

SICK:

- **Mark Johnson** - Had an eye stroke (Brother of Reed Johnson & Marsha Ayers).
- **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 had surgery on December 8th.
- **Mike Finley** - Had surgery for appendicitis; Now home recuperating.
- **Kathy Schneider** - Will be having another surgery from an infection 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)
- **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).
- **Mark Cotton** - Back surgery at CCMH

ONGOING:

- **Chris & Amy 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
- **Linda Toy** - Diagnosed with ALS.
- **Ellen Gatliff** - Diagnosed with Cancer, taking chemo treatments, doing well.
- **Hadley Hardage** - Health Issues (Daughter of Renee Hardage)
- **Joseph & Sarah Woods** - Medical needs
- **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** - Home Recovering
- **Shizuko Burgess** - Home Recovering.
- **Patti Rhea** - Her esophagus has narrowed, having difficulty eating. .
- **Jenice Douglas** - Health Issues

PRAISE REPORT:

- **Terrie Callarmon** - Completed chemo

SYMPATHY:

- To the family of **Shizuko Burgess** on her passing, Monday, December 15th, 2025.
- To Stephanie McDonald and family on the passing of her husband and their father, **Craig McDonald**, Sunday, December 14th, 2025.
- To Bill Fudge, Robin and Ronnie Ellis, Jon Marc and Kristan Hopkins and families of the passing of his wife and their mother, **Sharon Maxine Fudge**, Tuesday, November 25th, 2025. Her memorial service was Monday, December 8th, 2025 at First Baptist Church.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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



December 14th, 2025



FBC Lawton NEWSLETTER

fbclawton.org

What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

On July 7th, 1873, Charlotte “Lottie” Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. With a bold spirit and a heart full of love for the Lord, she dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel with the people of China, faithfully serving until her passing on December 24, 1912.

Lottie’s life was marked by deep compassion, courageous obedience, and tireless commitment to God’s call. Her sacrificial life demonstrated the impact one person can have when fully surrendered to Christ. She inspired many others to consider their role missions.

Through her heartfelt letters home, Lottie encouraged churches to support missions through their prayers and giving. Those efforts led to the creation of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, which continues today- supporting missionaries around the world as they share the hope of Christ.

Lottie’s story reminds us that faithful service to God can make an eternal impact. You can make an eternal impact too, following Lottie’s example by praying fervently for missionaries around the world and giving sacrificially to help take the Gospel to the nations.

Together, we can provide essential resources for missionaries around the world such as:

- Cultural Access
- Health & Wellness
- Missionary Compensation
- Missionary Teaming
- Missionary Tools
- Safety & Security

Together, let us also celebrate these 2024 highlights from around the world:

- 3,577 Missionaries on the Field
- 68,628 Baptisms
- 84,430 New Leaders
- 2,400 Churches Planted
- 144,969 Professed Faith in Jesus
- 1.6 Million Heard the Gospel

Ways to Give:

1. Giving Stations - You may give cash or check at the Giving Stations located in the Foyer and Welcome Center.
2. In Person - You can also bring your offering to the church office during office hours or mail it to 501 SW B Ave, Lawton, OK 73501.
3. Online Giving - Simply scan the QR Code below to give online by credit/debit card or by ACH Bank Transfer.



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.

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OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUEST

Doug & Angela Burnett, Serving Czech Republic

- Pray one national worker’s heart will soften to receive Jesus as her Savior and Lord.
- Pray the Burnetts will lead their Euro Logistics Team with wisdom and discernment, as they strive to ensure that EMB missionaries can transition smoothly into their field.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION

Paul & Lois Taligato, Church Planter, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

- Pray as we seek to reach families and young adults in South Edmonton.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance in building relationships in the community and that God would draw people to our church who seek connection, hope, and purpose.

Online Giving



Right Now Media



Women's Webpage



Church Newsletter



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501 SW B AVE
LAWTON, OK. 73501
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Christmas Eve Service

and the Lord's Supper

Wednesday, December 24th | 5:00PM



THREAD

Returning

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2026

6:00-7:15PM | FBC SANCTUARY
WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

God's Word Connecting Life, Family, and Community



YOUNG AT HEARTS Luncheon

Start the new year off right with good friends and good food!

JANUARY
12

Monday
11:00AM
Fellowship Hall



Scan the QR Code to visit the Senior Adult Page

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ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School 339
Morning Worship 577

BUDGET REPORT

Weekly Required \$ 38,332.27
Weekly Received \$ 47,168.01
YTD Required \$ 1,418,293.99
YTD Received \$1,267,471.37
YTD Percentage 89.37%
Lottie Moon Offering \$30,297.85

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!**

Sunday Schedule

There will be no Sunday School Classes December 21st and 28th. Doors will open at 9:45AM. Classes will resume January 4th, 2026.

Newsletter Update

The church newsletter will not be distributed during the weeks of December 28th and January 4th.

Christmas Eve Service

You are warmly invited to our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service and Lord's Supper as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with scripture, carols, and candlelight.

Living Christmas Tree Broadcast

The Living Christmas Tree will be broadcast on KSWO Christmas Eve at 10:00PM and Christmas Day at 6:00AM.

Living Christmas Tree Deconstruction & De Decorating

Deconstruction of the tree and de-decorating will be Sunday, December 28th, immediately following Sunday Service. Pizza lunch will be provided for all those helping.

THREAD Returns

THREAD will return Wednesday, January 7th from 6:00-7:15PM in the Sanctuary! Please join us for a time of worship and a study of God's Word led by Troy Taylor.

Young At Hearts January Activities and Events

Mark your calendars for the first Young At Hearts Luncheon and Fellowship of 2026! Start the year off right with good friends and good food on **Monday, January 12th at 11:00AM** in Fellowship Hall. Then beat the cold with a warm and fun-filled fellowship with **Cocoa, Coffee, and Games on Thursday, January 29th from 9:30AM - 12:00PM!**

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

Worship Service Livestream begins at 10:45AM 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 11:00AM.

Holiday Schedule

December 21st
No Sunday School
No Child Care or
Extended Session

December 23rd - 26th
Office Closed
No Fellowship Meal or
Regular Activities

December 24th
Christmas Eve Service
& Lord's Supper

December 28th
No Sunday School
No Child Care or
Extended Session

December 28th
Tree Deconstruction &
De-Decorating

**December 29th -
January 2nd**
Office Closed
No Fellowship Meal
or Regular Activities

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2

www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray

MINISTER:

Dear Volunteers & Church Family,

Thank you for the incredible love, dedication, and countless hours you poured into making the Living Christmas Tree 2025 “Joy to the World” a beautiful success.

Because of you -- our choir members, musicians, tech and media teams, stage crew, ushers, decorators, costume teams, hospitality volunteers, prayer partners, and behind-the-scenes servants -- over 2000 people were able to experience the message of Christmas in a powerful and meaningful way. Every rehearsal attended, every light adjusted, every note sung, every prayer offered, and every act of service reflected your heart for the Lord and for people.

The Living Christmas Tree is more than a production; it is a ministry. Through your faithfulness, the story of Christ's birth was proclaimed with excellence, joy, and unity. We are confident the seeds of hope were planted and lives were encouraged because you were willing to serve.

Thank you also to our church family for your support, encouragement, generosity, and prayers throughout this season. It truly takes the whole body of Christ working together, and we are grateful to be part of a church that serves with such joy and purpose.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. -- Colossians 3:23.

May God richly bless you and your faithfulness, and may the joy of the Christmas message continue to shine through your lives all year long.

With deep gratitude, Xavier & April Abraham

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Kotoko Ratliff #58 - Morada Lawton

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:

There will be no Fellowship Meal or regular Wednesday Evening Activities. We will return to normal schedule on Wednesday, January 7th, 2026! Have a wonderful winter break!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

FAMILY WORSHIP & LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

10:45am Family Morning Worship

No Sunday School

No Child Care or Extended Session

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Office Closed

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service & Lord's Supper

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Office Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

FAMILY WORSHIP & LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

10:45am Family Morning Worship

No Sunday School

No Child Care or Extended Session