

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. He is recuperating at home.
- **Mike Finley** - Had surgery for appendicitis; Now home recuperating.
- **Kathy Schneider** - Had another surgery on her ankle caused by an infection.
- **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** - Had back surgery at CCMH and is recovering.

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.
- **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. Her funeral was Monday, December 22nd, 2025 at First Baptist Church.
- To Stephanie McDonald and family on the passing of her husband and their father, **Craig McDonald**, Sunday, December 14th, 2025. His funeral was Friday, December 19th, 2025 at First Baptist Church.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

December 28th, 2025

FBC Lawton

NEWSLETTER

fbclawton.org

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.



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

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**Benjamin Kelly, Serving in Madagascar**

- Pray for Benjamin as he tries to learn the 18 languages dialects across the island.
- Pray for Benjamin as he travels off the main roads during the rainy season.
- Pray God would guard over Benjamin's health and wellness and protect him from sickness and injury.

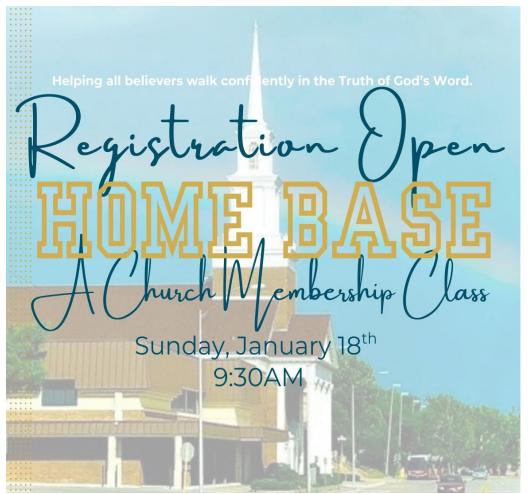
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION**Josh and Danielle Payne, Chaplain at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio**

- Pray for an open door to gospel conversations as we love the men and women of Wright-Patterson AFB.

Online Giving**RightNow Media Women's Webpage****Church Newsletter**

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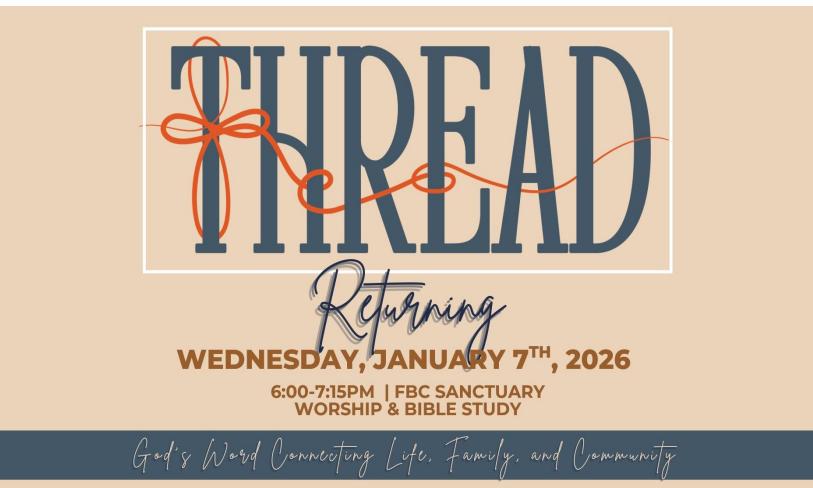
Mark your calendars and save the date!
Join us Sunday, January 18th, 2026 for a 5 week study on navigating the basics of Biblical Church Membership.

Designed for new members or members who have never attended a new members class.

Taught by Associate Pastor Troy Taylor.



Register here! Limited Space.



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	NA
Morning Worship	577
BUDGET REPORT	
Weekly Required	\$38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$63,332.79
YTD Required	\$1,456,626.26
YTD Received	\$1,330,804.16
YTD Percentage	91.36%
Lottie Moon Offering	\$36,495.35

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed **Monday, December 29th 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**!

Home Base - A Church Membership Class

Home Base is making a return in 2026! Home Base is a **5 week** study on navigating the basics of Biblical Church Membership, designed for a new members or members who have never attended a new members class. **Classes will run Sunday, January 18th - Sunday, February 15th at 9:30am**.

Living Christmas Tree Deconstruction & De Decorating

Deconstruction of the tree and de-decorating will be today 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.

Women's Ministry January Activities and Events

FBC Women's Ministry has some fabulous chances for fellowship and service to kick off the new year starting with a **Stuff the Bus** donation drive benefiting the **Pregnancy Resource Center** in celebration of the Sanctity of Life Month. And then wrapping up the month with a chance to **Flamingo**, a fellowship for connection, conversation, and community on **Saturday, January 31st from 6:00-8:00PM!**

Young At Heart January Activities and Events

Mark your calendars for the first Young At Heart 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.



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST	
"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."	Colossians 4:2
www.fbclawton.org/connected/pray	
MINISTER:	
"For unto you is born this day in the city David a Savior, who is Christ Lord." -Luke 2:11	
The Taylor Family wishes you a very Merry Christmas. May we pray for one another and realize how good God has been to us. Like Mary before the shepherds, let us treasurer and ponder the wonder of Christ's birth.	
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 28	
FAMILY WORSHIP & LOTTIE MOON OFFERING	
10:45am	Family Morning Worship No Sunday School No Child Care or Extended Session
12:15pm LCT Deconstruction & De-Decorating	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND	
Office Closed & No Activities	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3	
Office Closed	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session 1st - 3rd Extended Session Morning Worship
MONDAY, JANUARY 5	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am	Rooted Ladies Bible Study
WEDESDAY, JANUARY 7	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
4:45pm	Fellowship Meal
6:00pm	Thread Kids & Students Midweek Worship Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8	
8:30am	Office Hours - 5:00pm
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9	
Office Closed	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10	
Office Closed	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11	
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session 1st - 3rd Extended Session Morning Worship