

SICK:

- 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.
- Helen Shoemate
- Jodi Zerba- Prayers for her safety at home and her health.

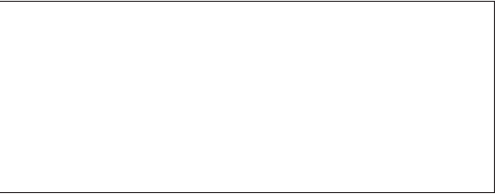
SYMPATHY:

- To Sally Davis and family on the passing of her husband, Mike Davis, on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. His funeral was at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 25, 2025, First Baptist West Church, Lawton, OK.
- To Rusty Green and family on the passing of his wife, Deborah Ann “Debi” Green, Friday, August 15, 2025. Her funeral was on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at First Baptist Church in Lawton, OK.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Letter from Graham Taylor

Dear FBC,

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in reaching Central Asians with the Gospel! God is at work among these people, calling them to salvation, to holiness, and to share this Gospel with others. Thank you for your support and prayers! I could not live among these people without them.

For the last eight months, I have been regularly aware that every meal I have eaten, every bus ride, and every cup of coffee that has sparked a conversation has come from the generosity and faithfulness of your giving to the International Mission Board (IMB) and the Cooperative Program. I want to thank you on behalf of the other 3,500 Missionaries that are also supported by these gifts. We could not devote our full attention to the work at hand without you being with us.

You may be wondering, “What does a missionary do every day?” or “How will these 5 billion lost people ever be reached?” These are such important questions, and this truly is a

God-sized work! Ultimately, God Himself will see this accomplished. Every evangelism encounter, every believer who is discipled, every church planted is a God-sized task, and it is only possible with His power. As all of us grow in our relationship with God, He is sending us out to neighbors, schools, cities, and nations. Together, you and I work for the day when a multitude of people speaking every language will all worship God around His throne (Revelation 7:9). Any goal short of the Glory of God is too small: “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.” (Habakkuk 2:14)

Ultimately, everything in my day is oriented around growing in my ability to explain the Gospel to my neighbors. I must learn the language so that I can build relationships. I build relationships so that I will have continual opportunities to reveal more of the Truth. We call people to respond in faith to the Truth, and then we train new believers to go and reach others. We gather believers into churches because we all need the Body of Christ and because it is through the church that the wisdom of God is proclaimed! (Ephesians 3:10)

Sometimes seeking relationships is uncomfortable. It takes extra time, and it is slow. For example, I shop at smaller stores rather than supermarkets.

This allows me to be a familiar face and to get to know people, but it also means stopping at more than one place. My beef vendor is willing to wait as I slowly express myself; my vegetable vendor says prices slower so that I can practice numbers. Each week I can express myself just a little more, and our relationship becomes that much deeper. Any discomfort I experience in relationship building is miniscule in comparison to the discomfort that Jesus went through on earth (Philippians 2:5-11) to accomplish the will of the Father, and the Lord did not send me here to only be around Christians.

We must continually lift our eyes and think about how many souls we encounter in a day. We must think about them as people. Every set of eyes you and I ever look into will be filled with regretful tears on Judgement Day if no one explains the Gospel to them, and that’s true no matter what continent they find themselves on.

I look forward to sharing more with you in the coming months! Don’t forget to stop by the Missions screen in the Welcome Center if you have not seen it yet!

In His Service,  
Graham Taylor

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUEST

Peter & Jana Kennedy, Logistics Service Consultants for IMB, Paris, France

- Pray the Gospel will spread and that new churches will be planted across France and Canada.
- Pray the Kennedys will best know how to approach logistical challenges that arise daily.
- Pray their daughter will follow Jesus from a young age

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION:

Jason & Andrea Maul, Church Planter, Quebec, Canada

- Pray for the protection of our family and for ministry longevity.
- Pray for a healthy church in our city that glorifies the name of God and reaches the unreached with His good news.

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

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

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


Scan the QR code and visit our women's webpage for more information!



### 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!





### Senior Adult Breakfast

September 14, 2025  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LAWTON

# TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30-7:30PM  
501 SW 8 AVE  
LAWTON, OK 73501

FREE

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	405
Morning Worship	696
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$ 23,668.48
YTD Required	\$ 804,977.67
YTD Received	\$ 655,253.50
YTD Percentage	81.40%
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 Adult Luncheon**  
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 - September 12th**  
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!

**Patty Carr 90th Birthday Party**  
Join us for Pat Carr’s birthday celebration Saturday, September 13, 2025, in the Parlor from 3 pm - 5 pm.

**Senior Adult Breakfast**  
Join us for breakfast on Sunday, September 14, from 8:30 to 9:30 am.

**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.

**Operation Christmas Child**  
Can you help? National Collection Week is November 17-24. Two or more trained Site Leaders are needed. A short online training course is required for the Site Leader role. If you would like to take on a leadership position with Operation Christmas Child, please text or phone Mary Swafford at 281-851-9389.

**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.



# DADDY DAUGHTER SOCK HOP

## SEPTEMBER 12TH

### 6:00-8:00PM

REGISTER NOW

#### WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

**MINISTERS:**  
Pray for each one of our volunteers in the worship team.


- Pray for Gabby, Jeremiah, and Josiah and all their activities during this school year.
- Pray for my wife and her role as an educator and mentor to so many.
- Pray for me and my wife’s marriage, may God strengthen our relationship more and more each day.
- Join us for Living Christmas Tree Rehearsals:
  - Wed. September 03, 7:00-8:00 pm
  - Wed. September 10, 7:00-8:00 pm
  - Wed. September 17, 7:00-8:00 pm
  - Wed. September 24, 7:00-8:00 pm
  - Sun. September 28, 12:30-3:30 pm (LCT Luncheon)

Thank you for all your prayers.  
Xavier Abraham, Worship Pastor

**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 September 3, 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: Taco Salad, Rice, Beans, Chips & Cheese, Salad Bar, Dessert.



Statement of Faith  
Connie Snider

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Preschool Extended Session  
Morning Worship

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Office Closed - Labor Day

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm  
4:45pm Fellowship Meal  
6:00pm Thread - In Sanctuary  
KDG Midweek  
Student’s Midweek  
Worship Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm LCT Extended Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Office Closed

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Office Closed  
5:30pm Women’s Meet & Greet

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Preschool Extended Session  
Morning Worship  
3:00pm Women’s Bible Study