

SICK:

- **Rev. Mike Franklin** - Has chronic Pulmonary Cystic Fibrosis, and is on oxygen 24/7. (Brother of Debbie Evans)
- **Ronnie Vaughan** - Has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and is scheduled for surgery on December 9th.
- **Mike Finley** - Had surgery for appendicitis.
- **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).
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ONGOING:

- **Chris Fields** - Health Issues (Friend of Xaiver Abraham)
- **Cole LaBarre**- Health Issues (Cole is the great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
- **Robin Hardy** - Health Issues
- **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
- **Sharon Fudge** - Has a brain bleed.
- **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.

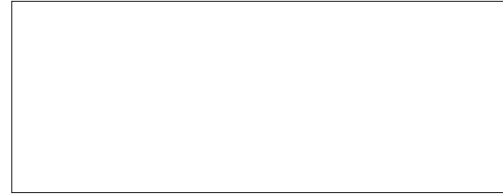
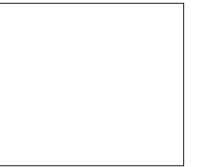
SYMPATHY:

- To 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



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LAWTON · FORT SILL
501 SW B Ave
Lawton, OK 73501



On The Front Lines

Once again, our calendars are scrolling closer to December. It's a busy season filled with so many things, parties and presents, stress and relaxation. There are lots of things that I'll miss this year, like the Living Christmas Tree. One thing I definitely won't miss is the overabundance of advertising from our consumer driven culture.

Thank you so much for all the ways that First has supported me through prayer this year! This is the most important way that workers are supported by our cooperation of fellowships. The second important way arrives each year in December, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. First's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal isn't just a number on a poster for a faceless organization. It is a part of the cooperative chain of support for me and more than 3,500 workers.

We have faithfully supported this offering for many years, and I wanted to share some perspective on the dividends from our support in year past. 40 years ago, there was only one full translation in a Central Asian (CA) heart language. Now we have

23 complete translations and 12 NT translations into these heart languages. This means that 74% of CA peoples can read the entire Bible in their heart language, 9% can read a portion in their heart language, and the remaining 17% can read in an adjacent trade language. This is such significant progress, and our support in years past played a part in funding this.

30 years ago, there were an estimated 10,000 believers from Turkey to Kazakhstan. Now, we estimate that there are 300,000! We praise God for this progress, but these numbers still mean that there are only 8 believers for every 10,000 Central Asians. In Lawton, this would be like having no more than 80 believers.

We praise God for the progress He has given to His Church, but the task He commissioned us with is still enormous! Globally, there are still 3,000 people groups with no workers and no known strategy to reach them. 74% of CA peoples live in places that you and I cannot reach, such as the Caucus mountains in Russia, an area with 40 distinct groups.

God is calling us to use our lives and resources to reach them. We long for each person to be able to hear

of the Best Gift the world has ever recieved, and this will take all of us, together. Would you stop and pray for me, asking that I would have wisdom and discernment on how to use this season to reach my lost neighbors? Please pray that they would feel the emptiness of life without Jesus Christ.

We cannot wait to see what our great God does with the 30 years of support to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Truly we can do more together than we can apart.

In His Service,
Graham Taylor



THE WEEKLY WORDS

OUR CHURCH'S GOAL:

\$40,000

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

imb.org/lottiemoon



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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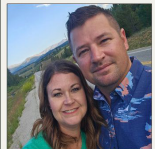
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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



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.



Cory & 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.



Gary Hart



Joy to the World

Psalm 98:4

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

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





Tree Construction



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.



FBC Kids Christmas Schedule

Dec 3	LCT Preview Night (No regular Wednesday night activities)
Dec 7	Family Worship (No 1 st -3 rd Extended Session)
Dec 17	Gingerbread and Jesus Christmas Party 6:00-7:30pm
Dec 21	No Sunday School or Extended Session (every age/grade)
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service (no childcare)
Dec 28	No Sunday School or Extended Session (every age/grade)
Dec 31	No Wednesday Night Activities

FBC Kids please stop by the Kids Kiosk in the Welcome Center for various busy bags/Christmas presents!





ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	357
Morning Worship	476
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$ 30,805.37
YTD Required	\$ 1,303,297.18
YTD Received	\$1,121,707.71
YTD Percentage	86.07%
UPCOMING EVENTS	

New Sunday School Classes
Don't forget about our newest Sunday School Classes! Join us for College+ in Room 242 with Cory & Kenna Garrard and Adult 6 in Room 244 with Gary Hart! Classes begin at 9:30AM.

Holiday Schedule
The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 23rd to Friday, January 2nd. There will be no regular Wednesday Evening Activities during this time. Normal activities and schedules will resume Monday, January 5th, 2026!

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 greeters, parking attendants, and servers for cider and cookies, as well as volunteers to assist with childcare and shuttle services. Please pray for the **Living Christmas Tree**, all who will attend, and how you may be directly involved. Sign-up sheets are available in the Welcome Center.

LCT Construction - November 30
Today following the Morning Worship Service, we will need volunteers to help with the construction and decoration of the Living Christmas Tree. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

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

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

LCT Yard Signs
The Living Christmas Tree yard signs are available 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.

Young at Heart: Cocoa, Coffee, Cookies, and Ugly Sweaters - December 16

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! Come enjoy a festive morning of sipping cocoa and coffee, decorating cookies, and celebrating the season with both old and new friends!

2025 Charitable Contribution Deadline
Don't forget 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

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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501 SW B Ave., Lawton, OK 73501

Joy to the World

Psalm 98:4
a multicultural presentation

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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

MINISTER:

- Pray for children of divorced and military families during the holiday season.
- Pray for 11 people to be called to serve with FBC Kids during the worship hour.
- Pray that we begin the new year with a FULL volunteer schedule.
- Pray that families make learning about the Lord a priority and stay committed to coming to church, even amid holiday busyness.
- Pray that the Lord helps us get out of the way so His work and will can be done.

Rylee Woessner, Children's Minister

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:
Pat Carr #52B - Monte Vista

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

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

MEMBER NOTICES:
FELLOWSHIP MEAL
No Wednesday Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, December 3rd.
ACTIVITIES
No Evening Activities on Wednesday, December 3rd.
No 1st-3rd Extended Session on Sunday, December 7th.



Statement of Faith:
Collin Langford



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30	
LOTTIE MOON	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session
	Extended Session 1st-3rd
	Morning Worship
3:00pm	Men's Gathering
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:00am	Rooted Ladies Bible Study
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
	No Evening Activities
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6	
Office Closed	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7	
LOTTIE MOON	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session
	No 1st - 3rd Extended Session
	Family Morning Worship
	LCT Construction
12:15pm	
3:00pm	Men's Gathering