

TOGETHER.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND BEYOND

WEEKLY PRAYER.



Mike Neff
SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

STRENGTH & WISDOM
Pray for strength and wisdom for the Neff family as we seek God in our home and in every aspect of ministry.

FAITHFUL IN THE CALLING
Pray for clarity in decision-making and that we would be faithful stewards of the calling God has placed on our lives in every season.

PRAY FOR LANE
Pray for Lane as he takes online classes full time through the University of Central Oklahoma.

PRAY FOR CADE
Pray for Cade during his senior year at Elgin High School as he also takes concurrent classes through Cameron University.

We are so thankful for our church family and for the love, support, and prayers you continually offer. May God's hand of blessing be upon our family and our church family!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Serve at the Packing Party, Collection Week & Loading Crew

Scan to Register

ATTENDANCE REPORT: OCTOBER 11, 2026

SUNDAY SCHOOL	326	MORNING WORSHIP	560
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BUDGET REPORT: OCTOBER 11, 2026

WEEKLY REQUIRED	\$40,316.00	YTD REQUIRED	\$1,128,848.00
WEEKLY RECEIVED	\$38,257.48	YTD RECEIVED	\$1,020,895.61
		YTD %	90.44%

MEMBER REQUESTS

- **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 & anxiety
- **Daymond McGaughey** - Health Issues
- **Helen Shoemate** - Health Issues
- **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)
- **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 Dewbre** - Receiving rehabilitation at McMahon-Tomlinson. (Neighbor of Tom & Brenda Bell)
- **Robin Hardy** - Health Issues
- **The Hardage Family** - Health Issues
- **Wayne Pamplin** - Diagnosed with cancer; chemo going well. (Brother of Judy Holland)

SICK MEMBERS

- **Bill Lindman** - Home recovering from kidney cancer surgery.
- **Bill Malone** - Home recuperating.
- **Dorothy Cooper** - Rehab for broken shoulder.
- **Ellen Gatliff** - Home on hospice.
- **Estelle Maldondo** - In need of a new O+ kidney. (Friend of Jack Powers)
- **Evan Ranier** - In need of a new kidney (Great nephew of David Askew)
- **Jackie Jackson** - Home awaiting next procedure.
- **John Cullison** - Recovering from surgery and may be having kidney surgery in the near future.
- **Lorrie Barnes** - MHS teacher diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- **Mia Foster** - Undergoing extensive tests for a health concern (Granddaughter of Tom & Brenda Bell's close friends)
- **Mike Finley** - Home recovering; continuing chemo and radiation therapy.
- **Randy Meadors** - Chemo has stopped, cancer has spread, starting new treatment. (Brother of Robbie Meadors)
- **Reed Johnson** - Continued prayers for eye healing.

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING: VETERAN'S CENTER

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

MEMBERS IN MISSION:

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

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST REQUESTS: Caroline Reel, Serving in Uganda

- Pray for God to draw refugees in Uganda to Himself, that they would know He is the One who meets their every need, and is the source of true hope and peace.
- Pray for refugee believers in Uganda, that God would give them strength and vision to reach their own people with the Gospel.
- Pray that trauma healing groups would multiply and continue so that more people who need it can find the hope that God offers us all.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION REQUESTS Gib & Medgine Saint Jean, Church Planters, Community Church, Windsor Mill, MD

- Pray for our son's growth and for our continued efforts of community engagement to reach the lost in our city.

FBC

NEWSLETTER

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Beyond the Pulpit

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE MINISTRY.



Beyond the Pulpit

Six leaders. Six personalities. And a few things we probably didn't need to know.

We know them as the people who preach, teach, lead worship, organize ministries, and help keep FBC Lawton moving. But have you ever wondered what our Leadership Team is like when they're not busy doing ministry?

Well, we asked a few questions. And honestly, some of these answers raised more questions than they answered.

Let's start with their first jobs.

Before he was preaching sermons, **Mike Keahbone** was making pizzas at McGillicuddy's in Elgin. **Troy Taylor** was selling Hoover vacuum cleaners at a department store, while **Mike Neff** was delivering newspapers door-to-door at just thirteen years old. **Brandon Thompson** was cutting hay, **Xavier Abraham** was cleaning windows at his uncle's shoe store, and **Rylee Gant** was already getting a head start in ministry as an intern at FBC Fletcher.

Apparently, God's preparation comes in all kinds of job descriptions.

Now, let's talk about hidden talents.

Keahbone is really good at removing splinters and breaking into cars. We're not sure how often those two skills come in handy together, and we're choosing not to investigate.

Troy, on the other hand, has a surprisingly practical talent: cutting and styling hair! He even used to do LaRae's hair when paying for a salon wasn't in the budget. **Neff** has a gift for identifying what needs to be done next, **Brandon** is an excellent duck hunter, and **Xavier** is our resident expert in all things IT.

And **Rylee**? She can recite all 66 books of the Bible AND all 50 states in alphabetical order. Meanwhile, some of us still have to sing the alphabet to remember what comes after Q.

Of course, nobody's good at everything.

Keahbone admits the card game Nerts is not his strength. **Troy** loves music but says singing isn't his gift. **Neff** struggles with wrapping presents, **Brandon** can't touch his toes, and **Rylee** claims she's bad at anything athletic.

Xavier listed English as his weakness, which is fair considering he can probably troubleshoot a soundboard faster than most of us can find the power button.

And what do they do when they're not at church?

Keahbone enjoys smoking meat, golf, Sooner sports, and traveling with his family. **Troy** likes gardening, fishing, and simply chilling out. **Brandon** enjoys golf, while **Neff's** favorite way to spend his time is with family.

Xavier enjoys gaming, woodworking when space allows, and working on broadcast, livestream, and audio improvements. Which means his hobby is apparently finding more ways to work.

And **Rylee's** answer to the hobby question? “What is a hobby?” Somewhere, every children's ministry volunteer just nodded in understanding.

But beneath the funny answers and unexpected talents is something important to remember during Pastor Appreciation Month.

These six aren't just ministry titles on a church website. They're people with families, personalities, interests, strengths, weaknesses, and lives beyond the walls of FBC. And while we're grateful for the sermons, lessons, worship services, ministry events, and countless hours of service, we're also grateful for the individuals God has brought together to lead our church family.

So this month, let's remember to pray for them, encourage them, and celebrate not only what they do, but who they are. Six different personalities. One shared calling. And at least one pastor we probably shouldn't challenge to a game of Nerts.

Everything FBC

ONE SCAN.



Connect Card.
Events.
Online Giving
Prayer Requests.
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FELLOWSHIP MEAL MENU OCTOBER 21ST

Chicken Strips • Mashed Potatoes & Gravy •
Green Beans • Salad Bar • Dessert

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

This Week at FBC

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:45AM	Morning Service & Worship
	12:15PM	Committee Sunday Gatekeepers 1:00PM Budget & Finance 2:00PM Personnel 3:00PM Deacons 4:00PM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20	9:30AM	Rooted Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21	4:45PM	Fellowship Meal
	6:00PM	Thread Embrace Grace Worship Choir Practice Kids Midweek Students MDWK

BRING THE CANDY!

DROP OFF IN THE WELCOME CENTER

TRUNK OR TREAT | OCTOBER 25 | 5:30 – 7:30 PM

QUARTERLY
BUSINESS CELEBRATION

CHILI Cook-Off!



BUSINESS CELEBRATION & CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 5:00PM

A little church business. A whole lot of fellowship.
And one very important question: whose chili will reign supreme?

Bring your appetite and cheer on the competition as we crown our Women’s Champion, Men’s Champion, and Grand Champion.

Think your chili has what it takes? Register to enter the competition and help us dethrone last year’s champion, Pastor Keahbone.

fbc young at heart

AN Evening TO REMEMBER

YOUNG AT HEART FALL BANQUET

featuring special guest **MATT BLAGG**

GOOD FOOD | GREAT COMPANY | LIVE MUSIC

Thursday, October 29th | 6:00 PM



More to Look Forward To

SAVE THE DATES & MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US!

OCT 25 Lord’s Supper	NOV 8 OCC Packing Party	NOV 9 Young at Heart Luncheon	NOV 14 Women’s Ministry: Friendsgiving	NOV 15 Missions Banquet
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