

SICK:

- Chong Pollock- In Rehab from a broken femur. (Mother of Terry Stringfellow)
- Evan Ranier- 14 yr. old is in need of a new kidney. (He is the great nephew of David Askew)
- Cindy Morales- 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.
- Mi Adams- Had teeth surgery Sept. 9th at SW Hospital (Mi is the grandson of Denise Campbell).

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.
- Daymond McGaughey-Health Issues.
- 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)
- Craig McDonald- Health Issues.
- Joseph & Sarah Woods- Medical needs.
- Terrie Callarman- Still taking Chemo treatments, doing well.
- Bok Hi Rulon- health Issues.
- Helen Shoemate
- Mike Finley-Had a 2nd bladder scope revealing no signs of cancer. Weekly treatments are planned for the next 6 weeks.
- Jodi Zerba- Prayers for her safety at home and her health.
- Linda Del Ciello- Had surgery for a

stroke and is now at Stepping Stones, in Marlow, OK.

- Shizuko Burgess- Now home recuperating.

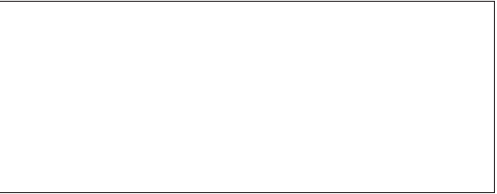
Thank You Note:

- Thank you so much for the lovely plant. Eli & I appreciated everything you did for Jimmy’s service and for the lunch. We appreciate your love and prayers during this time. Love, Kristal & Eli.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LAWTON · FORT SILL
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September 21, 2025

FBC Lawton

NEWSLETTER

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Dear FBC,

In my previous newsletter, we focused on building relationships with the lost, and this time we will turn to believers. Because I was sent here to impact the lost, I also build relationships with local believers. Building relationships with these fellow brothers and sisters is important because they are the local church, and we are laboring so that the local church will be healthy. The church here must be Christ Led, Body Engaged, and Gospel Centered, the same thing you all are laboring for back home! The church is about 30 years old in Central Asia, and the believers must be discipled. Right now, a handful of the believers read the Bible daily and share. They face busy schedules, hard economic situations, isolation, and social and government persecution. Would you stop and pray with me that they remain faithful to Christ under these circumstances? Pray, not that these challenges would be removed, but that they would refine the church, driving believers further into the arms of Jesus!

We must have a church centric strategy because it is ultimately Central Asian

believers that will reach the hundreds of millions of Central Asian people that live in places that you and I have no access. Who will reach the Uighurs in China? Who will be sent to the Chechens in Russia? Who will enter Iran and Turkmenistan? Our God has commanded that the Gospel be proclaimed there! Would you pray with me that more workers will be raised up? Even in this place, merely attending church (as bold an action as that is) does not save someone. That’s why an important time for my work is the two-hour teatime that follows the Sunday service. This fellowship is a crucial time for relational discipleship; the conversation that follows a question like “What did God teach you in the Bible this week?” reveals a lot about the spiritual health of a person. Conversations like this are one way that we can serve one another in the church as we spur one another on to love and good deeds. (Hebrews 11:24) During one of these tea times, I found out that one of my friends, Cemal, was not regularly reading because he found it hard to do it alone.

We are now meeting three times a week, and I am passing on the reading skills I

learned from FBC. It is a low budget, informal meeting. It is not flashy, but this is one of the developments on the field that I am the most excited about. Relational discipleship is vital in the development of a church; a grassroots network of personal, Bible-driven meetings will bear more long-term fruit than nearly any event we can conceive of. These meetings don’t require the gift of teaching; they’re just a discussion about a passage, asking what we learn about God, ourselves, and how to apply these commands to our lives. So really, the answer to “What does a missionary do every day?” is comprised of equipping believers and then working with them to explain the Gospel more clearly to the lost. And that isn’t all that different from what the Bible calls every believer to be doing. This is the “work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12) and how we are supposed to be “ambassadors for Christ,” (2 Corinthians 5:20). Every action in our days is impacted by the Gospel, driven by His love for the lost that compels us to love them as well. This love drives us to bring others along with us, training them to train others. In His Service, Graham Taylor

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUEST

William & Nancy Potter who operate a water purification factory in Southeast Asia

- Pray for peace, joy, and patient endurance for the Potters as they send their kids to college.
- Pray for godly friends for their kids.
- Pray for the unreached people in their country, whose hearts are cold toward Jesus.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION

John & Stephanie Heading, Chaplain & State Director, Fairborn, Ohio

- Pray for boldness to share the gospel with the heart of Christ and to provide trauma care to those affected by disaster. Also, pray for us as we navigate.

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Church newsletter







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STARTING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Young Single Ladies
Sunday School Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM
ROOM 242

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5TH
4:30-7:30PM
DINNER AND CHILDCARE PROVIDED
SPEAKER: JEFF DEGIACOMO

BAPTISTS
WORSHIP & MUSIC PRESENTS

SOUNDS OF WORSHIP
ECHOES OF PRAISE

Make God’s glory resound; echo His praises from coast to coast.
ISAIAH 42:12

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST SYMPHONY

first baptist
October 12, 2025
6:00-7:30 pm

FREE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LAWTON

TRUNK OR TREAT

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	371
Morning Worship	661
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$ 27,831.89
YTD Required	\$ 919,974.48
YTD Received	\$ 780,330.16
YTD Percentage	84.82%
UPCOMING EVENTS	

Save the Date!
Join us for See You At The Pole on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary! Enjoy a message from Tommy Woodard and worship with Cody Dunbar.
Thread Update: New Location ONLY for September 24
Join us for “Thread” on Wednesday, September 24, in the Student Center due to SYATP. We’ll return to the Sanctuary the following week.

Senior Adult Banquet
Senior Adults join us for a delightful Fall Banquet on Thursday, September 25! Enjoy a fun evening with comedian and magician Keith Coast, along with a tasty meal and good company. Please register and secure your spot today! The price per person is \$7.50.

New Sunday School Class
Join us for a new Sunday school class starting Sunday, September 28, 2025, designed for young single ladies ages 19-30. Meet us during Sunday School at 9:30 am in Room 242, for fellowship and growth!

LCT Choir & Cast Luncheon Rehearsal
Choir and cast luncheon and Rehearsal on Sunday, September 28. Schedule: 12:30-1:15 lunch, 1:30-3:30 rehearsal.

Oklahoma Blood Institute Blood Drive
Following worship on Sunday, September 28, members of the Oklahoma Blood Institute will be available in the Fellowship Hall from 12:15 pm to 3:00 pm to take blood donations. Free “Faith in Blood” shirts to those who donate blood.

Baby Dedication
On October 5, during the Worship service, we will be doing Baby and Child Dedications. If you would like to sign your child up, please register by October 1 to prepare gift bags and family information.

Marriage Conference
Join us on Sunday, October 5, from 4:30 - 7:30 pm for our Marriage Conference, designed to refresh, encourage, and equip couples to grow closer to one another and to Christ, regardless of your marital age. Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting our website under the “Events” tab.

Oklahoma Baptist Symphony
Join us for the Oklahoma Baptist Symphony on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

“Home Base” Sunday School Class
Join us for a five-week study on the basics of Biblical Church Membership, taking place from October 19 to November 16. This Sunday school class is designed for new members or individuals who have joined our community within the past year. It will be taught by Troy Taylor, our Associate Pastor. There are only 50 spots available, so secure your spot today by visiting our website or mobile app.

Trunk or Treat
Join us on October 26 for our Trunk or Treat event. If you would like to donate candy or volunteer for this event, please visit our website and click on the “Trunk or Treat” event tab for more information.

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.

SENIOR ADULT
FALL BANQUET

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 25 | 6:00 PM

Entertainment
Keith Coast Comedy Magic Show

Location
FBC Fellowship Hall

Registration
\$7.50 Per Person

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

MINISTERS:
• Pray for a fresh and powerful walk with Jesus for myself, Jennifer, Hannah, Mikah, and Sarah. Pray for God’s favor, protection, and provision for my family and me.
• Pray for wisdom, discernment, and vision as I lead my family and pastor our church.
• Pray for leading and anointing of the Holy Spirit as I prepare and as I preach.
Pastor Mike Keahbone

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:
Cedar Crest
Toshi Smith- #120

MISSIONARIES:
Brady & Julie Plunk and children - Middle East
Graham Taylor - Central Asia

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.

MEMBER NOTICES:
FELLOWSHIP MEAL
Please come join us September 24, 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: Breakfast, Fresh Fruit, Salad Bar.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
Extended Session 1st - 3rd
Morning Worship
Budget/Finance Cmte. Mtg.
2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
3:00pm Men’s Gathering
3:15pm Personnel Cmte. Mtg.
4:00pm Deacon’s Meeting
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am Rooted Ladies
6:30pm ESL Ministry
WEDESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:00am Friendship International
4:45pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm Thread - In Sanctuary
KDG Midweek
Student’s Midweek-SYATP
Worship Choir Rehearsal
LCT Extended Rehearsal
7:00pm
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
6:00pm Senior Adult Banquet
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Office Closed
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Roatan Mission Trip
Office Closed
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
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10:45am Preschool Extended Session
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Morning Worship
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