


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*

Over the last several newsletters you have (hopefully) noticed articles about the FUMC of Ada Foundation, Inc. The Foundation has been in existence since the early 1970s and has a single purpose: to financially support FUMC Ada through receiving/investing gifts. The Foundation began with \$350 and has grown, mostly little by little, through the years to over \$1,000,000. The primary method of supporting the ministries of the church is through awarding grants. Last year the Foundation awarded grants in the amount of \$41,400. The application process is open to ministries of the church, and begins each year in late winter/early spring. Grants are voted on by the Foundation's Trustees during their annual meeting in late spring.

Why am I using my article space to tell you things you might already know OR have read about recently? (That's a great question and I thank you for asking/thinking it). I lift it up to encourage you to consider supporting the Foundation.

The easiest way to support our Foundation is to become a member each year. Memberships to the Foundation can be obtained by making a minimum \$25 contribution yearly. Foundation membership entitles you to attend Foundation meetings and cast one vote per membership. Being a member also qualifies you to be elected to the Foundation Board of Trustees, which manages the investment of funds, votes on the distribution of grants, and other allocation of income.

The other way of supporting the Foundation is through what professional fundraisers call "Legacy," "Windfall," or "Capital" gifts. Legacy gifts are those typically left "In Memory" or "In Honor" of yourself or a loved one. While there are lots of ways Legacy Gifts are given, the most common is through a person's Last Will and Testament. I encourage people, when making their Will, to "tithe" their estate to the church, or remember their church or favorite ministry in some way, so that their giving and support is received forever. Windfall giving occurs when you receive an unexpected financial blessing: from a deceased loved one, the sale of a house or other asset, or win the lottery. Capital gifts are simply gifts given from time to time for the ongoing capital needs of the church. All three of these types of gifts can be given to the Foundation for the benefit of the church as a whole OR a specific ministry of the church.

If you are in the process (or will be soon) of updating your Will, I encourage you to prayerfully consider remembering the church. If you have an unexpected financial windfall this year (as the Matthews' did in 2016 with the sale of our house), I hope you will prayerfully consider tithing from the increase. Or if you simply have money burning a hole in your pocket, I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a gift to support the ministry of your church. If you have any questions about these type of gifts, or would like more info on the Foundation or other ideas for giving to the church, please call, email or simply drop by and let's have a conversation. Have a great week, and I look forward to being in worship with you soon!

Jesus is Lord.



Pastor Brian Matthews

## ECU WESLEY

ECU Wesley hosted a their second yearly "Night of Worship & Testimony" on Monday January 30 2017 at the campus of ECU in Hallie Brown.



ECU Wesley are all smiles with former OU Center, Ty Darlington.

Couple of son/dad duo's were pretty excited to meet Ty Darlington on January 30, 2017!



**MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR**

- Monday's during the spring semester: Random Snacks of Kindness in the University Centre @ 11 am-1 pm; FUSION Worship @ 8 pm @ ECU Wesley
- Tuesday's during the spring semester: Asbury Kidz @ 6 pm & Guys Group/Girls Group @ 8 pm @ ECU Wesley
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: ECU Wesley leads worship @ FUMC, Seminole
- February 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: All Wesley Retreat at Camp Horizon & Retreat Center, Arkansas City, KS
- February 26<sup>th</sup>: Janey and a student share about ECU Wesley @ First Christian Church, Ada
- February 28<sup>th</sup>: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner @ St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ada

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## CHILDRENS CHURCH

### SAVE THE DATES!

**June 19th-22nd**      **Maker Fun Factory**  
**6:00-8:00 pm**      **Vacation Bible School**

**March 25th**      **Morning with Disney**

Disney Characters will perform some of your favorite songs and dances on our CLC Stage, and then sign autographs, eat with you and maybe play some games also! Featuring ECU Showtime!

### Adult Mosaic Classes have started back!

While your parents are learning in the adult Mosaic classes you are invited to our Journey Through the Bible, upstairs in the children's wing! If you come to Awana from 4 pm to 5:30 pm you can have dinner with us, and we will take you upstairs while your parents are in class! We have started with Creation and will be going through the whole Bible this semester!

## Notes from the



A Super Sunday at the park yesterday! Thank you to those who gave up gathering to watch the pre-game activities, who came to serve instead. You are all Super Special to me!

Today, I must send a special note about Colin. My oven blew up last week, and the replacement won't be here until Wednesday...Needless to say, I was not able to do any cooking for today's meal at the park, Colin did it all! The chicken, the baked beans, the macaroni and cheese, the green beans, the whole meal! Thank you Colin, you are amazing.

Thanks also to Julie, Fran, David, Jim, Rick, Don, Nina and Clay. Each one of you work hard to serve everyone as quickly as possible while at the same time greeting everyone and making them feel welcome. I am indeed surrounded by wonderful people. As always, we also thank KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J. D.'s Cafe for sharing their bounty with us.

We were able to share sheets, blankets, and afghans this week at the park as well, thank you Andy and Joanne.

Hope to see everyone back next week, for Dinner at the Park.



**May 25th– June 3rd, 2017**

### VIM Medical Mission Trip

We invite anyone who is interested in participating in a mission trip to join us. It is a life changing experience in one of the poorest countries in Central America.

We travel from Managua, Nicaragua 6-8 hours to the central northeastern community of Waslala. It is a community of about 6,000-8,000, but each day, we travel 2-3 hours in a truck to smaller communities to set up medical and dental clinics in churches and/or schools.

Currently we have 1 physician, 1 dentist, and 3 nurses along with several non-medical personnel committed to our trip. The cost of the trip is \$1600....if interested please contact Amelda McCortney (580) 332-8226 or Paula Watkins (580) 332-6218.

Any physician, dentist, or nurse who is interested needs to contact Paula as soon as possible. We have documents to prepare. Also, we could use someone with Spanish speaking skills.

### \*UPDATE AND REMINDER\*

The Altar flowers chart located by the office will no longer be in use.

If you would like to sign up to provide flowers for the Altar for a specific Sunday please call the front office at (580) 332-1398.

#### News from Ada Early Childhood Center



### AECC is conducting our Spring Fundraiser.

We are selling cookie dough and popcorn. These fundraisers allow teachers to purchase much needed materials for the classroom.

If you are interested in ordering please contact the school office at (580) 310-7283. This is a pre-paid fundraiser as well so money and orders are due by Tuesday, February 21st.

Thank you so much for your support!



*To the family  
and friends of  
Mel Hutt*



### Table Hoppers Event

Sharing a meal with others not only nourishes us physically but also warms the soul and makes our heart glad. Breaking bread together enriches our lives by strengthening bonds of friendship and gives the opportunity to build new relationships.

The plan is for fellow "foodies" to meet once a month or so for the purpose of eating out sometimes in town and sometimes out of town. Out of town transportation will be provided.

There are no restrictions on sharing this BIG table. Just be prepared to fellowship with all age groups, couples or singles. You certainly may invite someone who is not a member of our church— they may see the love of Christ and decide they want to be a part of Jesus' community.

Our first destination will be Smokin' Joe's Rib Ranch in Davis Feb. 24th. We will leave the church at 11:00 am. After lunch, we will hop down to the Arbuckle Fried Pies store for dessert. The afternoon will be completed with a tour of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. Please make your reservation before February 21st so that I can make transportation arrangements .

You are responsible for your own expenses.

Call Carol at (580) 332-4720 or Amber at the church (580) 332-1398. I look forward to sharing this time with you and hope you will find a warm, welcomed break from day to day struggles.

## Evangelism

Ash Wednesday is on March 1st which is the beginning of the Lenten Season. The Evangelism Committee is recommending that our congregation enter into a period of serious reflection based on selected scripture passages taken from the dictionary 2017.

The selected readings are as follows:

#### WEDNESDAY 1st:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Ps. 51:1-17 (UMH 785)  
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10  
Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

#### First Sunday in Lent:

Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Ps. 32 (UMH 766)  
Rom. 5:12-19  
Matt. 4:1-11

#### Second Sunday in Lent:

Gen. 12:1-4a  
Ps. 121 (UMH 844)  
Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17 or Matt. 17:1-9

#### Third Sunday in Lent:

Exod. 17:1-7  
Ps. 95 (UMH 814)  
Rom. 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

# Opportunities of the Week



# Church Family Prayer List

**Worship times are the same each week,  
unless announced**

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30 a.m.	Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
3:30 p.m.	Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)
5:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)
<b>Monday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 13 Meeting
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:30 a.m.	Talimidim Bible Study
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
3:30 p.m.	Voices Of Praise Practice
<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Bible Study (Library)
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Awana
5:00 p.m.	Mosaic Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Mosaic Classes
6:00 p.m.	Journey through the Bible (Education Wing)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Ringers Practice
6:30 p.m.	Youth Worship
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice



## Upcoming Events

<b>MONDAY 13th,</b> 2:00 pm	Pine Wood Derby (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY 14th,</b> 12:00 pm	<b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!</b> Minister Fellowship Meeting (Lindsay)
<b>WEDNESDAY 15th,</b> 8:00 am	Matthew 25 Packing (St. Episcopal Church)
<b>THURSDAY 16th,</b> 8:00 am	Matthews 25 Distribution (St. Episcopal Church)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Group Meeting (Library Classroom)
<b>MONDAY 20th,</b> 12:00 pm	Trustees Team Meeting
<b>TUESDAY 21st,</b> 5:45 pm	GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor)
<b>WEDNESDAY 22nd,</b> 11:00 am	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
<b>FRIDAY 24th,</b> 11:00 am	Table Hoppers Event (Smokin' Joes Rib Ranch)
<b>SATURDAY 25th,</b> To be announced	Scouts Spaghetti Fundraiser (CLC)



**PRAYERS:** Avery Anderson, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Brenda Carter, Pat Christensen, Buck Cooper, Maggie Cooper, Oliver Cooper, Patsy Cobb, Ashley Elliott, Donna Gault, Kim Holton, Geoffrey Tritten, Hunter Johnson, Truman Johnson, Otis Larson, Bobie Logsdon, Emma Lucas, Johnny Moss, Virginia Patton, Sonny Phillips, Ralph Rhodes, Larry Robertson, **Nellie Ross**, Lynn Snow, Carrie Ann Testerman, Darrel Thompson, Phil Ryhnes, Adam Wood.

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bud Blackburn, Amy Evans Boatwright, Milt Donaghey, Wanda Gopen, Jennifer Hood, **T.J. Johnston**, Randy Johnson, Mike Manning, Johnny Moss, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Emma Stewart, Doc Stokes, Karen Williams.

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Taylor Hayden Adams, Amber Blansett, Ashley Brady, Kelsey Eidson, Lili Giles, Molly Jackson, Leah Johnson, Stephanie Pyrum, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker.

## ATTENDANCE

<b>JANUARY 22nd, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	153
Chapel Service	67
Sanctuary Service	179
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>246</b>

<b>JANUARY 29th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	142
Chapel Service	70
Sanctuary Service	180
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>187</b>