

FBCOKC – A family of faith, growing in God’s love, striving to be faithful.



On Saturday afternoon I took my oldest son to the store with me to buy a new Bible. Mine is worn out and falling apart. And....I wanted a fresh start. I wanted a fresh new Bible to fill with notes and thoughts and prayers this year. I ended up buying three because they will all serve different purposes. I loved sitting on the ground with Noah looking through different options. We talked about the different translations. We also talked about how important it is to me to read God’s Word.

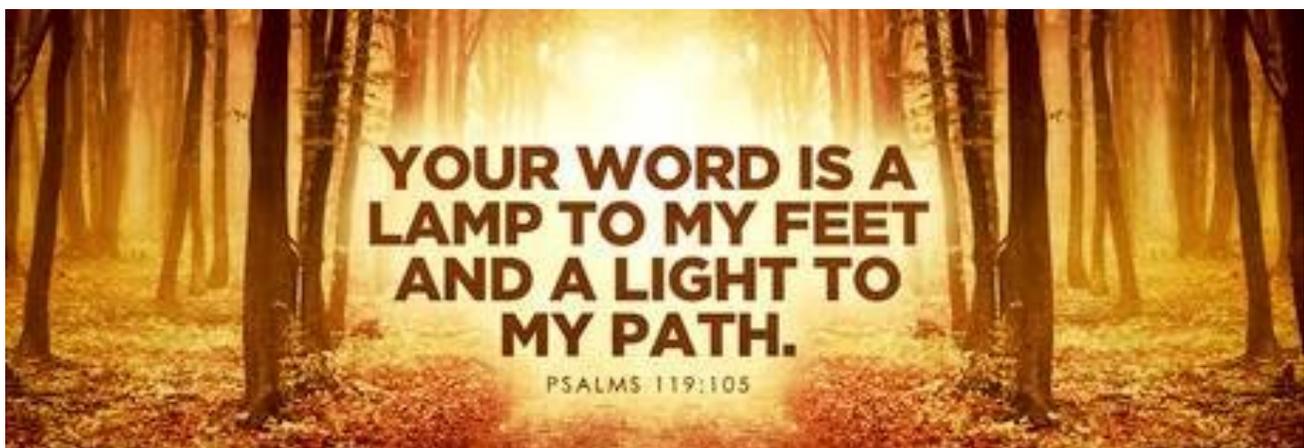
Psalm 119 is this eternal chapter in scripture full of such wonderful gems! Verse 11 has long been a favorite of mine, “Your Word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you.” Another verse that is perhaps the one we need most right now is verse 105. “Your Word is a lamp for my feet, and a light unto my path.”

This world feels so upside down right now. We thought 2020 was rough, 2021 is coming in with a banjo playing. What do you do when you don’t know what to do or what to say? As believers in Jesus Christ, we feed on the Word of God and we spend time on our knees before God. We pray humbly for God to come and move in our midst. We pray for revival in the church. We pray for God to lead us and guide us and for the courage to follow.

This month, I am asking you to pray for the church every day. Will you join me in praying for growth? We need to grow in depth and in number. This week we are dedicating to praying for our students. Pray for the Student Ministry at FBCOKC. Pray for the youth that are a part of our church to grow in their faith and to come to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Pray for new families to come with teenage children who are hungry to be a part of this church family. Pray!

This week we are opening the sanctuary for you to come and pray. Call up to the church office and let us know when you would like to come. You will need to wear a mask in the building, but you can spend time alone in our sanctuary in prayer. One of my favorite ways to pray for our church is by walking through the sanctuary and praying over the pews that you sit in. Come and pray! I might warn you that while we are worshipping online only, the camera is down front and there are wires hanging from the sound booth in the balcony all the way down to the front row. Even still, it is wonderful place to come and pray.

Church family, you inspire me by your strength of character, your faith, your commitment to loving our neighbor and loving each other well, and your resiliency. I can’t wait until we can gather once more together and worship. Until then, keep praying, keep loving, and keep following hard after God. *Sarah*



FAMILY BUILDING COMMUNITY

What is CareForOKC?

CareForOKC is a Community Ministry of FBCOKC providing food, clothes, and hope to our city. We believe God is calling us to be His presence to our neighbors, to love “the least of these” as we love ourselves.

CareForOKC is located on the ground level of FBCOKC in the Hobbs Building. When entering the building, use the North entrance under the carport where you see the “CareForOKC” sign. Take the elevator to the Ground Level and you’re there!

Who do you serve?

Our clients include anyone who needs help with food and clothing.

Where do you get the food and clothes you distribute?

Through YOUR generosity, we collect food and clothing donations throughout the year. For example, FBCOKC’s incredible Bedlam Canned Food Competition provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for over 100 families in our community. Not only that, it helped replenish our stock room with lots of canned vegetables and other items!

Through the blessing of monetary donations, we are able to purchase food from the Regional Food Bank to supplement our donations. We also have a partnership with a local Wal-Mart that blesses us with additional food!

We rely solely on donations for our clothes closet. **At this time, we are NOT accepting any clothing donations due to COVID restrictions and our exciting renovations taking place in the clothes closet!!!!**

When are you open? Has the COVID pandemic changed the way you operate?

While we are under COVID restrictions, our hours are **4:30 – 5:15pm every Monday**. We have adapted how we operate during the pandemic to make sure we are keeping everyone safe. We require all clients and volunteers to wear masks. Clients remain outside the building under the carport and we bring the food to them. They are given a box of staple items and then have the opportunity to choose their own meat, produce, bread, and dessert items.

While we are providing blankets and coats to clients, the clothes closet has been temporarily closed until we resume serving clients inside CareForOKC. This temporary closure is giving us the opportunity to dream and renovate the clothes closet!

Can I Volunteer?

YES!!! We would absolutely love for you to join our team whether it’s once a week, once a month, or whatever you can give. We will happily train all volunteers so they can be equipped to serve and have fun at the same time! Come once and just watch what we do. No obligations, no commitments.

Drivers – Our drivers pick up food from Wal-Mart (SW 59th and Pennsylvania) on Monday and Friday mornings each week in their own vehicles. They pick up boxes of food from Wal-Mart and transport them to CareForOKC. Ideal vehicles for this job would be a truck or van but we are not picky! If you are available on Monday or Friday morning and are interested, please chat with us about this opportunity! Estimated time commitment is 9am – 10am on either Monday or Friday.

Unloading/Restocking – Once the drivers arrive at CareForOKC with the Wal-Mart boxes, we have a team who unloads, weighs, and puts the food away. In addition to the Wal-Mart food, we also receive a food delivery from the Regional Foodbank every 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. Estimated time commitment is 9:30am – 11am on Mondays or Fridays.

Food Prep/Serving Clients – A group of volunteers comes at 4:00pm on Mondays to begin prepping the boxes that will be distributed to clients. We also load up the meat, bread, frozen foods, and other items that will be given away. At 4:30pm, we serve clients outside under the carport outside the north entrance of FBCOKC. Estimated time commitment is 4:00-5:30pm on Monday.

Clothes Closet – We need volunteers to help sort, organize, and move clothes as we renovate the clothing room. Call us for more information about volunteering in the Clothes closet!

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New Facebook Page!

Go check out our new FB page, like it, and share it. We're adding photos, personal stories, and more to help get the word out about this incredible ministry.

CareForOKC Murals

Come see the beautiful murals in person painted by Kate Millar and David Koerner! Kate and David, thank you for beautifying CareForOKC!

CareForOKC – Come Serve With Us

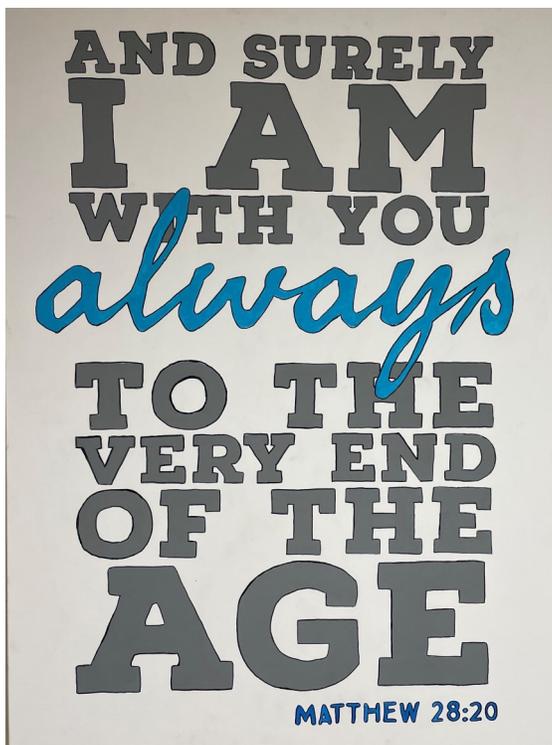
Contact Brad Stewart to volunteer or get more information! We'd love to chat with you!

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— 2021 (Virtual) —

Committee Kickoff

January 13 @ 6p

Please join me for our Committee Kickoff on Wednesday, January 13th at 6pm on zoom. We will meet altogether for the first part as I share some of my hopes for this year and talk about what it means to serve on a committee at FBCOKC. Then each committee will get to meet in their own breakout room on zoom to walk through the agenda I will send you. Last week you received an email from me with your committees current policies, contact info, and the agenda for our meeting. Please take the time to review the Policies and Procedures for your committee and consider any changes you might recommend. Please RSVP by replying to the email you received last week to let us know you can make it. Please join me for this special time to begin our year with purpose. Blessings. Sarah

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10:30AM

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the JOURNEY

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how can i give?



ONLINE:
fbcokc.org/give



MOBILE:
Download the FBCOKC App
in the app store



ENVELOPE:
Cash & Check
*Offering plate located
in The Commons*

FBCOKC MINISTERS

Sarah Stewart, Pastor

Andrew Bowles, Minister of Students and Missions

Brad Stewart, Minister of Discipleship

Steven McConnell, Minister of Music

Don Clothier, Pianist

Ariel Koerner, Praise Leader

Jordan Browne, Children's Coordinator

Thank you to our amazing Media Ministry Team



**JANUARY
BLOOD
DRIVE**

FBCOKC Dining Hall



**GIVE BACK TO
YOUR COMMUNITY**

JANUARY 14, 2021

3P - 6P

1201 N ROBINSON



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Here's the link for blood drive. https://www.yourbloodinstitute.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/344817

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Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals

Friends, I want to invite you to join me in using *Common Prayer* as a daily guide for connecting with God. A group of us (FBCOKC members and some new friends) started back in September and it's been amazing to see the ways God has used it to enrich our faith. I want to once again offer everyone the invitation to join us as we begin a new year!



Carving out time each day to pray, read Scripture, and worship God is hard. Especially in the midst of a pandemic. Maybe you don't think you have enough time or maybe you just don't know how to go about creating a plan. Either way, you are not alone. When I am not intentional about cultivating my relationship with God, it just doesn't happen. That's why *Common Prayer* has been so helpful as a daily guide. It can be used by individuals or with a small group.

The book includes morning prayers for each day of the year, evening prayers for each of the seven days of the week, a midday prayer to be repeated throughout the year, and prayers for special occasions. You can do all three prayers each day or just do the morning prayer section. Anything is better than nothing! It also includes a unique songbook composed of music and classic lyrics to more than fifty songs from various traditions, including African spirituals, traditional hymns, and others.

You can order *Common Prayer* by clicking this link: https://www.amazon.com/Common-Prayer-Liturgy-Ordinary-Radicals/dp/0310326192/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=common+prayer&qid=1609781249&sr=8-1

There's also a free app available on the Apple and Google Play stores!

I (Brad) lead us in morning prayers every Tuesday at 10am on Facebook Live! Join us live or go back and watch it when you have time. We also have created "Common Prayer Community", a private Facebook group for all who are using this resource to share encouragement, insights, and reflections. To join, just message me on Facebook and I'll send you an invitation!

If you're interested in using *Common Prayer* or have questions, email bradstewart@fbcokc.org or call the church office and I'd love to chat. Thanks for considering this opportunity to grow in your faith, friends.

Grace and Peace,

Brad

