

Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Brian Matthews

Well in case you are counting (and even if you're not), we are just over 6 weeks into our pastor-church relationship, and the most common question I am asked is, "Are you getting settled in?" The second most common, usually asked as a follow up is, "How are you liking Ada?" The second one is the easier question to answer so let me start by saying the Matthews' family is loving Ada! Who knew there was such an awesome town down here? It's hard to believe I never set foot in Ada before finding out I was moving here. We love the small-town feel with big city amenities. We love the friendliness of the people. We love, love, love all the good Mexican food! And most importantly we love the "small church" feel of FUMC Ada with all the "big church" stuff going on. I cannot express to you how much we've appreciated the welcome you've given us...and I mean "us." Shannon has found a great Sunday school class of her peers and been welcomed with open arms. Noah loves Ryan and his fellow youth and has really been accepted by everyone. I cannot express how thankful I am that my family has fallen in love with Ada, its people and the church. We could not ask for a better community in which to live or a better church to call home!

Now for the first question, "Are you getting settled in?" Yes...and no. We love the home we purchased and know we will be happy there for a LONG time, but until we get all the boxes unpacked, walls painted, pictures hung, and everything else the way we like it, we will not be able to say we are completely settled. There are certain rooms that are mostly finished so we just try to spend most of our time there and act like we are completely settled...which works till we have to go in the next room which is a wreck! When we get everything finished we look forward to hosting an open house...so maybe Christmas 2017?!? Thanks for asking the questions and again thank you for making us feel so welcome.

Next topic: as I've alluded to a couple times in sermons, I plan my sermons 6 months in advance, and do so with a group of guys. We come together with ideas for sermon series and work together on shaping at least a couple series each time we meet. Our next session is coming up in August, and I invite you to share ideas with me about possible sermon series you'd like to hear preached. It might be a particular book of the bible or character in the bible...it might be a particular topic or mindset Christians encounter...or it could be a movie or book you think would make a great basis for a series of sermons. If you have any ideas please email them to me (revbmat@gmail.com) OR you can call the church office and give them to Amber (or whoever answers the phone). Final topic: school is just around the corner, which means our Wednesday evening programming will soon follow. I hope you will be part of the food, fellowship and learning opportunities, which will be publicized soon! Take care and have a great week!

Jesus is Lord,

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

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY

What's Been Happening...

I wanted to share with you where we have been this summer as a Wesley since the middle of June! Sit down, pour a cup of coffee, iced tea or your favorite drink.

Some UCM alumni gathered together at Falls Creek on June 14th in memory of our Board Member, Jonathan Wright. We fellowshiped together, broke bread together, worshipped together and laughed together. It was a wonderful evening remembering our beloved friend who we miss so much! We appreciate the hospitality of Bryan Laramore, Whitney Gordon Laramore and their church for this night.

Devon Taylor & Emma Rolin were part of Youth Force Ada on June 19th-24th.

I attended two campus ministry meetings in OKC on June 22nd and June 24th.

ECU Wesley took a road trip to the OKC Zoo on June 25th. We had a group of 8 total. 3 of those 8 will be freshmen at ECU this fall!

Devon & Emma represented ECU Wesley at Camp Sparkle (Heartland & Cross Roads District Camp) at Canyon on June 26th-July 1st.

We had our 2nd Annual ECU Wesley Golf Tournament on June 27th. We will profit a little over \$10,000 (about a \$3000 increase from last year!)

My mom & I went to New Braunfels, Texas July 1st-2nd to pick up Samuel Adams from T Bar M Camps. He spent 55 days being on staff with them. He plans to return next summer for the entire summer!

Devon & Emma represented ECU Wesley on July 5th at CYME Camp at Egan.

On July 6th the removal of the tile work at our east entrance was done and Stephen has been installing new ceiling tiles. Special thanks to the FUMC Ada Foundation for the grant to do this concrete project and to the FUMC Ada Trustees for the new ceiling tiles.

On July 7th, Emma, Devon & myself traveled to OKC to volunteer to help Rev. Frankye Johnson and her son for the day. Frankye is a dear friend to this ministry!

I spoke at Poteau UMC on Sunday, July 10th.

I attended Jurisdictional Conference in Wichita, Kansas on July 12th-16th.

Devon & Emma represented ECU Wesley (along with Samuel) at Day-spring South at Cross Point on July 10th-15th.

I spoke at Bristow FUMC on July 24th. This is a church where one of our UCM alumni is the pastor, Rev. Katie Hill serves.

ECU Wesley is going to Arbuckle Lake on July 30th!

We appreciate your continued support of this ministry at ECU!

-Janey



Razzle Dazzle

MUSIC CAMP UPDATE

Razzle Dazzle Music Camp was terrific!! With an enrollment of 42 campers! We sang, played bells and instruments, played cool music games, had wonderful snacks and fabulous lunches! Many thanks to our wonderful music interns who helped in so many ways- Emmy Robinson and Maggie Peercy! Also thanks to Sue- our kitchen hostess with the mostest! And her helpers- Ann, LaDonna, Julie, Amber and Marian. I'm looking forward to next year's Razzle Dazzle and already have some new ideas.

Musically yours,
Rozzie

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir will have their annual choir retreat on August 20th. Our clinician will be none other than Ken Southard, a former Director of Music here at FUMC. Ken taught many years as a public school vocal music teacher and a choir director in several churches- he presently lives in Oklahoma City.

If you are a new member and like to sing, the retreat is a great way to meet the choir and work on the music we will sing this semester. We will meet for coffee/donuts/juice at 9:00 am and begin rehearsal at 9:30 am and a lunch will be provided as well.

For more information please contact Rozzie Purdy at (580) 332- 6624.

dates to Remember

- August 2nd: ECU Wesley Board Meeting/Dinner @ 6 pm
- August 13th: Students move in at ECU
- August 14th: Block Party (evening time) at ECU
- August 15th: First day of fall semester/Chamber Fair (morning)/Snow Cones & Scavenger Hunt @ 7pm @ ECU Wesley
- August 22nd: First FUSION Worship of the fall semester

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New bishop is elected to lead Oklahoma United Methodists



James "Jimmy" Nunn

Oklahoma United Methodists have been on "bishop watch" but not anymore.

The Rev. James "Jimmy" Nunn, a United Methodist clergyman from the denomination's Northwest Texas Conference, was elected to lead Oklahoma United Methodist during a regional gathering Friday in Wichita, Kan.

Nunn was selected to lead the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference at the denomination's South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Wichita.

The two Oklahoma conference's represent 600 United Methodist churches.

A Lubbock, Texas, native, Nunn, 59, is expected to begin his new leadership post Sept. 1st.

He will succeed the Rev. Robert Hayes Jr., who has served as bishop of the two Oklahoma conferences for the past 12 years.

Nunn was among three Methodist pastors chosen to become bishops Friday afternoon.

Holly McCray, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma United Methodist Church, said after being elected a bishop, Nunn was chosen to serve as Oklahoma's bishop in another, later election Friday evening.

She said 28 voting delegate's- 14 lay people and 14 clergy- from the Oklahoma Conference were sent to Wichita.

Nunn has served as director of mission and administration for the denomination's Lubbock-based Northwest Texas Conference since 2011.

The United Methodist news Service reported that before that, he served as the conference's director for the church development. The news service and Nunn has been a United Methodist pastor since 1981 and served at three churches in Lubbock.

He and his wife, Mary, have two grown children.

Notes from the



It was hot Sunday but heat doesn't affect hunger. I am so grateful for all those who came to help serve dinner today. We were able to serve from three lines today, so everyone got through and on their way home quicker than usual.

Recently, we joined together to have a baby shower for one of our friends. Her baby is due any time now and we wanted to show her that we are excited for her and her baby.

Thank you to KFC for providing the chicken and sides that we serve each week at the park. Because of their generosity, a lot of people won't be going hungry tonight. We also thank J.D.'s Cafe for providing many extras that we are able to pass on at the park.

The schools will be starting up soon, and because of these meals, one parent might be able to provide school supplies for their child, or maybe they can purchase some shoes. What you do here matters. Thank you all, and we hope to see you back at the park next Sunday.

Our time at the park is not just about a meal. We have made many friends there, we've watched children grow up, get married and have children of their own. We have shared moments of joy and sorrow, and eventually, everyone asks "where are we from?". And then we give them directions to the First United Methodist Church of Ada.

Clay and Leslie

Sisters Hand in Hand
Serving the Widows of Pontiatoc County

Yeetlaw!

We're Puttin' on a Cowboy Feed!

You are invited to our next event, sponsored by:
Crosscut Cowboy Church!

It will be at the First United Methodist Church, but dress like a cowgirl if ya want. Park yer horse outside, but ya don't even need to take your spurs off!

Monday, August 8th, 6-8 pm
129 W 14th St. Ada, Oklahoma 74820
RSVP by August 1st to Debbie Wall at (580)235-2090

2016

Altar Flowers

The flowers everyone provides for the altar every Sunday add so much to the services.

The flowers can be a wonderful way to remember a loved one who has passed or even in honor of someone living.

After the service is over if you don't want to keep the flowers, they are taken to members who are not able to come to church.

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar for a Sunday morning service these are the dates still available:

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| October 9th, | November 6th, | November 20th, |
| November 27th, | December 11th, | January 1st, |
| January 15th, | January 22nd, | January 29th |

Below are some of the local flower shops if you need help with finding one that delivers to the church:

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| Latta Flowers
14290 CR 1560
580-436-2479 | Nichols Flowers
1601 N. Broadway
580-436-4302 |
| Ada Forget Me Not
530 N. Mississippi
580-332-6144 | Bobbie's Flowers
900 N. Country Club
580-332-5968 |
| Linda's Flowers
104 E. Main
580-436-2479 | |

If you have any questions or would like to provide flowers for any of the above dates please contact Amber in the office. Also please let her know who they are "In memory of" or "In honor of".

Thank you!



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)

PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, Janet Bare, Don Birdwell, Mae Hodgkins Caves, Coleen Bledsoe, Twilah Blue, Steven Brown, Tom Cook, Jeanne Dark, Donna Gault, Austin and Michelle Gibson, Lili Giles, Jovan Hodges, Pastor Earl Hood, Maggie Hood, Jeanette House, , T.J. Johnston, Bill Larney, Paul Lotter, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Lynn Marquis, Nicole McDonald, Tommy McKay, Elaine McKnight, Duane Murray, Mary Beth Myers, Wes Perkins, **Kimm Rich**, Jason Richardson, Lawanna Ronald, Tom Runnells, Jessica Sasser, Corinne Schwandt, **Karsen Sheffield**, Lynn Snow, Jodie Standard, Rev. P.J. Stewart, Alexis, Doc and Taylor Stokes, Ryan Stockton, **Don Prather**, Nellie Philips, Don Venable, Buddy Watkins, Glenn Watkins, Buddy Watson, 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, Mary Fogle, Joe Glasgow, Dakota Gray, Bishop Hayes, Jennifer Hood, Mel Hutt, Tara Humphers, Ron Jackson, Shawna Jackson, Geneva Jamar, Randy Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Helen Lee, Roger Morgan, Marissa Morris, Johnny Moss, Jane Muntz, 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, Katie Buxton McNew, Molly Jackson, Charissa Reed, Kayla Stevens

Watching Our Figures

OFFERING 7/17/16 \$ 4,340.00

ATTENDANCE 7/17/16

Sunday School 155
 Chapel Service 77
 Sanctuary Service 143

Total Worship 220

OFFERING 7/24/16 \$ 7,925.00

Cap Campaign \$ 540.00

ATTENDANCE 7/24/16

Sunday School 144
 Chapel Service 60
 Sanctuary Service 142

Total Worship 202

AUGUST

TUESDAY 2,
6-8:30 pm

Grief Share Meeting
(Lindsay Classroom)

WEDNESDAY 3,
7-8 am

Methodist Men Breakfast
(Aldridge Coffee Shop)

THURSDAY 4,
5-6 pm

Local Unit Leadership Team UMW
(Library)
 Stephen Ministry Supervisory Group
(Library)

6-7 pm

FRIDAY 5,
7:00 pm

Troop 13 Organizational Meeting
(Scout Room)

MONDAY 8,
6-8 pm

Widows Dinner (CLC)

TUESDAY 9,
6-8:30 pm

Grief Share Meeting
(Lindsay Classroom)



Summer Calendar

AUGUST

6th- Six Flags

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