

Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Brian Matthews

So in the last edition I gave you a brief overview of my family history, educational background and pastoral record. In this edition I want to go a little deeper into my story and share some of the defining moments in my life. And I want to begin with an event that occurred in late January or early February 1997. It was a Sunday morning like any other. Before heading to the sanctuary to run the sound board I stopped in the youth director's office to say "howdy," and when I rounded the corner there was a person standing there I had never met before. I quickly discovered the young lady was a friend of the YD's daughter and had come to worship as her visitor. There were 2 things about the visitor I noticed: 1) she was gorgeous and 2) she was carrying a bible. I knew right then and there I wanted to get to know this person better. Two weeks later we had our first date (on Valentine's Day 1997) and on May 29th of this year we celebrated 17 years of marriage. As you get to know Shannon you will discover what a great person, mother, teacher and disciple of Jesus she truly is. She is my best friend and were it not for her I do not believe I would have ever become a pastor.

As Shannon and I got to know each other we discovered we were only a year apart in school and shared some mutual friends, but never met until that day in the YDs office. Shannon is a gifted teacher with certifications in early childhood, elementary and library media. She has taught for 17 years and has taught every grade from pre-K thru 8th grade. After several years of marriage Noah entered our family on the night before Thanksgiving (which was a surprise since his due date was Christmas Eve) 2003. Noah will be a 7th grader and he is very much looking forward to being part of the Youth Group here in Ada. I could go on and on talking about Shannon and Noah and what a joy they are to my life, but instead I'll let you discover how great they are as you get to know them.

Another piece of the Brian Matthews' puzzle that has been a constant in my life is music. I come from a musically gifted family and have been singing since a very young age. I participated in school, church and community choirs all through school and into adulthood. My greatest experience with a choir was singing with a group in Carnegie Hall in NYC. Music has also been a big part of my ministry...in fact my first job in the church was as a worship leader for our church's praise and worship service. Although I do play the guitar and have for many years in worship settings, it is not something I do as a hobby.

My mother's passing as a teenager has also shaped the person and pastor I am today. When mom died I was only 16 and very much needed a mother. In the years since I have learned that "mothering" is not simply about genetics. I was taught this lesson by 3 awesome women within our church who stepped in to fulfill that role in my life. It was one of the greatest honors of my life to have all 3 of them walk down the aisle and sit in place of my mom at my wedding. It was also during those years after mom's death that I truly learned the importance of a youth group in a teenager's life. When I had bad days, weeks and months (and believe me I had them) it was my youth group that loved me unconditionally and carried me through the valleys.

Although there are many, many more pieces to the puzzle that you will learn in our time together, the final one I'll share for now is the person who has shaped my pastoral identity more than any other. I was in college when Connell Ghormley came to FUMC Muskogee as Senior Pastor. He was not what I was hoping for in a new pastor, but he was exactly what I needed (and what the church needed as well). He was a laid back, easy going individual who I never saw lose his temper. He was always ready and willing to get his hands dirty doing dishes after fellowship dinners or digging holes to plant trees or taking out the trash when it needed to be done. I hope you will see some of Connell Ghormley in me.

Alright I'm officially out of room so I guess next time I'll tell you about my hobbies and maybe a little more about what makes me tick.

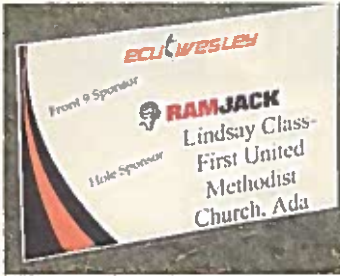
Jesus is Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Matthews'.

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY

Scenes from the 2nd Annual ECU Wesley Golf Tournament on Monday, June 27, 2016 at Oak Hills Golf & Country Club. \$10,000 was raised for the ECU Wesley. This money makes a tremendous impact of making disciples on the ECU Campus.



Our church sponsored a hole as well as the Lindsay Sunday School Class.



Our tournament wouldn't have happened without our friends of the ministry! Cheryl & Kate McCortney and Janet Larney



Some of our FUMC, Ada Ushers: Jerry Danielson, Bill Chapman, Kelly Creed and David Schallhorn.



Our new pastor got to play at Oak Hills with the Johnson guys! Brian Matthews, David, Will & Erik Johnson.



Dobber Bingaman joined the fun with the team from Vision Bank! Lee Bahner, Dobber Bingaman, David Robertson Jr and Rodney Stine



These members of the Moon Baker Agency Team: John Lowry, Jon Moon, and Robert McDown. This team placed 2nd.



Steve Ivan's work colleagues joined in on the fun as well! Steve Ivan, Taylor Howard, Caleb Estes and Bryan Miller



This team placed 1st in our tournament! Jerry Jones, David Buxton, Carlyle Hill and Ed Anderson

dates to Remember

- July 9th-10th: Janey speaks at Poteau FUMC
- July 10th-15th: Emma & Devon represent ECU Wesley @ Dayspring South @ Cross Point
- July 12th: Janey at Campus Ministry Meeting at Grace UMC, OKC
- July 13th-16th: Janey gone to South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Wichita, Kansas
- July 17th-24th: Janey on vacation!

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Evangelism

Pastor Roberto has been invited to teach at Perkins SMU in Dallas, Texas this summer. He will teach beginning July 11th through August 6th. Our prayers are with him as he undertakes this important responsibility. He will be teaching a course on "The Theology and Practices of Worship".



YOUTH FORCE 2016

"Thank you church and Ada Community"

Hebrew 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for some have entertained angels unaware.

"Our Heavenly Host of Angels"

Kitchen Angels (morning and evening)

Guardian Angels, Tech Angels, Ice Angels, Clean-up Angels, Prayer Angels, Table cloth Angel and our Money Angels.

"Thanks for all your support!"



Nothing like great food and fellowship!



Getting cooled off after working hard!



From
Ms. Lauren, Ms. Kim
and Ms. Lisa

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 am every single week!! We start our Fruit of the Spirit Session this Sunday, and it will continue through the end of August! Also, in addition to our 4 classes upstairs for Pre-K to 6th Grade Children, we now have two sets of curriculum in the nursery! Our three year olds can enjoy the preschool curriculum, and we also have Toddlers and Twos material, so if your child is in the nursery during Sunday School time, they will be learning as well as having fun and being loved and nurtured!

Love,
Ms. Lauren, Ms. Kim and Ms. Lisa

We definitely had some ups...



From taking a well needed break to cleaning in the kitchen. There were definitely some great stories, moments and memories.



And some downs!



(only a dozen cinnamon rolls were harmed in the making)

A big thank you to all our sponsors!

- Ada Coke Co.
- Chickasaw Nutrition Center (snacks-lunch)
- Culligan (bottled water- water coolers)
- Dale Phlaum (donation for a meal)
- F.U.M.C (donations for food)
- F.U.M.C (
- Guardians (delivery of our supplies)
- Holcim (la farge, safety glasses, ear plugs)
- Mercy Hospital (Tuesday dinner)
- Polos (chips and salsa)
- Ram Jack (caps, water bottles)
- Staples (posters)
- Vision Bank (Rodney Stein)
- Pete Williams (pork chops)
- Lisa and Frank Crabtree (water, powerade)

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!
Love, Sue

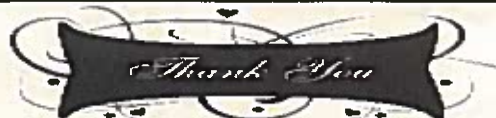


It was close to 100° at the park today. We were able to serve about 580 meals, we were busy! Thank you to Julie, Rick, Fran, Don, Stephanie, Donna, Clay, Nina, Jim and Colin. We could not have served this meal without you. T

hanks also to KFC, J.D.'s Cafe, Ron and Denitia and a special thank you to Amber Walker who delivered some delicious treats for the children.

Next weekend we will be celebrating the 4th of July, but don't worry, we will be at the park, serving dinner as usual. Hope to see everyone back there again, and bring a friend!

Thank you for your support,
Clay and Leslie



I think "thank you" hardly seems adequate for the many ways my church family has reached out to me for the last month, but "thank you" it is. I have felt the hand and heart of God through each one of you.

In heart felt appreciation and love,
Mary Beth Myers



Opportunities of the Week

Church Family Prayer List

Worship times are the same each week, unless announced

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 p.m. Park Ministry Dinner (Glenwood Park)

Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Talmidim Bible Study (Postponed till further notice)
- 12:00 a.m. Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
- 6:00 p.m. Grief Share (Lindsay Classroom)

Wednesday

- Noon Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- 3:30 p.m. Students are allowed in Youth room & CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Small Group (One Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Joint Worship (Jr. & Sr. High (Youth room))
- 7:00 p.m. Jr. High dismissed, Sr. High starts with sermon & Small groups (wreck room)

Watching Our Figures

OFFERING 6/19/16 \$ 8,185.00

ATTENDANCE 6/19/16

- Sunday School 174
- Chapel Service 73
- Sanctuary Service 173

Total Worship 246

OFFERING 6/26/16 \$ 10,945.00

ATTENDANCE 6/26/16

- Sunday School 154
- Chapel Service 96
- Sanctuary Service 158

Total Worship 254

PRAYERS: Janet Bare, Pete Canfield (Vicki Creed's Brother in law), Curtis Smith (D. Venable's Son-in-law), Coleen Bledsoe, Twilah Blue, Steven Brown, Tom Cook, Harold Danielson (D. Danielson's father), Nancy Dickerson, Mary Dixon, Betty Dupuy, Austin and Michelle Gibson, Lili Giles, Trina Hemmerling, Jovan Hodges, Kim Holton, Pastor Earl Hood, Maggie Hood, Jeanette House, Helen Jaquess, T.J. Johnston, Bill Larney, Donna Long, Bobie Martinez, Lynn Marquis, Nicole McDonald, Shawna Ronald-Montague, Mary Beth Myers, Wes Perkins, Jason Richardson, Lawanna Ronald, Tom Runnells, Jessica Sasser, Corinne Schwandt, Marty Skinner, Lynn Snow, Jodie Standard, Sandra Stafford, Leslie Stevens (Chris Stevens Wife), Rev. P.J. Stewart, Alexis, Doc and Taylor Stokes, Stephanie Sill, Greg Tillman (Pam Wall's Nephew), Don Venable, Julie Vike, Buddy Watkins, Glenn Watkins, Buddy Watson, Lillian Williams, Michelle Williams, Alice Willis, Zac Wilson.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bernie Belletini, Brent Bidy, Bud Blackburn, Dale Buss, Joshua Buss, Dr. JoAnn Carpenter, Wanda Coplen, Steva Cottingham, Amber Cox, Tyler Cox, Kathy McKain Dargel, Ron Davidson, Joe Davis, Chip Dudley, Ervin Findley, Mary Fogle, Joe Glasgow, Dakota Gray, Bishop Hayes, Jennifer Hood, Joyce Horton, Mel Hutt, Tara Humphers, Ron Jackson, Shawna Jackson, Geneva Jamar, Randy Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Janet Larney, Helen Lee, Roger Morgan, Marissa Morris, Johnny Moss, Jane Muntz, Sheila Odom, (S. Bricker's sister), Brenda Pflaum, DiAnn Readnour, Jennifer Reynolds, Jon Ross, Diann Smith, Lindsay Snow, Emma Stewart, Pam Stewart, Kay Tillman, Lesa Ulrich, True Wallace, Charles Waller, Debbie Cowling Whitley, Karen Williams, Richard Williams, Terry Wood.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Danette Balliett, Callie Christian, Sarah Dailey Cody, Brooklyn Harris, Molly Jackson, Charissa Reed

Upcoming EVENTS

JULY

MONDAY 4,
All day Independence Day

THURSDAY 6,
5- 6:00 pm Local Unit Leadership Team UMW (Library)

6- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervisory Group (Library)

MONDAY 11,
8:30- 2 pm Razzle Dazzle Music Camp (Choir room)
(held from the 11th-15th)

6:30- 8:30 pm Compassionate Friends Organizational Meeting (1306 Arlington)

youth group

From Ryan Kilby

SCHEDULE

Summer Calendar

JULY

6th - W.O.W. Meal @5:30 pm 6:30-8 pm

7th - 11th - Dayspring WOW Summer Camp

13th - W.O.W. Meal @5:30 pm 6:30-8 pm

17th - "Meet Up" Trampoline Park

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