

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Brandon Thompson, Minister of Students



- Pray for gospel conversations to happen at school.
- Pray that students continue to grow in their faith.
- Pray that students will earnestly seek God in all their activities, drawing nearer to Him in every moment.

Members in Assisted Living: Monte Vista

Pat Carr - #521B

Members in Mission

Brady & Julie Plunk & Children - Middle East

Graham Taylor - Central Asia

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)
- **Evan Ranier** - In need of a new kidney (Great nephew of David Askew)
- **Joel Smith** - Recovering from emergency surgery in Wichita Falls.
- **Kathy Schneider** - Ankle surgery on 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)
- **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 Boydiddle, Lives in Clarksville, TN)

Ongoing:

- **Awanda Glover** - Health Issues
- **Barbara Hoskin** - Extreme Health Issues
- **Cary McCoy** - 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.
- **Glenna Herring** - Recovering from surgery
- **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
- **Tom Dunn** - Health Issues



STORIES FROM THE FIELD: GRAHAM TAYLOR, CENTRAL ASIA

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 through 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.

Oklahoma Baptist Missions: Ana & Nicholas Buford, Mexico

- Pray that God will send more people into the field to share the Good News with the millions of lost throughout the city of Guadalajara.
- Pray that we will grow in partnership and connections with both local and US SBC churches.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to move in the city of Guadalajara.

North American Missions: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

- Pray that people would give generously as they recognize that we can do more together as a unified force to impact North America for the gospel than we can do alone.

MARCH 1ST, 2026

FBC LAWTON

NEWSLETTER

SPRING BEGINNINGS: THE MARCH EDITION

QUARTERLY BUSINESS CELEBRATION & THE GREAT COOKIE BATTLE

RISE & SHINE!
*CELEBRATE SUNSHINE,
GOOD VIBES, & FOOD TRUCKS*

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING**
*FUELING NORTH AMERICAN
MISSIONARIES*

MICHAEL LICONA
UNPACK THE TRUTH AND SIGNIFICANCE
OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

first
baptist
Lawton Love Will
CHRIST LED. BODY ENGAGED.
GOSPEL CENTERED.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

"What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God in winning the world for Christ."
-Annie Armstrong (1850-1938)

Annie was born in Baltimore at a time when there was little opportunity for women. Yet, her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.

Our church goal is **\$18,000**. Our gift will help support more than 3,000 missionaries across North America with **100%** going to the mission the field.

How the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Funds Missions:

81% Church Planting - 13% Evangelism & Compassion Ministry
4% Sending & Leadership - 2% Missions Education

In Loving Memory:

Worship Center flowers are placed in loving memory of Lane.
Seven years have passed since March 8th, and Lane remains forever in our hearts.
With love, The Netherland Family

PRAISE REPORT

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School 320
Morning Worship 593

BUDGET REPORT

Weekly Required \$38,332.27
Weekly Received \$26,716.75
YTD Required \$1,807,616.69
YTD Received \$1,634,239.01
YTD Percentage 90.71%

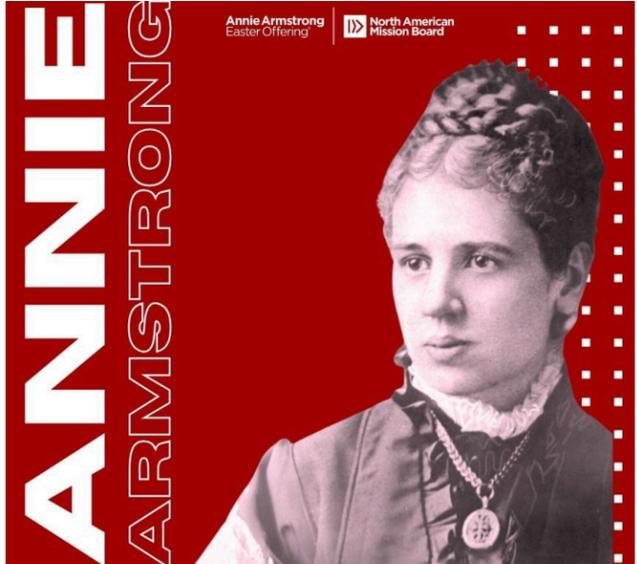
Operation Christmas Child

Good news!

Our central drop off at First Baptist Church collected **12,000** Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Those shoeboxes were sent to two different locations: to Mexico and to a sensitive country on the west coast of Africa.

Volunteers work to prepare for our packing party on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month** starting at **1:30PM** in Room 210.

Text or phone Mary Swafford 281-851-9389 to help with this effort.



His Name is Jesus



EASTER

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH 10:45AM

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

CrossTimbers 2026 Pre-Registration

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

Beginning this week, Embrace Grace is a support group created for single, pregnant women to experience love, hope, and acceptance from the church. Embrace Grace exists to remind every woman that she is seen, valued, and supported—exactly where she is.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

MICHAEL LICONA

Sunday, March 29th | 10:45AM
Monday, March 30th | 6:00PM
Tuesday, March 31st | 6:00PM
Wednesday, April 1st | 6:00PM

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!

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

FIRST FRUIT, KIDS, & PRESCHOOL SUNDAY ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Preschool Extended Session
No Extended Session
Family Morning Worship & Service
12:30PM Kitchen Ministry Vision Luncheon
4:00PM Family Morning Worship
Quarterly Business Celebration & The Great Cookie Battle
5:00PM Discipleship University

MONDAY, MARCH 2

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 3

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
9:30AM Rooted Ladies Bible Study
6:30PM ESL Classes
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
10:00AM GriefShare
4:45PM Fellowship Meal
Menu: Taco Salad, Chips & Cheese, Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert
6:00PM Thread
Embrace Grace
Kids & Students Midweek
Worship Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Office Closed
6:30PM Women's Ministry Craft Night
SATURDAY, MARCH 7

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

SPRING FORWARD FEST ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

8:30AM Spring Forward Fest
10:45AM Preschool Extended Session
1st - 3rd Extended Session
Morning Worship & Service
5:00PM Discipleship University



Stay Informed.
Stay Connected.
Start Here.

SPRING FORWARD FEST 2026

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, & FOOD TRUCKS
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH
8:30-10:30AM

Spring Forward Fest 2026
Sunday, March 8th 8:30-10:30AM
Join us for a morning celebration packed with sunshine, good vibes, and the best breakfast-themed food trucks in town.
***There will be no Sunday School this day!**

BUDGET FORUM

Sunday, March 8th 12:30PM
Wednesday, March 11th 5:30PM

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Two opportunities to hear about the proposed budget, the vision connection, and participate in a Q&A Session. All members are encouraged to attend.

Save the Date Spring Banquet

March 12th

Young At Heart Spring Banquet
Thursday, March 12th 6:00PM
A special night is designed to celebrate the joy of spring with great food, uplifting entertainment, and most importantly, warm fellowship with friends.
Registration is \$5.00.

M28 Ministries Volunteer Day

Join Us!
VOLUNTEER WITH M28 MINISTRIES
USE YOUR GIFTS.
SERVE WITH LOVE.
MAKE AN IMPACT.

M28 Ministries Volunteer Day
Saturday, March 21st 9:00AM
Help us be the hands and feet of Christ as we serve those in need through bible study, fellowship, outreach, and prayer.
Location: 2001 SW D Ave
POC: Jeff Henderson jeff@m28ministries.org

SMOOTHIES, COFFEE, & GAMES

9:30AM-12:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
YOUNG AT HEART MARCH FELLOWSHIP

Young At Heart Fellowship
Monday, March 23rd 9:30AM
Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable time of fellowship featuring delicious smoothies, fresh coffee, and fun games. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, laugh, and build friendships

FAMILY BINGO & NERF WARS

MARCH 27th 6:00-8:00PM

Family Nerf Wars & Bingo
Friday, March 27th 6:00PM
Families with children birth-5th grade to a fun-filled evening of Nerf wars and BINGO! The cost is \$5 per person (max \$20 per family).
Registration is available online at www.fbclawton.org/events

MISSION TRIPS 2026

2026 Mission Trips
Sunday, March 22nd 12:30PM
We invite you to the FBC Mission Trips Informational Meeting, where we'll share trip details, and answer any questions. Anyone interested in learning more or serving, this meeting is for you!