

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Troy Taylor, Associate Pastor



“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

- Pray for our family, ministry, and God’s will to be accomplished for His glory.
- 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!

Members in Assisted Living: Cedar Crest

Toshi Smith #120
Helen Shoemate #107

Members in Mission

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

Sick:

- **Barbara Bertram** - Recuperating from brain tumor surgery and is now doing rehab at Medilodge in Rogers City, MI. (SIL of Brenda & Tom Bell; Lives in Sault Ste. Marie, MI)
- **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** - Recovering from ankle surgery,
- **LaCretia Hysong** - Recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **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).

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
- **Daymond 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
- **Lois Nease** - New Housing
- **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



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: HERE, THERE, & EVERYWHERE

Utah Mission Trip – Be Part of What God Is Doing!

Join us for a powerful, family-friendly mission trip to West Jordan, Utah, and be part of something bigger!

We’ll travel together, serve together, and watch God move together as we partner with Hope Valley Church to reach the local community through park outreach and VBS-style ministry.

Along the way, we’ll enjoy incredible moments of fellowship and take in the beauty of the Wasatch Mountains, Park City, and Moab.

Important Dates & Costs:

- \$50 non-refundable application fee due at sign-up
- 75% of trip cost due by April 24, 2026
- Final payment due by May 22, 2026
- Scholarship applications available starting May 7, 2026

Come ready to serve, grow, and make an eternal impact. Don’t miss it!

2026 Mission Trip Opportunities

- Roatan, Honduras – August 1–8
- Bronx, New York – October 10–17

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.

For more information, visit FBC Lawton Missions page:
www.fbclawton.org/missions

Oklahoma Baptist Missions:

Riley Sowell, BCM Director, Tulsa Community College

- Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers in His harvest.
- Pray that the Lord would call students to Himself to become fishers of men.
- Pray that the Lord would use Riley, his family, and those involved with the TCC BCM to make disciples of all nations.

North American Missions:

Jon & Emily Labonte, Church Planters, Emmaus Church – Las Vegas, Henderson, NV

- Pray for our church to reach the unchurched in Las Vegas.
- Pray for protection of our family.
- Pray for a permanent meeting space and for more church partners.
- Pray for unity and wisdom to expand God’s kingdom through Emmaus Church.

APRIL 5TH, 2026

FBC LAWTON

NEWSLETTER





WELCOME TO EASTER Sunday

PRAISE REPORT

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School 287
Morning Worship 687

BUDGET REPORT

Weekly Required \$38,332.27
Weekly Received \$16,151.18
YTD Required \$1,993,278.04
YTD Received \$1,813,165.37
YTD Percentage 91.87%



Stay Informed.
Stay Connected.
Start Here.

Restraint Brandon Thompson

A few weeks ago, Courtney and I took Banks to the doctor for his 16-week booster shots. On the way in, he was smiling and laughing. While we sat in a small waiting room, waiting for the doctor, I couldn't help but think about how, in a few minutes, he wouldn't be smiling anymore. He giggled as we stripped him down and laid him on a table with that crunchy-sounding paper.

The nurse opened a pouch containing needles and syringes. It looked like a scene from a horror movie. She then instructed Courtney to hold his hands and for me to hold his legs, while she administered the shots. He was still smiling at me as I wrangled his squirming legs. Then the first needle went in. That sweet smile turned into the saddest face in history. Then he cried as the next two shots went into his little legs. He looked at me like I had betrayed him. I'll never forget that look. It was the look of, "You've loved and protected me my whole life, and now look what you've done to me!"

Courtney picked him up and held him while he cried. I tried to comfort him, but he really didn't want much to do with me at that moment. He started to calm down, and we walked him to the car. He settled into his car seat and was asleep within a couple of minutes. I looked at Courtney and said, "I know he had to go through that for his own good, but if anyone ever hurts him in life I will DESTROY them." I know that's not very pastoral of me but remember I am still a rough country kid at heart. It's also the way I felt at that moment.

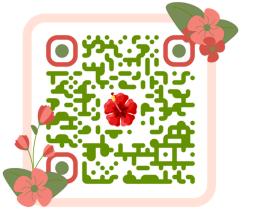
Courtney smiled at me and said, "Babe..." I shook my head and said, "I know I can't run around hitting people anymore, but it doesn't mean I won't make an exception someday." We both laughed, and I walked back across the parking lot to my pickup.

Once inside, I thought of that sweet little face again, changing to sheer terror, and I cried. As I drove toward the church, I kept thinking about the anger I would feel if he were ever hurt by someone. As I was crossing Sheridan Road coming down Gore, the Lord broke me. It was like He said, "Are you mad?" My response was, "Yes, and I'll tell you why." I began to list all my grievances about living in a world with pain, suffering, and death.

By 11th Street, I had finished my rant. Then, in the silence of my pity party, the Lord pressed me again, "Do you think I don't understand?" In that moment, I remembered. My mind flashed to Matthew 27, the day Jesus died. I imagined seeing the sky go black, feeling the earth shake, and hearing rocks splitting in two. The moment the Father watched the Son die at the hands of sinners.

I pulled into the Student Center parking lot and then I really wept. What kind of love is this? What kind of God doesn't destroy us for what we've done? What kind of restraint does that take? How much goodness and mercy can exist? The Father who has loved the Son for all eternity, allowed Him to step into our suffering, suffering for us, and suffering at the hands of us. That's Easter.

The real question is why? The answer is simple and complex, inviting and offensive, beautiful and ugly, and it's found in red letters in the first three words of John 3:16. "God so loved..." It's a love that will cut you to your core, break you, build you back up, catch you when you fall, terrify you, and humble you. It transcends human understanding, leaving you in awe. This kind of love doesn't come cheap, and on Easter two thousand years ago, God spared no expense.



If today is your first time visiting, scan the QR Code to Connect

YOU'RE INVITED TO
Faithful & Fruitful
SWOK SENIOR ADULT CELEBRATION

Speaker: Nick Garland | Worship Leader: Jason Tompkins | Comedian: Dr. Dennis Swanberg | Concert by Master's Voice

May 4th - 5th 4:00-7:30PM
Worship, Dinner & Entertainment
Early Bird Special \$35

Reserve your spot by adding your name to the signup sheet for Early Bird Special pricing!

Host: Crossroads Baptist Church, Elgin | Sponsored by Comanche Cotton Baptist Association, CCEA

The Worship Center flowers were given today, April 5th, 2026 in loving memory of William Arnold from the Arnold family

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026
DRAW
WOMEN
APRIL 17-18, 2026
FALLS CREEK CONFERENCE CENTERS
DAVIS, OKLAHOMA

MAN UP
MEN'S RETREAT
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13
APRIL 24-25, 2026
FALLS CREEK CONFERENCE CENTERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 EASTER & FIRST FRUIT SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP

9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Easter Service
*No 1st - 5th Extended Session

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Office Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
10:00AM GriefShare
4:45PM Fellowship Meal:
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad Bar,
Ice Cream Sandwiches

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

6:00PM Thread
Embrace Grace
Kids & Students Midweek
Worship Choir Practice

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Office Closed
6:30PM Women's Ministry Craft Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Office Closed

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Morning Worship & Service
12:30PM Home Base & New Members Luncheon

PAINT, PLANT & PRAISE:
DIVA PLANTERS WITH A PRO
Women's Ministry Craft Night
APRIL 10th | 6:30-8:30PM | REGISTRATION \$25.00
Registration is open until April 6th!
Scan the QR Code to secure your spot!

fbc women

Women's Ministry Craft Night

Friday, April 10th 6:30PM

Don't miss a fun and creative evening with an art instructor guiding us step-by-step to create a diva planter! Registration is \$25.00. Space is limited! Registration is open until April 6th.

You are invited!
HOME BASE
& New Membership Luncheon
Sunday, April 12th, 2026
12:30PM

SCAN ME

Home Base & New Members Luncheon

Sunday, April 12th 12:30PM

Are you new to our church family or ready to learn what it means to call this place home? Join us for our HomeBase & New Members Luncheon on Sunday, April 12th at 12:30pm!

FBC LAWTON PRESENTS
NIGHT OF WORSHIP
with Davy Thompson & Dillon Chase

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Wednesday, April 15th 6:00PM

Join us for a powerful Night of Worship featuring special guests Davy Thompson and Dillon Chase! Come as you are and experience an evening filled with music, community, and encouragement.

fbc kids
FAMILY OLYMPICS
Sunday, April 19th | 5:00-7:00PM | FBC Gym

FAMILY OLYMPICS

Sunday, April 19th, 5:00PM

Come out and enjoy an evening of food, fellowship for Family Olympics featuring a mix of think-it-through challenges and light physical activities, so everyone can jump in and have fun. Cost: \$5 per person (max \$20 per family)

Young at Heart
MONTHLY LUNCHEON
April 20th 11:00AM
Special Guest Speaker: Greg McNeese

Young at Heart Luncheon

Monday, April 20th 11:00AM

Set time aside for community, fellowship, and good food on Monday, April 20th at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Special Guest Speaker: Greg McNeese

FBC KIDS
CHILDREN'S DEDICATION
Sunday, April 26th 10:45AM

Children's Dedication

Sunday, April 26th 10:45AM

Celebrate your commitment to raising your child in the Lord by joining us for Child Dedication. During worship service, families will be introduced on stage and receive a special time of prayer and gift. Please register by April 12.

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YOUNG AT HEART HEARTS & STEPS
PRAYER WALK
APRIL 30th | 3:30PM

Young at Heart Hearts & Steps

Thursday, April 30th 3:30PM

Step into a powerful hour of prayers, encouragement, and connection at the Hearts & Steps Prayer Walk on April 30th from 3:30-4:30PM in the FBC Gym!