

SICK:

- Melissa Simien- Having chemo treatments for breast cancer in Florida. (Sister of Meagen McConnell)
- Pastor Mike Keahbone- Continue praying for our pastor who fell and fractured his kneecap.
- Sheila Newman- Admitted to Stillwater Creek Nursing rehab.
- Caleb Hilow- Having treatments for his Asthma (Nephew of Madelyn Corbett who lives in Worcester,Mass)
- Sharleen Belshaw- Fell and injured her head. Sharleen lives in California. (Sister of Sylvia Bevington and Barbara Marshall)
- 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)
- Diane Watts- Kidney failure (Sister of Lois Nease).

ONGOING:

- Cole LaBarre- Health Issues. (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.
- Josephine Burnett- slipped out of her wheelchair.
- Helen Shoemate- Health Issues.
- Mike Finley- Continued bladder issues.
- Jodi Zerba- Prayers for her safety at home and her health.
- Linda Del Ciello- Now home.
- Shizuko Burgess- Now home recovering.
- Patti Rhea- Her esophagus has narrowed, having difficulty eating. Patti is now home recuperating.

SYMPATHY:

- To Melanie and Clint Langford and family on the passing of her grandmother, Elza Mae Queen, Thursday, September 25, 2025. Her funeral was Monday, September 29, 2025, Letitia Baptist Church officiating.
- To the Mike Newell family on the passing of his mother, Linda Pooschke, September 18, 2025. Her funeral was Monday, September 29, 2025, Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel.

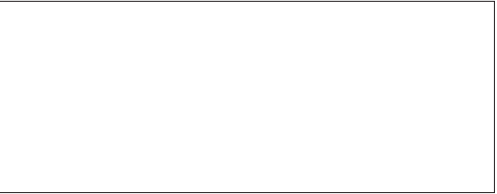
FLOWERS:

- The sanctary flowers are given today in memory of Bonnie Jean Hoskins. Love Michael.



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An Unexpectedly
Contagious Adventure

The night I met Pastor Keahbone, he asked me a simple question: “What’s your favorite book?” Without hesitation, I said, “The Unexpected Adventure” by Mark Mittelberg and Lee Strobel. Keahbone smiled and said, “Mark is a friend of mine.”

A few days later, I woke up to a video message from Keahbone. I hit play, and on the screen was Mark Mittelberg. Mark had recorded a personalized message to a young apologist he didn’t even know at the request of his friend; that young apologist was me.

I fan-girl’d out like a Swifty! A New York Times bestselling author had just sent me a video message. Little did I know that God would open doors in my life that would eventually lead to Mark and me becoming friends.

His books have had a tremendous influence on my life, and I continue to recommend them to everyone I meet. My two go-to books of Mark’s are The Unexpected Adventure and Contagious Faith.

I’ve watched these books propel both new and seasoned Christians to become bold proclaimers of the gospel. From a votech teacher turned pastor who found courage in these pages and led a student to Christ right in his office, to a banker who changed the trajectory of his life to defend Christianity, these books help.

Over the last few months, Pastor has challenged us as a staff to pray and think through what could take our church to the next level. During that process, Mark’s book Contagious Faith kept coming to mind. I wanted to implement it in our student ministry somehow. When we brought it up during a Sunday School teachers’ meeting while searching for new curriculum, it quickly became a favorite

I was excited to see such overwhelming support for using this book as part of our curriculum. When I talked with Pastor, he shared the same enthusiasm, but he wanted more. He envisioned the whole church walking through it together. He reached out to Mark, and Mark was excited about coming to Lawton to encourage and train us to become

contagious Christians..

When I spoke with Mark last week, he said something that stuck with me. He said, “If your church takes this material seriously, your church will be full by the first of the year.” You could hear the excitement in his voice. On October 26, he’ll be here to kick off this journey as we grow together and reach our community. What a great opportunity to invite your friends, family, and coworkers who are ready to make a difference!

I once heard someone say at a banking seminar, “In five years, you’ll be a product of the books you read and the people you surround yourself with.” I would love nothing more than to look back at our church five years from now and say, “What an unexpected adventure with contagious Christians we took!”



THE WEEKLY WORDS
BRANDON THOMPSON
STUDENT MINISTER

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUEST

Daren & Shawna Davis, IMB, Nairobi, Kenya

- Pray more laborers will join the Davises in Sub-Saharan Africa to proclaim the Gospel and disciple believers, among the exploding population.
- Pray the Lord will make His Name known to hard-to-reach peoples in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Ask to Lord to guide and bless the plans for a Senders Summit for African churches and conventions, that they will grow to be Great Commission churches.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION

Christian & Laura Rowland, Church Planter, Langley Twp, British Columbia, Canada

- Pray that the Lord would deepen our faith and expand our ministry. As New Song enters a new phase, join us in asking God for courage, new believers, and the multiplication of servant leaders at home.

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Fall in Love with Missions

Tea & Brunch

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

10:00am - 12:00pm

FBC Fellowship Hall

\$8.00 Registration Fee



Please join us for tea and a selection of international food, as we learn about Lottie Moon, hear from a fascinating missionary and receive video updates from current missionaries in the field.



Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting our website

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.

Important Schedule Update for Fall Break
Fall Break is October 13–17. All weekday activities—including ESL, Rooted Ladies, Fellowship Meal, Wednesday evening activities, and Thread—are suspended during this week.

3:00pm	Men's Gathering
3:00pm	Women's Bible Study
3:15pm	Personnel Committee Mtg.
4:00pm	Deacon's Meeting
5:00pm	Mission Banquet