

SICK:

- Pastor Mike Keahbone- Continue praying for our pastor who fell and fractured his kneecap.
- Billy Cooper- Suffered a stroke and is in CCMH.
- Kathy Schneider- Home recuperating from an infection and surgery of her ankle.
- Melissa Simien- Having Chemo treatments for Breast Cancer in Florida (Sister of Maegen McConnell)
- 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)
- 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.
- Sheila Newman- Health 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 Cielo- Now home.
- Shizuko Burgess- Now home recovering.
- Patti Rhea- Her esophagus has narrowed, having difficulty eating. Patti is now home recuperating.

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUEST

Faye Mueller, Relationship Builder, Central Asia

- Pray Faye’s language learning will increase in fluency.
- Pray Faye’s local church will continue to grow and serve.
- Pray Faye’s friend, Molly, will remain in the faith as she tries to lead her family to the truth.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION

Sergio & Andrea Belloso, Church Planter, Woodbury Heights, New Jersey

- Pray for our Hispanic church plant: That many would come to faith in Christ and grow as disciples.
- Pray that God would guide and raise up new leaders with a heart for the harvest.

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October 26, 2025

FBC Lawton

NEWSLETTER

fbclawton.org

Dear Fellow Workers,

Last time I wrote to y’all I talked about the big picture of how I aim to spend my time here, and so I wanted to share some of the more tangible details of what we’re aiming for. Ultimately, we are working for healthy, reproducing churches that have local ownership of the Missionary Task. The Missionary Task has 6 major components: Entry, Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership Development, Healthy Church Planting, and Exit to Partnership.

The missionary task must be centered on the local church because it is the place God designed discipleship to happen. Relief projects and literature distribution can be helpful, but their fruit will be lost if they are not done in partnership with a local church. This task must also be centered on the local church because ultimately it is the church that will see this area reached, not me.

This task requires strong fellowships that are moving towards health and planting other churches. More than a weekly program or a quarterly seminar, we need grassroots, Biblical discipleship. Disciples have transformed

lives, and this transformation requires more than just knowledge.

You might’ve heard of Cemal in my newsletter. He’s a young professional working in a printing office. Cemal and I have been reading the Word together several times a week, and we built up to that through intentional conversations during the weekly fellowship time at our church.

We had to move beyond conversations about work and soccer (as fun as those can be) into deeper things. The first time I asked, “What is God teaching you right now?”, I thought his silence came from my bad grammar. He understood, but he wasn’t used to that question being asked in a casual conversation with a friend.

The next week I asked, “How can I pray for you right now?”, and we stopped our conversation to pray right there. I have often asked Cemal to explain the week’s sermon to me so that I could catch the many parts I can’t understand yet. Each conversation with Cemal is an opportunity to give just a little bit more water to his faith or a new seed of passion. We dare not waste these moments from the Lord!

Because we started to discuss deeper things and how to bring our lives into greater alignment with Jesus, we consistently ran out of fellowship

time. I asked Cemal if we could meet at a café sometime, and he asked if we could meet to read the Bible. I love that it was his idea!

Cemal had this idea because he had felt the need for deeper discipleship; he was no longer content to stay where he was. He wants more of Jesus!

Every Sunday, every weekly meeting, and every chance conversation on the street, I want people to feel their need to be closer to Jesus, to feel their need for more discipleship. This push pulls me more into Jesus myself because in sharing the Truth of His Word, you can’t help but see your own inadequacies with even more clarity.

So now to you, beloved member of First, what is God teaching you right now? Where do you feel the need to be closer to Church? How can you humbly and graciously show believers around you how they, how we all, need more of Jesus?

I would love to hear your answers to these questions so that I can know how to pray for First better.

In His Service,
Graham

Pastor Appreciation Offering

First Baptist Church is blessed with amazing Pastors and Ministers. They are:

Mike Keahbone	-	Lead Pastor
Troy Taylor	-	Associate Pastor
Xavier Abraham	-	Worship Pastor
Mike Neff	-	Senior Adult Pastor
Rylee Woessner	-	Minister to Children
Brandon Thompson	-	Minister to Students

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we want to show our pastors how much they mean to us. We're collecting a Love Offering through November 2nd. Offering will be divided among all pastors & ministers. If you give a gift, please mark it "Pastor Appreciation." FBC Personnel Committee is grateful for your generous support as we show appreciation to our pastors for all they do for our church family.

Thank you



FBC LAWTON

Ministry Fair

Sunday,
November 2, 2025
- During the
Morning Worship
Service

Quarterly Business Celebration

Chili COOK OFF

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
5:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



FREE TO ENTER &
FREE TO TASTE

Joy to the World

Psalm 98:4



Nov. Rehearsals

Wednesday Nights
6:15 to 7:30pm
November 5 *12 *19

Sunday
Luncheon/Rehearsals
November 2 *16

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School	240
Morning Worship	524

BUDGET REPORT

Weekly Required	\$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$ 36,838.47
YTD Required	\$ 1,073,303.56
YTD Received	\$ 929,448.21
YTD Percentage	86.60%

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sunday Evening Women's and Men's Bible Study
Women's and Men's Bible Study will not be held on the evening of October 26. Classes will resume on November 2.

FBC Trunk or Treat

Help us make Trunk or Treat a special evening! Join us on Sunday, October 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Volunteer by providing a trunk or serving on a team—security, traffic, cleanup, or as a candy runner. Donate candy at fbclawton.org/events or drop it off in the welcome center. Your support makes this event possible!

LCT Retreat

* Saturday, November 1: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
* Sunday, November 2: 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. - Luncheon before retreat.

If you plan to attend the retreat weekend, please bring a snack to share.

FBC Lawton Ministry Fair!

Get ready for a Sunday like no other at First Baptist Church Lawton! On November 2, we'll gather for an abbreviated time of worship and preaching, and then we'll open the doors to something special — our FBC Lawton Ministry Fair! Please visit our website for more information!

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 2nd.

Operation Christmas Child Announcement

It's even closer! Starting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, we'll move materials and supplies from Room 210 to Fellowship Hall for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on November 9. National Collection Week is November 17-24. Trailer load-out from southwest Oklahoma drop-off locations is November 24. Please text or phone Mary Swafford at 281-851-9389 if you can help at any of these events.

Quarterly Business Celebration/ Chili Cook-Off
Sunday, November 9th, join us for our quarterly business celebration and chili cook-off, starting at 5:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Enjoy an evening of good company, delicious chili, and friendly competition. To participate, simply scan the QR code and join the competition. We can't wait to see everyone there for great food and fun!

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.



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."
Colossians 4:2
www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray

MINISTERS:

- Please pray for strength and wisdom for our family as we seek to honor God in our home and in every aspect of ministry.
- Pray for the boys: Lane is in his Senior year at Elgin High School and is taking 9 hrs. of concurrent classes at Cameron University. Cade is in his Junior year and is still very much into golf, various activities and you might see him working his job at Chick-fil-la too. Pray for Lane and Cade's future endeavors and future spouses.
- Ask the Lord pray for clarity in decision-making and that we would be faithful stewards of the calling God has placed on our lives.
- We are so thankful for our church family and the love, support and prayers you continually offer. May God bless our family and our church family!
Mike Neff, Senior Adult Pastor

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Brookridge
Georgianna Anderson #26, Chlorica Farmer #5, Nancy Smith #55

MISSIONARIES:

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

MEMBER NOTICES:

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Please come join us October 29, 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:Chili & Corn Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert.

Guest Speaker- Mark Mittelberg

Join us Sunday, October 26, as guest speaker Mark Mittelberg leads both Sunday School and Morning Worship. He'll teach on Contagious Faith, kicking off our church's six-week focus on sharing and living our faith. You can also purchase his book on October 26 for \$10—a great resource for this journey!

Sunday School Notice:

Please note that on Sunday, October 26, Sunday School will not meet in the usual classrooms; instead, all classes will gather together in the Sanctuary for a special session with Mark Mittelberg.
Kids will still meet in their normal classes.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30am Sunday School- In Sanctuary
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
1st - 3rd Extended Session
Morning Worship -Guest Speaker- Mark Mittelberg
Trunk or Treat

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am Rooted Ladies
6:30pm ESL Ministry

WEDESDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:00am Friendship International
4:45pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm Thread - In Sanctuary
KDG Midweek
Student's Midweek
Worship Choir Rehearsal
LCT Extended Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Office Closed

9:00am LCT Retreat Choir & Orchestra

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - FALL BACK

9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Preschool Extended Session
Morning Worship - FBC
Ministry Fair
LCT Retreat
12:30pm Womens Bible Study
3:00pm Men's Gathering
3:00pm