

# Senator James Lankford Biography



James Lankford is a strong conservative and servant leader who is committed to God, Family and the Constitution.

Elected to the United States Senate in 2014. James has worked diligently for all Oklahomans, studying each issue and its direct impact on the family and people. He has earned the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his knowledge on the pressing issues facing the country.

While remaining passionate about life and traditional family values, James has become a strong voice for fiscal discipline and accountability in the federal government. He has emerged as a leader in fighting government regulations that are suffocating business and weakening the economy.

James currently serves on the Committee on Finance, Committee on Appropriations, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs where he is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management and the Indian Affairs Committee. In addition, James chairs the Select Committee on Ethics and serves on the Senate Republican Whip Team.

Prior to the Senate, James served in the US House of Representatives from 2011 - 2014 where he served on House Committees: Budget, Transportation, and Oversight and Government Reform, where he was the Chairman of the Oversight Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care & Entitlements. James was elected by his peers to serve as the Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee for the 113th Congress working behind the scenes to push the Republican Conference toward conservative solutions for the issues facing our nation. Before Congress James served the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma as Director of Falls Creek Youth Camp from 1996 to 2009.

James has been married to Cindy for over 20 years. Cindy Lankford is a private Speech-Language Pathologist. Together, they have two wonderful daughters: Hannah and Jordan. James' Mom was a public school librarian and school administrator; his father spent more than 40 years in local law enforcement and security. James' maternal grandparents owned a small dry cleaning business and his paternal grandparents were dairy farmers.

James is unashamedly Christian in his worldview and daily life. He enjoys spending time with his family, sport shooting, and reading.