

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Xavier Abraham, Worship Pastor



Pray for Our Worship Ministry

- God's Presence & Leading
- Unity & Humility on the team
- Hearts focused on worship, not performance
- Freedom for the church in worship
- Lives changed through praise

Things to Pray for My Family

- God's Protection & Peace
- Love & Unity
- Faith & Spiritual Growth
- Health & Strength
- Wisdom & Guidance

Members in Assisted Living: Morada Lawton

Kotoko Ratliff #58

Members in Mission

Brady & Julie Plunk & Children - Middle East
Graham Taylor - Central Asia

Sick:

- **Barbara Bertram** - Recuperating from brain tumor surgery at Grand Rapids, MI Neurological Rehab (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 Askeew)
- **Joel Smith** - Recovering from emergency surgery in Wichita Falls.
- **Kathy Schneider** - Had another ankle surgery on February 27th in OKC; Pray for her healing.
- **LaCretia Hysong** - Full knee replace on 03/05 at McBride in OKC.
- **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 Boyiddle, 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
- **Dusty Johnson** - Health Issues (Son of Lois Nease)
- **Ellen Gatliff** - Continuing chemo treatments and doing well.
- **Glenna Herring** - Health Issues
- **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
- **Madelyn Corbett** - New Housing
- **Marcia & Charles Elkins** - Health Issues
- **Michael Johnson** - Health Issues (Son of Lois Nease)
- **Mike Finley** - Health Issues
- **Pat Foster** - Health Issues
- **Patti Rhea** - Health Issues
- **Phyllis Scott** - Health Issues
- **Robin Hardy** - Health Issues
- **Tom Dunn** - Health Issues



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: HERE, THERE, & EVERYWHERE

At FBC Lawton, our Missions Team has been faithfully building strong partnerships, planning meaningful mission trips, and creating opportunities for our church family to live out the Great Commission in powerful ways.

Through local and international outreach efforts, we are meeting both spiritual and physical needs—sharing the love of Christ in tangible, life-changing ways. As we look ahead to the coming year, we invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to step in and serve. Whether close to home or across the globe, there is a place for you.

Together, we can make a lasting impact—here, there, and everywhere.

Upcoming Mission Trips

We are excited about several mission trips on the horizon! Whether your passion is construction, education, medical care, or outreach ministry, there is a place for you to serve and make a meaningful difference.

- Salt Lake City, Utah – June 12–21
- Roatan, Honduras – August 1–8
- Bronx, New York – October 10–17

Each trip offers a unique opportunity to share the Gospel, serve communities, and grow in your faith alongside fellow church members.

Please prayerfully consider joining one of these mission efforts. Your willingness to go, serve, and share is vital to fulfilling the mission God has given us.

Mission Trip Interest Meeting: Sunday, March 22nd 12:30PM

If you feel even the slightest nudge to learn more, we invite you to attend our upcoming Mission Trip Informational Meeting. This meeting will provide detailed information about each trip—including cost, travel plans, ministry focus, and preparation expectations—followed by a Q&A time where you can ask questions and prayerfully consider your next step.

You do not have to be fully committed to attend—just come with an open heart and a willingness to listen to how God may be leading.

We Need You

Your participation—whether serving locally or going on mission—is vital to accomplishing what God has called us to do.

Let's continue being the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing hope, help, and the love of Christ to those in need.

Oklahoma Baptist Missions:

Dr. Bruce Perkins, Prison Divinity Program, Oklahoma Baptist University

- Pray God will continue to open doors for our students to share their faith so many more will come to Christ.
- Pray God will continue to grant His favor through the officials that interface with OBU's program.
- Pray God will continue to supply our needs.

North American Missions:

Seong-Ho & Grace Lee, Church Planters, Nanaimo Woori Church, Canada

- Pray for our church to shine the light of the gospel as we follow God's guidance.
- Pray for God to send co-laborers who share the same heart.
- Pray for our families to be kept in peace and protected from weariness in both body & spirit.

MARCH 7TH, 2026

FBC LAWTON

NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY OF EVERY SEASON YOUNG AT HEART SPRING BANQUET



EQUIPPED FOR BATTLE.
FAMILY NERF WARS

CROSSTIMBERS 2026
RESERVE YOUR BUNK. PREPARE YOUR HEART.

SERVING TOGETHER. CHANGING LIVES.
2026 MISSION TRIPS

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baptist
CHRIST LED. BODY ENGAGED.
GOSPEL CENTERED.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

This is what your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Offering make possible! That's 11,000+ communities that otherwise might not have a gospel presence without your support.

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 field.

PRAISE REPORT ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School 322
Morning Worship 594



Baptism
Barbara J. Marshall



Stay Informed.
Stay Connected.
Start Here.

Unleashed By Rylee Woessner, Minister to Children

When I first started at FBC Lawton, our kids ministry team spent 6 months praying through and developing a long-range plan for the kids ministry. The plan consisted of various goals. Within each goal are various ministry indicatives to help us achieve our goal.

1. Create an atmosphere of family discipleship encourage parents to take on their role as a child's primary source of spiritual development.
2. Intentional leadership training.
3. Develop a special needs ministry.
4. Modern, clean, welcoming indoor facilities,
5. Revamp the playground.
6. Establish a Preteen ministry.
7. Create leadership opportunities for kids.
8. Kids missions-make missions a part of the rhythm and routine.
9. Age-appropriate curriculum and activities.
10. Establish clear Policies and procedures.
11. Recruit more volunteers.

Save the date for **September 13th**!
We will be going over our long range plan and updating you on all the things!

This year is the year of an unleashed kids ministry. I pray that you will partner with us as we continue to strive to do what God has called us to, and you will join us as new ministry opportunities will available soon.

What does and unleashed kids ministry mean?
It's more than events. More than worship. More than full classrooms.
An unleashed kids ministry doesn't start with volume. It starts with obedience.

James 1:22 "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
James doesn't say, "Be listeners." He doesn't say, "Be planners." He doesn't even say, "Be passionate." He says *doers*.

Hearing without doing eventually hardens us. But hearing and doing? That unleashes us!
An unleashed kids ministry isn't one where we just teach Bible stories. It's one where we live them.

- It's when we:
- Pray with a child instead of just telling them to pray.
 - Invite families instead of hoping they show up.
 - Speak truth in love when it's uncomfortable.
 - Step into new things even when we've never done them before.

Being unleashed means we step out of the way for the Lord's work and will to be done. Sometimes that looks **bold**. Sometimes it looks **small**. Sometimes it looks like **leading worship** in front of a room. Sometimes it looks like sitting on the floor eye-level with a kid who's struggling and **choosing patience**.

That's being a doer.

Jesus didn't just teach about love. He touched lepers. He welcomed children. He flipped tables. He moved toward people and we get to model that same active, obedient faith every single day.

Our kids don't just need lessons. They need living examples.

When we *forgive quickly*. When we *serve joyfully*. When we *show up prepared*. When we *trust God* with the crazy and the unknown. That's when ministry gets **unleashed**.

Not because we're impressive. But because we're obedient.

What if this year isn't about doing more, but about doing what He already told us to do?
What if being unleashed simply means we stop holding back the yes, we've already been given?

The Lord doesn't need perfection from us. He's looking for obedience.

Let's not just teach the Word. Let's do it.

Lord, make us doers. Unleash bold obedience in us.
Let our kids live an Unleashed life for you and may everything we do point to You.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

In Loving Memory

Worship Center flowers on Sunday, March 1st were 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

In Loving Memory

Worship Center flowers on Sunday, March 8th are placed in honor of the birthday of Catherine "Squeeze" Wetzell Dunn.

With our love, Tom Dunn, Laura Birdwell, and Judy Stowers

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

HIS NAME IS *Jesus* 2026

T-Shirts \$10.00
Good Friday Worship Service April 3rd, 6:00PM
www.HisNameIsJesus.com
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 5th, 10:45AM
Yard Signs \$5.00 Donation

Scan to purchase your shirts!
Orders are due by March 13th.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8 SPRING FORWARD FEST ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

- 8:30AM Spring Forward Fest - 10:30AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM Preschool Extended Session
Extended Session
Morning Worship & Service
12:30PM Budget Forum
5:00PM Discipleship University

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
6:00PM Young At Heart Spring Banquet

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Office Closed

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Office Closed

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

- 9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Preschool Extended Session
1st - 3rd Extended Session
Morning Worship & Service
2:00PM Committee Meetings - 5:00PM

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.

**You are Invited
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.

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

**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!

SMOOTHIES, COFFEE, & GAMES
9:30AM-12:00PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
YOUNG AT HEART MARCH FELLOWSHIP
CHRIST LED. BODY ENGAGED. GOSPEL CENTERED.

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

CrossTimbers
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JOHN 14:6
SUMMER 2026
FBC LAWTON KIDS CAMP
JULY 10-13TH
COMPLETED
3RD-5TH GRADE
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KIDS

CrossTimbers Pre-Registration
Sunday, March 29th 11:59PM
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.
Registration is available online at www.fbclawton.org/events