

SICK:

- Carolyn Powell- Is on Hospice care (Mother of Kati Cannon, daughter-in-law of Penny Rich)
- Helen Shoemate- At Monte Vista.
- Shizuko Burgess- In Memorial Hospital with health issues.
- Mike Finley- had a second bladder scope on August 19, revealing no signs of cancer. Weekly treatments are planned for the next six weeks.
- Chong Pollock- In rehab for a broken femur. (Mother of Terry Stringfellow)
- Linda Del Ciello- Had surgery for a stroke at Integris Hospital in OKC and is now at Stepping Stones in Marlow, OK.
- Evan Ranier- 14 yr. old is in need of a new kidney. (He is the great nephew of David Askew)
- Cindy Morales- Her cancer has returned after two years. (Mother of Sara Morales)
- Vicki Shafer- Having hip surgery, and Ken Shafer diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (Family of Rhonda Cotton).
- Noel Ritter- Has a serious brain injury (Great niece of Barbara Moeller)
- Patti Rhea- Her esophagus has narrowed, having difficulty eating. Patti is now home recuperating.
- Jerry Golson- Has Congestive Heart failure (Friend of Mike Davis).

ONGOING:

- Cole LaBarre- Had brain surgery causing a stroke, trauma to his left side. Still doing therapy & speech with movement gradually coming back. Update: He can see his computer screen and now able to

- work. (Cole is the great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
- Awanda Glover- Health issues.
- Jean & John Skinner- Health issues. (Parents of Renee Hardage)
- Randy Newman-Heart issues.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Looney
- Daymond McGaughey-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.
- Bud Hoskins- Health Issues. (Brother of Michael Hoskins)
- Marcia & Charles Elkins- Health issues.
- Barbara Hoskins- Extreme health issues.
- Linda Toy- Diagnosed with ALS.
- Ellen Gatliff- Diagnosed with Cancer, taking chemo treatments, doing well.
- Hadley Hardage- Severe Contamination OCD and has been in a residential home for mental health since 12/1/24. (Daughter of Renee Hardage)
- Joseph & Sarah Woods- Medical needs
- Terrie Callarman- Still taking Chemo treatments, doing well.
- Bok Hi Rulon- Health Issues (doing Rehab at McMahon).
- Craig McDonald- Health Issues.


SYMPATHY:

- To Rusty Green and family on the passing of his wife, Deborah Ann “Debi” Green, Friday, August 15, 2025. Her funeral was Tuesday, August 19, 2025, First Baptist Church, Lawton, OK.
- To Jamie Powell, our Director of Missions (CCBA) and family on the passing of his father, Dr. Kerry Powell,

- August 10, 2025. His funeral will take place in Arkansas.
- To the family of Bill Looney on his passing, Tuesday, August 11, 2025. His graveside funeral will be 9:00am Thursday, National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma.
- To the family of Dr. Jimmy Roggenbuck on his passing Monday, August 4, 2025. His funeral was Monday, August 11, 2025, First Baptist Church, Lawton, OK.
- To the family of Jimmy Lehew on his passing Thursday, July 31, 2025. His funeral was Saturday, August 8, 2025, First Baptist Church, Lawton, OK

THANK YOU NOTE:

- My precious Church Family, thank you is not enough to say. There are no words to express how unbelievably overwhelmed I was by your love, your kindness, and your generosity. My heart and mind are still trying to process the outpouring of love you showed for Hadley’s fundraiser. After the food cost, we raised a little over \$4,700. This will cover three months of therapy and housing. I cannot even begin to express to you how much stress this takes off my shoulders for the next couple of months. Thank you so much for your love and support. Thank you for letting God use you to pour into me and my family. Much love and hugs, Renee



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FBC Lawton

NEWSLETTER

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Sharing Christ’s Love in West Jordan Utah

In the church we often hear of mission trip opportunities going to various locations in the world. We may feel a tug at our heart prompting us to investigate it and get involved but then we quickly begin to think of all the reasons we are not qualified to go. This quick shift in thinking is satan attacking us causing us to measure our abilities by a worldly standard rather than by Gods standard. God does not always call the equipped, but He always equips the called! If we are led by God, the only thing to do is say Yes! It say’s in Isaiah 6:8 “ *I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then I said, here am I! Send me.*” This is the right answer to Gods calling! I learned a long time ago to take the word “how” out of my spiritual vocabulary and just trust in God to take care of the “how” details.

In July we had a small but mighty mission team go to West Jordan Utah in the Salt Lake valley to support a church, Hope Valley Church, started 4 years ago by Dustin and Sara Stottmann. Dustin is a fellow Lawtonian

who grew up at Cameron Baptist church just down the street from us. Like Isaiah the Stottmann’s answered Gods call to go to one of the most spiritually dark places in the USA to establish His Church. Our mighty team of four Jeff Henderson, Mary Bradly, Judy Holland and Sarah Lindsey faithfully boarded the plane fully trusting that God had all the “How” details worked out and we were ready to do our part by showing up. For the next week we would meet the Stottmann’s and another mission team from eastern Oklahoma in city parks where we helped Hope Valley Church build relationships with the people of West Jordan Utah by demonstrating the love of Christ! We would walk around the park handing out flyers which gave the worship times of the church as well as the upcoming VBS in the park. We would simply invite them over to our area and have some free popcorn, cotton candy or a snow cone on this hot summer day. We would play giant Jenga, make bracelets or throw a football around with the kids

and more times than not the parents would ask us, why are you guys doing this? We would simply reply the bible teaches us to show the LOVE of Jesus Christ and that’s what we are doing. We were witnessing to a very hard to reach people known as the Mormons. They are taught from birth that their belief in Jesus is the same as other Christians, but the truth is they have been brain washed into believing a lie from the devil himself! By simply showing the love of Christ in the park ministry, Hope Valley Church has seen 6 conversions from Mormonism to true Christianity through water baptism and joining Hope Vally Church in the last year. Please keep the Stottmanns and Hope Valley church in your prayers and begin Praying about Joining FBC Lawton Team Utah in June 2026!



THE WEEKLY WORDS

Jeff Henderson

FBC Misson Team

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUEST

- GoStudents Network
- Pray Students of all ages would develop an awareness of lostness here, near, and far.
 - Pray that through GoStudents missions work, students will be equipped with training and resources.
 - Pray students will walk n obedience if God should call them to the mission field.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

- Christi & Mark Hall, Groveport, Ohio
- Pray for our church’s finances.

Online Giving





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Women's Webpage





Church newsletter



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FBC SANCTUARY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S
6:00-7:15 PM

WORSHIP/BIBLE STUDY

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Women

Meet & Greet

Experience the heart of women's ministry and find your place within it.

Join us as we kick off a new year of Women's Ministry at First Baptist Church Lawton!

Sat. 9/6/25 6:30-8:00pm

FBC Fellowship Hall

Come connect with other women, meet our ministry leaders, and discover how you can be part of what God is doing within our church and Women's ministry! We can't wait to see you—you belong here!

Please bring along your favorite sweet or savory snack to share!

Upcoming Women's
Ministry Bible Study

Walking with the Lord by Growing in Spiritual Disciplines

Starting Sunday, September 7, 2025 from 3:00-4:30 pm in Room 208

Scan the QR code for more information and to register!

REGISTER NOW

DADDY
DAUGHTER
SOCK HOP

SEPTEMBER 12TH

6:00-8:00PM

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KIDS

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	371
Morning Worship	609
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$ 41,337.97
YTD Required	\$ 766,645.40
YTD Received	\$ 631,585.02
YTD Percentage	82.38%
UPCOMING EVENTS	

Office Closed for Labor Day
In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025.

Rooted Ladies Bible Study
Join Rooted Ladies for the Fall kickoff of their “My Weakness, God’s Strength” Bible study on Tuesday, September 2, at 9:30 AM in the Parlor.

Women’s Meet & Greet
Ladies, join our upcoming Women’s Meet and Greet on Saturday, September 6, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm!

Senior Adults
Join the Senior Adults for a bingo party luncheon on Monday, September 8, at 11:00 AM.

Upcoming Women’s Ministry Bible Study
Join the Women’s Ministry for the Bible Study “Walking with the Lord by Growing in Spiritual Disciplines” starting Sunday, September 7, in Room 208 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. For more details and to register, scan the QR code or visit our website.

Daddy Daughter Sock Hop
Get your poodle skirts ready and join FBC Kids for an evening of food, fellowship, and lots of fun! This Daddy Daughter event is for girls in birth-5th grade and their dad, uncle, grandpa, male caretaker, or male guardian in their life! You do NOT have to be a member of FBC Lawton to attend. The cost is \$5 per person, and the last official day to register is September 12!

Operation Christmas Child
Great joy! First Baptist Church will host a Project Leader Workshop on Saturday, September 13, from 10 am to noon. Volunteers and those interested in Operation Christmas Child are invited to come and get acquainted with OCC. Our packing party will be on November 9, after the worship service. National Collection Week will be November 17-24. Your help is needed at these special events. Text or phone Mary Swafford at 281-851-9389 for questions.

M28 Ministries
The next church day to serve with M28 is Saturday, September 20, 2025.

Roatan Mission Trip
The mission team will be heading to Roatan, Honduras September 27 - October 4. We invite you to pray for the upcoming Roatan Mission Trip.

Save the Date! FBC Trunk or Treat
Please join us in praying and preparing for Trunk of Treat! The event is on Sunday, October 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Sign up to volunteer by providing a trunk, or you can sign up to serve on the security team, traffic/parking team, clean up (food tables and trash) team, or a candy runner on fbclawton.org/events. If you would like to donate candy, you can either drop it off in the welcome center’s candy donation bins or visit our fbclawton.org/events page under Trunk or Treat Candy Donations to select your preferred donation option.

Flower Ministry
The Flower Ministry is in need of vases.

Live Stream
We will be live streaming our worship service at 10:45 am on Sunday mornings from our website at fbclawton.org, as well as on Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be broadcasting our Morning Worship service on KSWO at 11:00 am.

Joy
to the
World

Psalm 98:4

Preview Party

August 24, 2025

6:00pm

Please join us for an evening of
food, fellowship and singing
while we take a look at this years
presentation for Christmas!

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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pray for gospel conversations to happen at school.Pray that students continue to grow in their faith.Pray that students will earnestly seek God in all their activities, drawing nearer to Him in every moment. <div>Brandon, Minister of Students</div>	
MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING: Morada Lawton Sharon Fudge Kotoko Ratliff #58	
MISSIONARIES: Brady & Julie Plunk and children - Middle East Graham Taylor - Central Asia	
MEMBER NOTICES: FELLOWSHIP MEAL Please come join us August 27, 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: Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert.	
<div></div> <div>Statement of Faith Jeff and Lisa Mees</div>	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Preschool Extended Session Morning Worship 6:00pm LCT Preview Party	
MONDAY, AUGUST 25 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm	
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm	
WEEDSDAY, AUGUST 27 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm 4:45pm Fellowship Meal 6:00pm Thread - In Sanctuary KDG Midweek Student’s Midweek Worship Choir Rehearsal	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm	
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 Office Closed	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 Office Closed	
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Preschool Extended Session Morning Worship	
Office will be closed Monday, September 1st for Labor day.	