

TOGETHER.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND BEYOND

WEEKLY PRAYER.



Xavier Abraham
WORSHIP PASTOR

Choir is BACK!

Mark your calendars as we kick off our Fall Season and our Christmas Celebration Preview on Sunday, August 30th at 6:00PM!

I’m excited to see where God is going to take the ministry next. My invitation is that you begin to pray with me that God will continue to move in our lives and that through our music, our church worship will continue to be a blessing to those attending our live services and our online/TV presence!

YOUR CIRCLE IS YOUR MISSION.

Pray for the people God has already placed around you.

Your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and everyday relationships are opportunities to share the hope of Jesus.

Every conversation matters.

YOUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

Pray for God to bring to mind someone in your everyday life who does not know Jesus.

OPEN EYES & SOFTEN HEARTS

Pray that God would remove spiritual blindness, soften their heart, and help them see their need for Him.

A READY HEART

Pray that God would prepare them to hear and receive the truth of the gospel.

AN OPEN DOOR

Ask God to provide a clear opportunity for you to share the gospel with them.

COURAGE TO SHARE

Pray for boldness to recognize the opportunity, step into the moment, and faithfully share Jesus.

TRUST GOD WITH THE RESULTS

Pray for faithfulness to plant or water the seed, trusting God to bring the harvest.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

August 16, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL 347

MORNING WORSHIP 654

BUDGET REPORT

August 16, 2026

WEEKLY REQUIRED \$40,316.00 YTD REQUIRED \$806,320.00

WEEKLY RECEIVED \$24,138.61 YTD RECEIVED \$723,386.49

YTD % 89.71%

MEMBER REQUESTS

- **Awanda Glover** - Health Issues
- **Barbara Hoskin** - Extreme Health Issues
- **Carolyn Youngsted-** In Wilkins Rehab, Duncan, OK
- **Cary McCoy** - Health Issues
- **Cole LaBarre** - Health Issues (Great, great nephew of Brenda Bell)
- **David Ellsworth** - Heart healing & anxiety
- **Daymond 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)
- **Jeff Mees** - Ongoing chemo treatments.
- **JoAnn Alford**- Health Issues (Mother of Penny Rich)
- **Jodi Zerba** - Health & Home Safety
- **Joseph & Sarah Wood** - Health Issues
- **Kassie Wear**- Health Issues
- **Ken & Vicki Shafer** - Health Issues (Family of Rhonda Cotton)
- **Melissa Simien** - Continuing treatments for Breast Cancer (Sister of Maegan McConnell)
- **Mike Finley** - Health Issues
- **Noel Ritter** - Has a serious brain injury (Great niece of Barbara Moeller)
- **Pat Foster** - Health Issues
- **Patti Rhea** - Health Issues
- **Phyllis Scott** - Health Issues
- **Randy Meadors** - Ongoing chemo treatments for Pancreatic Cancer (Brother of Robbie Meadors)
- **Robin Hardy** - Health Issues

SICK MEMBERS

- **Betty Selvey-** In McMahon-Tomlinson Rehab, Room 22B
- **Bill Malone-** Home; Recovering
- **Dorothy Cooper-** Rehab for broken shoulder.
- **Evan Ranier-** In need of a new kidney (Great nephew of David Askew)
- **Mia Foster-** Undergoing extensive tests for a health concern (Granddaughter of Tom & Brenda Bell’s close friends)
- **Sherry Allen-** Healing from Gall Bladder Surgery (Friend of Norma Wells)
- **Randy Dewbre-** In the hospital with a broken sternum caused by a car accident; had a stroke while in the hospital. (Neighbor of Tom & Brenda Bell).
- **Reed Johnson-** Continued prayers for eye healing.
- **Rev. Mike Franklin-** Had a double lung transplant and is now recovering. (Brother of Debbie Evans)
- **Wayne Pamplin-** Diagnosed with cancer; Chemo going well. (Brother of Judy Holland)

SYMPATHY

To Kristy Huskey and daughters on the passing of her husband and their father, **Robert “Butch” Huskey**, Friday, August 14, 2026. His funeral will be 10:00AM, Saturday, August 22nd, 2026 in the First Baptist Church Worship Center.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s flowers are presented in celebration of the life of a true Prayer Warrior and Christian lady, **Cleta Malone** (1933-2021).

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING: VETERANS CENTER

- Benard Whipp #102 Blue
- Rex Polone #112 Green
- Tom Dunn #125

MEMBERS IN MISSION:

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

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST REQUESTS:

Bintang & Dian Phan, Serving in Asian Pacific Rim

- Pray that God will enlarge their hearts to love Him and their neighbors more, so that people around them may come to know Jesus through their lives.
- Pray that God will provide national partners with the same vision and the needed resources for them to plant more online churches.
- Pray that through the online devotional ministry, many more people in the country where they serve will grow in their love for God’s Word.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION REQUESTS

Stephen and Nataline Jones, Church Planters, Great Oaks Church, Mankato, MN

- Pray for team unity and for God to raise up more laborers in kingdom work.
- Pray for our church to effectively engage the community and Minnesota State University with the Gospel.

FBC LAWTON NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 23, 2026

BEGIN.



THE NEXT CHAPTER BEGINS TOGETHER
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PREVIEW



SCAN TO CONNECT

Everything FBC Lawton.
One scan away.

Connect Card.
Events.
Online Giving.
Prayer Requests.
Social Media.

THIS WEEK.

AT FBC LAWTON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Morning Service & Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
9:30AM Rooted Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM
4:45PM Fellowship Meals
6:00PM Thread
Worship Choir Practice
Embrace Grace
Kids & Students Midweek

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30AM Office Open - 5:00PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Office Closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Office Closed

8:00AM Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

9:30AM Sunday School
10:45AM Morning Service & Worship
11:00AM OBI Blood Drive
6:00PM Christmas Preview

FELLOWSHIP MEAL MENU

Pork Tenderloin, Butter Noodles,
Whole Green Beans, Salad Bar, & Dessert

Adults \$5.00, Kids (5-12) \$3.00,
Families \$20.00 (five or more)

You're Invited to Our Christmas Music Preview Night

Dear Church Family and Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning to think about Christmas! If you know me, you know that Christmas music has been playing in my office, my car, my house, and probably in my head, for quite some time now! In fact, it started sometime around May. It may seem a little crazy, but I truly believe it's never too early for Christmas music!

As summer comes to an end and we return to the routines of school, work, activities, and church life, I want to personally invite you to join us for a very special evening as we begin preparing for Christmas 2026. Our **Christmas Music Preview Night** will be **Sunday, August 30, 2026**, at **6:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

This evening will be an opportunity for us to gather together, listen to the music we will be learning for our Christmas presentation, and *most importantly*, share the vision, theme, and heart behind this year's Christmas program.

You may be asking, "Why do we have a Preview Night?" There are several reasons, but the most important one to me is the opportunity to share the vision and purpose behind our Christmas Music Presentation. This will be more than simply listening to songs. You will have the opportunity to hear the music, learn about this year's theme, and hear firsthand the heart behind what we are planning.

My hope is that as you hear the music and learn about the vision, you will begin to see what God can accomplish through all of us working together. This year is a new chapter for our Christmas ministry, and I am incredibly excited about what God has placed on my heart and where He may lead us.

I know everyone's time is valuable, so we will do our very best to keep the formal presentation to one hour or less. Afterward, there will be an opportunity to ask questions, visit one-on-one, and talk more about the upcoming Christmas season if you would like to stay a little longer.

Registration is not required, but it is highly encouraged. Because our wonderful Kitchen Ministry will have snacks and refreshments available for us, we ask that you scan the QR Code below and register so our Kitchen Ministry knows how many people to prepare for!

Before the preview, I would love for you to **pray** for our Preview Night.

- Pray that God will help us clearly understand the goal, vision, and dream He has placed on my heart for this ministry.
- Pray that we will come with open hearts and open minds.
- Pray that we will be willing to engage, participate, and commit ourselves to this Christmas season.
- And please pray for our church as a whole. Change can sometimes be difficult, but we know that with God, all things are possible.
- Pray that God will use this new season to bring us closer together, strengthen the bonds within our church family, and allow us to share the Gospel with our community through the power of music and worship.

For the past five years, we have experienced so many wonderful moments together, and I am deeply thankful for each of you who have given your time, talents, energy, and heart to this ministry. As we step into this new chapter, I am excited about what God is going to do. *I believe we are about to experience something special.*

So mark your calendar, invite someone to come with you, and join us on August 30 at 6:00 PM. Let's begin this Christmas journey together, and let's do it all for His glory.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at xavier@fbclawton.org or call/text my cell at 580-309-7455. I can't wait to see you!

With anticipation and gratitude, Xavier Abraham

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LAWTON
PRESENTS:
FROM
GENERATION
TO
GENERATION
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
PREVIEW NIGHT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2026
6:00PM

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

Upcoming.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW, CONNECT, AND MAKE AN IMPACT.



AUG 25 | 9:30AM

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join the Women's Ministry as we begin a new Bible study through the book of Deuteronomy, exploring God's faithfulness from Moses' story to Israel's journey toward the Promised Land.

Together, we'll discover how God uses every season of our own journey to shape our faith and draw us closer to Him.



AUG 26 | 6:00PM

EMBRACE GRACE RETURNS

This Christ-centered support group provides encouragement, support, and community for single, expecting moms.

Together, we can create a place where every woman is met with compassion, hope, and the love of Jesus.



AUG 29 | 8:00AM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us **Saturday, August 29** from **8:00-9:30AM** for good food, fellowship, and an encouraging message from guest speaker *Eric Hernandez*.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

Invite a friend, bring a brother, and come hungry!



AUG 30 | 10:45AM

GIVE LIFE: BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 30, the Bloodmobile will be on-site, making it easy to give the gift of life while you're at church.

We invite you to prayerfully consider participating. A few minutes of your time could change someone else's tomorrow.

MISSIONS

OCC NEEDS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Operation Christmas Child is looking for unused Christmas cards to include in our shoebox gifts this year!

As you clean out your holiday supplies, consider donating any extra, unused Christmas cards you may have.

Please bring your unused Christmas cards to the church office and help us share a little Christmas encouragement with someone far beyond our own community.



FELLOWSHIP

YOUNG AT HEART SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Young at Heart invites you to our annual Senior Adult Sunday School Breakfast on **Sunday, September 20**, from **8:30-9:30AM** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast, meaningful conversation, and time spent connecting with friends before Sunday School.



MINISTRY

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Students, join us for an incredible night of worship, encouragement, and fun for SYATP on **Wednesday, September 23rd** at **6:00PM** in the *FBC Lawton Worship Center*.

We'll welcome **Jason Mick** as our guest speaker, with live music from **Davey Thompson**.

Grab your friends and come be part of a night created just for students!



COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 8

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST
CHURCH SAFETY CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 14

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
WITH SPECIAL GUEST, VENTRILOQUIST MARLOWE ADAIR