,719.69
Current Balance on Vision 2020 loan	\$ 34,409.15

UPCOMING EVENTS

KSWO Preemptions

Our KSWO broadcast will be preempted for the second half of the hour on Sunday, June 16, 2024.

M28 Bridge Ministries "Missions in your own backyard"

Our next day to serve at M28 Bridge House is Saturday, June 15, 2024. Please call or text Jeff Henderson 580-695-5196 if you are able to help serve on this Saturday.

Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16, 2024.

CrossTimbers Required Parent/Camper Meeting

If you kiddos are attending CrossTimbers we have a REQUIRED Parent/Camper meeting in the Family Life Center on Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00pm. Email rylee@fbclawton.org if you have any questions!

Women's Social Game Night

Ladies, join us for fun & fellowship Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Student Center! It's game night! Bring your favorite snack & you may also bring a game to play. HTeaO will be provided. There will be group games, prizes & table games! Register at www.fbclawton.org/women

Summer Break Kids Sundays

We are taking a summer break on Kid's Sundays during the summer, but we are having Family Worship Sundays on the first Sunday of the month. There will be no K4C on Family Worship Sundays.

Kids Midweek Summer Study

This summer FBC kiddos is called "Questions from Kids." According to LifeWay research, kids need relationships now with Friends, Leaders, Influencers, and Pastors in the church to help them not leave the church when they get older! Friends, Leaders, Influences, and Pastors stands for "FLIP." This summer we are flipping the script and interviewing our staff members with questions about God and the Bible our kiddos wrote out a couple of weeks ago! Join us at Midweek this summer for this awesome study 6:00-7:30pm! Real questions, real truth, and a really good time is to come!

Utah Missions Trip

The FBC Missions Team is excited for the upcoming mission trip to Salt Lake City to serve with Hope Valley Church on October 2-7, 2024. Open to all adults. We will be ministering to the local community and helping Hope Valley with community relations. We will also be helping the Salt Lake Baptist Association. They will put the final itinerary together after we have our team assembled that will best fit our team. If you would like to join us on this trip please fill out the missions trip application on our webpage at www.fbclawton.org/missions. You will find more info on our webpage as well.

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.



July 15th-19th

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

Cost: \$125

Contact Brandon with any questions at Brandon@fbclawton.org

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:

WILLOW PARK

Denise Campbell #8-D

MISSIONARIES IN EAST ASIA:

Brady & Julie Plunk and children

MEMBER NOTICES:

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

There will be no Wednesday fellowship meal. Enjoy your summer!!

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.



Transfer of Letter-
Jodi Zerba

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Kid's-4-Christ-Childrens Bldg
10:45am	Morning Worship
No Evening Services	

MONDAY, JUNE 17

8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
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TUESDAY, JUNE 18

8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am	Rooted Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
4:30pm	Missions Team Mtg
6:00pm	Kid's Midweek
	Student Bible Study
	WCW Bible Study Community Groups

	Men's Gathering
	Worship Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
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FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Office Closed

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Kid's-4-Christ-Childrens Bldg
10:45am	Morning Worship
2:00pm	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg
3:30pm	Personnel Committee Mtg
4:00pm	Deacons Mtg

