

SICK:

- Rev. Mike Franklin- Has chronic Pulmonary Cystic Fibrosis, and is on oxygen 24/7. (Brother of Debbie Evans)
- Sharon fudge- Will be at McMahan-Tomlinson on Hospice.
- Ronnie Vaughan- Has been diagnosed with bladder cancer, and his surgery is scheduled for 12/9.
- Mike Finley- Will start chemo for bladder cancer on 11/25.
- 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)
- Daymond McGaughey-Health Issues.
- David Ellsworth- Pray for heart healing and less anxiety.
- 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.
- 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.

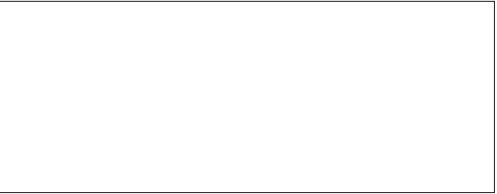
SYMPATHY:

- To Michael Hoskins and family on the passing of his brother, Bud Hoskins, Tuesday, November 11, 2025.
- To Dorothy Cooper and family on the passing of her husband, Retired Brigadier General, Billy Cooper, Thursday, November 6, 2025. His funeral was 11:00 am Thursday, November 20, 2025 First Baptist Church with burial at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma
- To the family of Barbara Bullock on her passing, Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Her funeral was 2:00 pm Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma



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November 23, 2025

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NEWSLETTER

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Gifts That Keep on Giving

When we think of the greatest gifts we could ever give our children and friends our minds often go to things that bring joy in the moment like special toys, memorable trips, or experiences, but the most lasting, life-shaping gift we can offer is one that does not fade with time and that is training them up in the way of the Lord. This gift roots their identity, guides their decisions, and anchors them in truth.

Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” This isn’t just a hopeful thought, it’s a calling. God has entrusted parents with the joyful responsibility of shaping the spiritual foundation of their children. While the world offers countless voices competing for their attention, God calls parents to be the primary disciple makers of their homes, pointing their children back to Him again and again

Training a child in the way of the Lord is not one big moment, it is a lifelong rhythm of small, intentional steps. It is modeling prayer at the kitchen table. It is reading Scripture before bed. It is teaching forgiveness after an argument, gratitude in disappointment,

and humility when they succeed. Discipleship happens in the everyday moments that slowly form a heart that knows and trusts Jesus.

When parents choose to disciple their children, they are giving them more than biblical knowledge, they are giving them spiritual tools that serve them for a lifetime. They are offering wisdom when life becomes confusing, comfort when heartbreak comes, and truth when the world’s messages shift and change. Children grounded in God’s Word grow up with a sense of purpose that is not shaken by circumstance, because they know the One who never changes.

This kind of training also deepens the parent/child relationship. When faith becomes woven into everyday conversations, kids begin to see their parents as safe guides for the real questions they wrestle with: *Why does God allow hard things? How do I know He’s real? What does it mean to follow Jesus?*

Here is the beautiful truth, you don’t have to be a perfect parent to disciple your child. God works through your willingness, not your perfection. You simply need a desire to point your child toward Jesus and the courage to take one step at a time.

God fills in the gaps with His grace.

The gifts you give your children today may bring temporary excitement, but the gift of spiritual formation will echo into eternity.

This is a gift that truly keeps on giving..

If you are looking for simple, practical tools to help you disciple your child or resources to bless your spouse, family or friends simply scan the QR code provided. It will take you directly to a curated Amazon list where you can browse and purchase recommended discipleship resources. These resources make wonderful gifts and help plant seeds of faith that will last for years to come.



THE WEEKLY WORDS

RYLEE WOESSNER
CHILDREN'S MINISTER



OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUEST

Literacy Missions

- Pray more churches would participate in literacy missions.
- Pray the teachers of literacy missions would be in close relationship to God.
- Pray students would be receptive to the truth of God’s Word and be excited to read it.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION

Greg & Lisa Alles, Church Planter, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- Pray for continued unity and love among our team so that we can be effective witnesses for our Lord Jesus. Pray that God’s Word would go forth powerfully from us and reach the plentiful harvest in Milwaukee.

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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



College+ Sunday School Class
Join us for the launch of our new College+ Sunday School class, beginning November 23 at 9:30 AM in Room 242. This class will be led by Cory and Kenna Garrard.



Adult 6 Sunday School Class
Join us for the launch of our new Adult 6 Sunday School class, beginning November 23 at 9:30 AM in Room 244. This class will be led by Gary Hart.



COCOA, COFFEE, COOKIES, AND UGLY SWEATERS



Tuesday
16 December 2025
Starting at 9:30 a.m.

Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater/shirt. We will decorate Christmas cookies, drink coco and coffee to celebrate the season with old and new friends.



OUR CHURCH'S GOAL:

\$40,000

100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® enable gospel transformation among the unreached.



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Joy to the World

Psalm 98:4

Tree Construction

Sunday
November 30 - 12:15pm (after church)

A pizza lunch will be provided to all those who help!

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	326
Morning Worship	633
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$ 34,528.00
YTD Required	\$ 1,264,964.91
YTD Received	\$1,091,202.34
YTD Percentage	86.26%
UPCOMING EVENTS	

New Sunday School Classes
Join us for the launch of our two new Sunday School classes, College+ (taught by Cory & Kenna Garrard in Room 242), and Adult 6 (taught by Gary Hart in Room 244), beginning November 23rd at 9:30 AM.

Thanksgiving Schedule
There will be no evening activities on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. The church office will be closed November 26–27 for the holiday.

The 44th Annual Living Christmas Tree
The 44th Annual Living Christmas Tree Musical, “Joy to the World”, requires a whole “host” of volunteers. Our desire is for every member to attend one presentation, but we would also ask you to serve one as well. There are several areas for you to put your gift of service into action. Prayer Warriors are of most importance!! Other help is needed in the areas of parking attendants, greeters, servers for cookies and cider at each presentation, and prayer warriors. There are also volunteer needs for childcare and the shuttle service for the presentation dates. Please pray for LCT, all who will attend, and how you may be directly involved. Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Center.

LCT Yard Signs
There will be Living Christmas Tree yard signs in the Welcome Center for donations of \$5. Please grab a sign even if you are unable to donate. Pick up on Sunday or any time during our church office hours.

Living Christmas Tree Construction
Following the Morning Worship service on Sunday, November 30, 2025, we will need volunteers to help with the construction and decoration of the Living Christmas Tree. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

LCT Luncheon/Rehearsal on Tree
Choir & cast luncheon followed by rehearsal on tree December 7th @ 12:30pm in the Choir room

LCT Dress Rehearsal/Media Day
Choir & cast rehearsal on December 10th @ 6:00pm in the Choir room. PICTURE DAY!!!

Young at Heart: Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, and Ugly Sweaters
On Tuesday, December 16, at 9:30 a.m., we invite our Young at Heart ministry to wear their most delightfully ugly Christmas sweater or shirt! Enjoy a festive morning of decorating cookies, sipping cocoa and coffee, and celebrating the season with both old and new friends.

2025 Charitable Contribution Deadline
In order to receive contribution credit for 2025, all contributions must be either delivered to the church or postmarked by December 31. Online contributions must be generated by December 31 as well. IRS regulations prohibit giving a contribution credit for contributions received or postmarked past that date, regardless of the date of the check processing.

Live Stream
We will be livestreaming our worship service at 10:45 a.m. 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 a.m.



presents the 44th Annual Living Christmas Tree

Joy to the World

Psalm 98:4
a multicultural presentation

2025 Presentations:

Thursday, Dec. 11 @ 7:00pm
Friday, Dec. 12 @ 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 13 @ 5:00pm

doors will open 1 hour prior

Free Admission

Please bring non-perishable food items to donate

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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

MINISTER:

- 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 ad mentor to so many.
- Pray for me and my wife’s marriage, may God strengthen our relationship more and more each day.

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

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:
MCMAHON-TOMLINSON
CHARLES & MARCIA ELKINS #41 A&B

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

- For grace in being able to acquire new words and to be faithful to his language learning.
- Discernment in equipping discipleship leaders so they can begin to lead Bible Study.

MEMBER NOTICES:
FELLOWSHIP MEAL
No Wednesday Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, November 26th.



Transfer of Letter-
Nathan and Nikki
Kennedy



Transfer of Letter:
John, Michelle, and Cassy
Wright

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23-LOTTIE MOON	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session Extended Session 1st-3rd Morning Worship
2:00-4:00	OCC Drop Off
3:00pm	Men’s Gathering
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:00-11:00	OCC Drop Off
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
WEDESDAY, NOVEMBER 26	
Office Closed Thanksgiving Break	
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27	
Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28	
Office Closed	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29	
Office Closed	
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