

SICK:

- **Barbara Bertram** - Home recuperating from surgery to remove brain tumor (SIL of Brenda & Tom Bell; Lives in Sault Ste. Marie, MI)
- **Caleb Hilow** - Continuing treatment for his Asthma. (Nephew of Madelyn Corbett)
- **Cindy Morales** - Cancer has returned after two years. (Mother of Sara Morales)
- **Diane Watts** - Kidney Failure (Sister of Lois Nease)
- **Evan Ranier** - In need of a new kidney (Great nephew of David Askew)
- **Glenna Herring** - Recovering from surgery
- **Joel Smith** - Recovering from emergency surgery in Wichita Falls.
- **Kathy Schneider** - Ankle surgery on her ankle February 27th in OKC; Pray for the surgery and healing
- **Melissa Simien** - Continuing treatments for Breast Cancer (Sister of Maegan McConnell)
- **Noel Ritter** - Has a serious brain injury (Great niece of Barbara Moeller)
- **Rev. Mike Franklin** - Has chronic Pulmonary Cystic Fibrosis, and is on oxygen 24/7. Scheduled for consult in OKC for possibility of double lung transplant, plus has a rare blood type. (Brother of Debbie Evans)
- **Tom Dunn** - Health Issues
- **Vicki Shafer** - Had hip surgery, and **Ken Shafer** diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (Family of Rhonda Cotton).
- **Vicki Shelby** - Diagnosed with first stage Breast Cancer. (SIL of Brenda Boyiddle, Lives in Clarksville, TN)

ONGOING:

- **Awanda Glover** - Health Issues
- **Barbara Hoskin** - Extreme Health Issues
- **Cole LaBarre** - Health Issues (Great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
- **David Ellsworth** - Heart healing & Less anxiety
- **Draymond McGaughey** - Health Issues
- **Ellen Gatliff** - Continuing chemo treatments and doing well.
- **Hadley Hardage** - Health Issues (Daughter of Renee Hardage)
- **Helen Shoemate** - Health Issues
- **Jean & John Skinner** - Health Issues (Parents of Renee Hardage)
- **Jenice Douglas** - Health Issues
- **Jodi Zerba** - Health & Home Safety
- **Joseph & Sarah Wood** - Health Issues
- **Loy Burnett** - Health Issues
- **Marcia & Charles Elkins** - Health Issues
- **Mike Finley** - Health Issues
- **Pat Foster** - Health Issues
- **Patti Rhea** - Health Issues
- **Phyllis Scott** - Health Issues
- **Robin Hardy** - Health Issues

OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS PRAYER REQUESTS: ADVANCE CONFERENCE

- Pray all attendees would feel refreshed, recharged, and equipped as they leave the conference.
- Pray all attendees would take new energy home to their churches and their communities.
- Pray many fruitful connections will be made at the conference.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS:

Kendrick & Melissa Neal, Chaplain, Law Enforcement, Clovis, CA & Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Fresno, CA

- Pray for God to be glorified through our good work in California, across the US, and to the corners of the world.

Worship Service Livestream beings at 10:45AM on Sunday mornings from our website at www.fbclawton.org, as well as on FB Live and YouTube.

Worship Service will also be broadcasting on KSWO at 11:00AM.

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Dear Fellow Workers,

February 18th, 2026 marks the beginning of Ramadan. This lunar month marks a special time in a Muslim's calendar. Muslims seek to show their devotion to Allah through fasting, extra time in prayer, and reading their holy book, the Quran. They believe that good deeds done during this month have extra value, and faithfully following the rules of the month is one of the five key practices of a Muslim. **Yet they trust in a false hope.** They are attempting to pay for their sins though dead works, and they will be separated from God for all of eternity if they do not personally trust in Jesus.

This month is important for us as believers for six reasons.

1. The month is inherently spiritual, and conversations are more likely to arise. Friends that were previously closed to this sort of discussion become more open as they participate in their culture's spiritual practices.

2. This means that there is increased spiritual warfare around us. We are not afraid, but we recognize the reality that those around us are worshipping demons (Rev. 9:20). Pray for believers to have unity, strength against temptation, and boldness in their witnessing.

3. Your church brothers and sisters with Muslim families will experience extra pressure to revert and deny Jesus Christ. We must support them through prayer (James 1:2-4).

4. As another year's cycle of fasting begins, we are praying that the lost around us will recognize the emptiness of their works.

5. Approximately 1 in 4 Muslims who come to faith have a dream of Jesus Christ, a man in radiantly white clothing. This month has been a common time for those. Praying around noon for Central Asians to have these sorts of dreams means you are praying while they are beginning to sleep.

6. Faithful Muslims will attempt to read the entire Quran. Pray that they would be given eyes to see its internal contradictions and would be curious about reading the true Words of God.

These reasons carry over into the US, into Lawton. There are Muslims around us, straining under the heavy load of a life without Jesus. We must have open eyes to see them, and noticing changes in behavior in those around you during this month might help you find them. God is bringing the nations to us, into our lives, and we must orient ourselves to building His Kingdom before anything and everything.

Your prayers for FBC Lawton, for the global Church, and for the lost around you matter! I think of and pray for FBC Lawton often. Your prayers fuel my work in this nation, and I look forward to when we will be able to exchange stories of what God was doing during this month!

Thank you for being faithful partners in advancing the Gospel! We can do more together than we can apart.

In His Service,
Graham Taylor

Graham Taylor has written a prayer guide for Ramadan in Central Asia with daily prayer prompts.

Scan the QR Code below to join Graham in prayer during this lunar month.



MISSION TRIPS
2026

Make a lasting impact-
Here, There, and Everywhere

Scan for more information

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	
Sunday School	313
Morning Worship	651
BUDGET REPORT	
February 15th, 2026	
Weekly Required	\$38,332.27
Weekly Received	\$36,216.44
YTD Required	\$1,763,284.42
YTD Received	\$1,607,670.82
YTD Percentage	91.17%
UPCOMING EVENTS	

CrossTimbers Pre-Registration
CrossTimbers 2026 pre-registration is going on NOW until **March 29th!** The cost is \$125 per child who will have completed 3rd - 5th grade. **After midnight on March 29th, the cost per child will increase to \$165.*** You can register your campers at www.fbclawton.org/events

Embrace Grace: Launching March 4th 6:00PM
Embrace Grace is a support group created for single, pregnant women to experience love, hope, and acceptance from the church. In a safe, welcoming, and judgment-free environment, women can build meaningful relationships, receive encouragement, and know they are not alone on this journey. Embrace Grace exists to remind every woman that she is seen, valued, and supported—exactly where she is.

Family Nerf Wars & BINGO: March 27th 6:00PM
FBC Kids invites families with children birth-5th grade to a fun-filled evening of Nerf wars and BINGO! Enjoy food, fellowship, and the chance to win awesome prizes—plus Chick-fil-A, so come hungry! The cost is \$5 per person (max \$20 per family), and you don't have to be a member of FBC Lawton to attend. Bring your own Nerf guns; bullets will be provided, and a limited number of goggles will be available. Registration is available online at www.fbclawton.org/events

Operation Christmas Child: February 26th 1:30PM
Great Joy! Over 12 million Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were collected worldwide in 2025! Those shoeboxes represent 12 million Gospel opportunities to be shared around the world. Our central drop off at First Baptist Church collected 12 thousand of those shoeboxes. Thanks for the prayers, donations, and labor from volunteers who worked on OCC last year. This Thursday, **February 26th** at 1:30PM in Room 210 we start on shoebox preparations for 2026.
**Text or phone Mary Swafford 281-851-9389 to help with this effort.*

Quarterly Business Celebration: March 1st 4:00PM
We invite you to a special gathering to celebrate the past quarter and reflect on how God has been working through our church. We'll share ministry updates, celebrate milestones, and look ahead to what's next.

And this is a celebration is one you won't want to miss.
We are baking up something special, THE GREAT COOKIE BATTLE. Think you've got what it takes to be crowned the first cookie champion? Then join The Great Cookie Battle and show off your baking skills!
Cookie registration is available online at www.fbclawton.org/events

Spring Forward Fest 2026: Sunday, March 8th 8:30AM
Rise and shine! Join us for Spring Forward Fest 2026, a morning celebration packed with sunshine, good vibes, and the best breakfast-themed food trucks in town. Don't snooze on this one! After all, we've already lost an hour!

Upcoming Mission Trips
We invite you to join us on one of these upcoming mission trips. Take a moment to prayerfully consider stepping out in faith to join us on one of these upcoming trips.
Jordan (Salt Lake City), Utah - June 12th to 21st
Roatan, Honduras - August 1st to 8th
Bronx, New York - October 10th - 17th

Young At Heart: Upcoming Activities, Events, & Fellowship
Check out this exciting lineup of activities and events:
-Spring Banquet on March 12th at 6:00PM
-March Fellowship on March 23rd at 9:30AM
-CCBA Senior Adult Celebration on May 4th & 5th at 4:00PM
Be sure to never miss an activity or event with Young at Heart by going to www.fbclawton.org/senior-adults to view the most recent newsletter and calendar!

HEARTS & STEPS

PRAYER WALK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH
Moving together in faith and prayer
3:30-4:30PM | FBC Gym

LET'S Flamingo!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH
6:30-8:30PM | FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL
Bring your favorite sweet or savory snack to share!

Embrace Grace

Support group for single, pregnant women
Wednesday, March 4th | 6:00-7:15PM | Room 210

Quarterly Business Celebration

featuring
The Great Cookie Battle

Sunday, March 1st | 4:00PM | Fellowship Hall

If you think your cookies won't crumble under pressure, scan the code to enter The Great Cookie Battle!

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

MINISTER:
One of the greatest privileges we have as Believers is prayer.
"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need." Hebrews 4:15-16

- Thank you for lifting LaRae and I up in prayer. Because of Jesus's great sacrifice we have direct access to the very throne of God!
- Pray for our family, ministry, and God's will to be accomplished for His glory.
In His service, Troy Taylor

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING:
McMahon-Tomlinson
Charles & Marcia Elkins #41 A/B
Tom Dunn #5
Carolyn Youngstedt #12E

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

- Pray for believers from unbelieving families to have strength through Ramadan (February 18 - March 18)
- Pray for spiritual protection during this month of increased warfare
- Pray for boldness to share the Gospel with friends and family members

MEMBER NOTICES:
Fellowship Meal - February 25th at 4:45PM
Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Salad Bar, & Dessert
Adults: \$5.00, Kids (5-12) \$3.00, Family (Max 5 or more people) \$20.00

TRANSFER OF LETTER
Marsha Brown

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22	9:30am Sunday School & Home Base
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session
	1st - 3rd Extended Session
	Morning Worship & Service
5:00pm	Discipleship University
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23	8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24	8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
9:30am	Rooted Ladies Bible Study
6:30pm	ESL Classes
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25	8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
10:00am	GriefShare
4:45pm	Fellowship Meal
6:00pm	Thread
	Kids & Students Midweek
	Worship Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26	8:30am Office Hours - 5:00pm
1:30pm	OCC Shoebox Preparations
3:30pm	Young At Heart: Hearts & Steps Prayer Walk
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27	Office Closed
6:30PM	Flamingo Women's Fellowship
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28	Office Closed
SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - KIDS SUNDAY	ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
9:30am	Sunday School & Home Base
10:45am	Preschool Extended Session
	NO 1st - 3rd Extended Session
	Family Morning Worship & Service
4:30PM	Quarterly Business Celebration
5:00pm	Discipleship University