

SICK:

- Amber Bradley & The family of Zack Ross- Zack was Ambers best friend who passed away April 18.
  - Jerry Phelps- Has bruised ribs after a fall at home and is in Memorial Hosp with fluid on his lungs.
  - Lori McAnelly- Had knee replacement on April 16th at McBride Clinic, Edmond
  - Debbie Evans- Has sprained her ankle. Had shoulder surgery on 4/25.
  - Sheila Newman- Had hip replacement surgery 4/18.
  - Anna Johnson- Cancer, on Hospice (Mother of Clayton Johnson)
  - Ellen Gatliff- Wrists are healing, she has now been diagnosed with Cancer.
  - 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
  - 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- Health issues
  - Cindy Johnson- Health issues
  - Karen & Chuck Loeffe- 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)
  - Craig Dornecker- Heart Issues & MD. (Cousin of Joyce Horton)
  - Norma Wells- Will have Back Surgery on May 31.
  - Paul Baker- Cancer, lives in Enid, OK. (Cousin of Phyllis Scott)
  - 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:

- Frank and Alice Maxon, International Missions Board in South Asia
- Pray Frank and Alice would learn their new language quickly.
  - Pray they would abide well and rest in the peace of the Father.
  - Pray they would be able to reach out and effectively share the Gospel with those around them.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Yuna and Nastaran Sabet, Church Planter, Walnut Creek Persian Church, Walnut Creek, California
- Pray for their leadership to be bold and safe when they share the gospel with Farsi speakers in Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan.
  - Pray for their church as they continue to grow and need adequate space to meet.

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# FBC Lawton

## NEWSLETTER

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May 5, 2024

THE WEEKLY WORDS

BRANDON THOMPSON

STUDENT MINISTER



### Hermeneutics, Exegesis, and Victories

Almost a decade ago when I really started to dive into the Bible, I didn't know what I was doing. Looking back, saying I didn't know what I was doing feels strange to say. I was raised in church, I had memorized so much Scripture, I knew every story, and I was the Babe Ruth of Bible baseball.

However, all that information floated around in my brain like ingredients for a cake that had yet to be baked. The ingredients on their own are great, but in the right portions, under the right conditions, with a process, and a great baker those ingredients come to life.

In 2016, I enrolled in Biblical Hermeneutics at Oklahoma Baptist University. Honestly, it sounded boring, but in order to get to the apologetics classes I had to survive hermeneutics. As the professor explained the definition of hermeneutics, my mind almost exploded. According to Wayne Grudem, "Hermeneutics is the study of correct methods of interpretation (especially interpretation of Scripture)."

I had no idea there was a way to properly interpret Scripture. I was slightly embarrassed thinking of all the times I had probably missed the mark teaching a text. He then went on to explain another term I had never heard

before, exegesis. Exegesis was the actual practice of applying hermeneutical methodology to a certain passage. Grudem says, "Exegesis is the process of interpreting a text of Scripture."

Throughout that semester all the information floating around in my brain began to connect and it changed from information to knowledge. The Bible had come to life for me and I would never look at Scripture the same.

Since then, my mission has been to make the Bible come alive for students. That vision is shared by our Sunday School Teachers. However, in youth ministry, you often are left wondering if anyone is picking up what you're putting down, but occasionally, the Lord gives us a glimpse of what He is doing.

I got that glimpse a few weeks ago while we were filming some videos for Super Summer. During the filming, I stayed downstairs with the students waiting their turns. Rob Harper and the videographer snagged a couple of students at a time and took them upstairs to film.

We were down to the last student, and I decided to go upstairs and

watch. I sat at the back of the room expecting a few cupcake questions about who you are and why you think camp is important, but to my surprise that's not what I heard.

The first question was about understanding Scripture. The first thing that popped out of our student's mouth was, "Context is everything!" The young lady went on to explain the importance of understanding who the author was, who the audience was, the historical context, the geopolitical context, the geography of the region, the language, how the story fits within the passage, the book, and the Grand Narrative of the Bible. She said, "That makes the text come to life."

I wanted confetti to rain down from the ceiling like the Superbowl. I contained my excitement as I watched her continue to answer questions like she was a 2nd year MDiv student. As soon as she walked out of the room, I ran to Rob and said, "Did you hear how she answered that question?!" He laughed and said, "It's not just her, they all answered those questions the same way." My heart almost burst.

I think it's important to share victories with each other and the Bible coming to life for students is always a victory. If you see a Sunday School Teacher this week tell them thank you for pouring into students!



2024

Senior Sunday

MAY 5, 2024

Mother's Day & KIDS Sunday

first baptist  
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May 14, 2024

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Silver Saints

Monday, May 13 at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall

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NEW MEMBERS LUNCH

MAY 19TH  
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	286
Morning Worship	601
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 36,401.04
Weekly Received	\$ 18,610.46
YTD Required	\$ 145,604.16
YTD Received	\$ 113,738.96
YTD Percentage	78.12%
Vision 2020 Commitments	\$ 745,202.00
Vision 2020 Received	\$ 782,995.63
Current Balance on Vision 2020 loan	\$ 40,852.22
Annie Armstrong Final	\$ 15,671.15
UPCOMING EVENTS	

**KSWO Preemptions**  
Our KSWO broadcast will be preempted for the whole hour on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Our broadcast will be preempted for the second half of the hour on Sunday, May 12, 2024.

**2024 Senior Recognition**  
Ben Bear, Elizabeth Booker, Hannah Shutts, Jack Angley, Jake Lohman, Josiah Abraham, Kara Worthen, Madison Portscher, Makayla Wright, Sadie Garnett, Symphony Veloz, Veronica Morigeau

**Senior Sunday**  
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.

**Kids Sunday**  
Sunday, May 12, 2024, will be Kid's Sunday. There will be no K4C on this day.

**Mother's Day**  
Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, 2024.

**Silver Saints**  
Silver Saints Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 11:00am.

**Women's Bible Study Potluck**  
TruthSeekers and Rooted Bible study classes will combine for a joint potluck luncheon Tuesday, May 14, in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. New members are welcome – bring a dish of something you like to eat.

**M28 Bridge Ministries "Missions in your own backyard"**  
Our next day to serve at M28 Ministries is Saturday, May 18, 2024. Please call or text Jeff Henderson at 580-695-5196 if you are able to help serve on this Saturday.

**New Members Lunch**  
New Members! We would love for you to join us for our New Members lunch Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please register for this event online at <https://www.fbclawton.org/events>

**Memorial Day**  
The church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

**VBS**  
Registration for VBS is OPEN for completed pre-K through 5th graders. VBS is June 3rd-7th from 9:00am-12:00pm. Pre-register your child by May 29th! Volunteer registration is also open. Register at [fbclawton.org/events](https://www.fbclawton.org/events)

**Truthseekers Bible Study**  
Truthseekers will now be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month NOT the 3rd.

**Live Stream**  
We will be live streaming our worship service at 10:45am on Sunday mornings from our website at [fbclawton.org](https://www.fbclawton.org), Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be broadcasting our Morning Worship service on KSWO at 11:00am.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

6TH GRADE AND OLDER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BREAKER ROCK BEACH

GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS  
ROMANS 12:2

JUNE 3RD-7TH

CHILD REGISTRATION

COMPLETED PREK-5TH GRADE

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

**MINISTERS:**  
•What a blessing to serve as Administrative Pastor here at FBC Lawton. It is hard to believe we have been in ministry here for 13 years. We are excited to see the movement of God in the life of our church and witnessing our prayers through the years become reality. May God's mighty hand continue to bless and expand in all areas! Heather and I love you and say thank you for loving us.  
•Lane is finishing up track season and runs in the two-mile at regionals this weekend. Cade has a few golf tournaments left and will participate in regionals soon. Cade also is playing volleyball and really is enjoying that experience. Pray for all of us as we travel all over keeping up with school and church schedules.  
Mike Neff

**MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:**  
MCMAHON-TOMLINSON  
Beth Mercer

**MISSIONARIES IN EAST ASIA:**  
Brady & Julie Plunk and children

**MEMBER NOTICES:**  
**Wednesday Fellowship Meal**  
Please come join us May 8, 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: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad bar and dessert

**Employment Opportunities: Facilities Manager & Childcare Workers**  
Applicants will find job summaries on the web-site at [fbclawton.org](https://www.fbclawton.org)/employment and may apply by filling out an online application or by picking up a printed application in the church office.



Baptism-  
Antonio Martinez

SUNDAY, MAY 5	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Kid's-4-Christ-Children's Bldg
10:45am	Morning Worship
10:45pm	Senior Sunday
3:30pm	Children's Team Mtg
5:00pm	Men's Sunday Gathering
MONDAY, MAY 6	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
TUESDAY, MAY 7	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am	Rooted Ladies Bible Study
6:30pm	ESL Class Sessions
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am	Friendship International
4:45pm	Fellowship Meal
6:00pm	Kid's Midweek
	Student Bible Study
	Women's Connection
	Men's Gathering
	Worship Choir Rehearsal
	Christ-Centered Recovery
THURSDAY, MAY 9	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
FRIDAY, MAY 10	
Office Closed	
SATURDAY, MAY 11	
SUNDAY, MAY 12	
Mother's Day	
9:30am	Sunday School
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