

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

For my article this edition I want to update you on two important things on which I have been working: jump-starting our church's system of visioning, planning and implementing mission/ministry and exploring the addition of video equipment to our worship spaces...and we'll begin with the former.

* In the year (or so) before I came to Ada, the church's leadership spent considerable time talking about the mission of the church, adopting an official mission statement, and re-working the way the church structured itself to do ministry. Although space is limited, I want to at least include these 2 statements from the process:

- The Mission of FUMC Ada is to transform lives in the name of Jesus Christ...in our church, community and world.
- In fulfilling our Mission we seek to touch lives in little but meaningful ways, as often as we can, through love, word and deed, to help grow, everyone's relationship with Jesus Christ.

In order to achieve our mission, the church identified 6 specific areas where ministry is needed in our church and community, with the plan to recruit 6 separate teams to champion each of these areas, while doing away with existing ministry teams and making no changes to the existing administrative committees of the church. Given the intensive nature of the overall project, and the fact that David Daniel was moved before everything could be fully implemented, when I arrived things were in minor disarray. After spending time in prayer and "mulling over" our current situation, I present-

ed our Community Council (which is the new name of our church's highest decision-making body) with a plan, and they encouraged me to move forward with it. SO, very soon I will be sending out invitation letters to members of the church who indicated, on their 2017 Stewardship Cards, they were interested in being part of the various ministry teams of the church. From those who agree we will form a Mission/Ministry Team (MMT) to ensure we live out our mission as a church. The MMT's specific duties will be visioning, planning, implementing and overseeing the overall ministry of the church. Additionally, in the fall we will prepare for the merger of our existing administrative committees into one Church Management Team (CMT), which will begin in 2018. During this transition there will be opportunities for additional people to request to participate in either the MMT or CMT. I am excited about this new structure and believe it will help us maximize our effectiveness in *Transforming Lives in the Name of Jesus Christ...in our church, community and world*. Be looking and listening for future updates and invitations!

* A little over 6 weeks ago we held an informative session in the Sanctuary concerning the addition of video in our worship spaces. In the weeks since I have heard views from many people in the congregation (and still wish to hear them) and been doing quite a bit of research. Unfortunately I have come to the conclusion that my hopes for the simplicity of the project are not feasible for the sanctuary and maybe not for the chapel. Between the time of my writing and the time of your reading I will sit down with the "design guy" from AVL, a company I have used in the past located in Edmond, and discuss options. After this meeting I will have a better idea of what's possible and will then be meeting with our Trustees, Finance Committee and Community Council to update them and vote on the future of the project. I will make sure to keep the entire congregation updated along the way, and I encourage you to share your thoughts with me about the project if you have not done so already.

Well that wraps up another article! As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns about anything going on in the life of the church, please know my door is always open! 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 spent part of their Spring Break at Cross Point painting the Ardmore Cabin, raking leaves and sanding shelves. All of this preparation is leading to a busy summer for the camp ground. Their week of work was in honor of #avethebrave. You can check out more of their time together on their facebook page: ECU Wesley.



DINNER & WORSHIP	Campus Minister Janey Wilson 580-436-3400 ecuwesley.org ecuwesley	MONDAY APRIL 17 7-9 PM
By April 10 ecuwesley@gmail.com	  	205 YEARS

- 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 (Asbury UMC)
- March 21st: Purple Book Co-Ed Bible Study begins @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- March 26th: ECU Wesley attends worship at FUMC, Ada to hear Bishop Nunn
- March 31st-April 2nd: Janey got to Laity Training Event @ Cross Point
- April 2nd: Leadership Team Meeting/Dinner @ 6 pm @ ECU Wesley
- April 13th: Faculty/Staff/Student Faith Discussion Group/ Lunch @ 12:15 pm-1:15 pm @ the BSU
- April 17th: High School Night @ 7 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley
- April 22nd: Work Day @ SE Wesley @ 12 pm-6 pm
- April 23rd: Lead worship @ Trinity UMC, Purcell
- April 24th: College Senior Recognition FUSION @ 8 pm (last FUSION of the Spring)

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VOICE PRAISE

Several members of the Voices of Praise completed in the Oklahoma Music Piano Federation Competition held on the ECU Campus and received Superior ratings. These members were Rebekah Peters, Annabelle Peters, Kellan Stewart, Avery Rogers and Bryce Rogers. Congratulations to these students!!

Ada Community Theater held auditions for the upcoming production of "Peter Pan". Those students from the Voices of Praise who auditioned and received parts are Kellan Stewart as John Darling, Annabelle Peters as Brave Pine, Rebekah Peters as Vidia and Brendon Boyd as Fox. How exciting and fun, Congratulations!

Recently at a Voices of Praise Tuesday rehearsal, Ms. Rozzie asked who would like to do the closing prayer. They all wanted to so we did just that! We held hands with our neighbor, prayed individually, then squeezed their hand to let them know when it was the next persons turn. What a blessing these children bring to one another and to our church.



SAVE THE DATE!!

May 7th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Worship on Reaching and Ministering to All Generations (Present and Future)

Including:

- Centennial's
- Millennial's
- Generation X
- Baby Boomers

Worship Leader Rev. Derrick Belase
(Oklahoma Conference Staff)
Director of Discipleship

This event is being Co-Sponsored by Evangelism Committee and the Children's Department.



Do you know there are some great United Methodist Women Reading Program books in the church library? They include biographies, books about missions, social issues and spiritual growth. You don't have to be in the UMW to check out a book. For more information, call Narva Wilkerson at (580) 986-2178.



On Feb. 24 the church van headed south (Davis) to Smokin' Joe's Bar-B-Q. We all had more than our fill of the awesome bar-b-q and smoked meats. Couldn't leave the area without dessert so the next stop was Arbuckle Fried Pies. Harold Muse announced that the pies are cheaper by the dozen. How many Boxes of pies were taken home? I won't tell! I think the favorite pie was the apricot or maybe it was apple or peach or chocolate or maybe it was coconut cream. Before coming home, we stopped by the nearby Bedre Chocolate Factory and watched the candy being made and wrapped in foil wrappers. Did you know that the Bedre chocolates have an expiration date! They do not remain on the shelves after that date. Needless to say, you can buy chocolate there! Our next "table hop" will be Friday, April 7th. We will leave the church at 10 am in the van. Our destination-Legends Restaurant in Norman for an early lunch. After lunch we will see the movie, "The Case for Christ" which is based on the true story of an investigative journalist. We could get out of the movie about 3 pm and return home about 4:30 pm. We must have reservations for the restaurant so please call me at (580) 332-4720 before April 4th. FYI: I will also ask you to chip in a few dollars for gas expenses. -Carol Hayden



As you've hopefully heard, Youth Force will be coming to Ada again this summer.

In order to secure enough sites for our teams to work, we need your help. If you know someone who could use some help fixing up their house, especially "outside" projects, please spread the word. Applications are available in the church office. And remember, the occupant of the house must be the owner of the house.



**MORNING WITH DISNEY
SATURDAY, MARCH 25
FROM 9AM TO 11:30 AM
LOCATED IN THE CLC**

Congratulations to Stephanie and Drew on their baby girl Ellie Pierce-Pyrum born on February 20th in Glendale, Arizona.



Notes from the



What a beautiful day at the park! The sun came out and there was only a gentle breeze. We had plenty of food to share, plus we had clothing for men and extra groceries for our friends to take home. Thank you to Reva and to Dorothy for providing the extras we had. Our thanks, as always, to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe for your generosity, we could not possibly provide the hundreds of meals each week without their assistance. And, of course, thank you Julie, Jim, Rick, David, Fran, Clay, and Colin. You each give up a portion of your weekend to serve at the park, you are amazing!. We also thank the members of the First United Methodist Church of Ada for their support and their prayers. We could not serve at the park without you! Thank you all, and we hope to see you again next week, at the park

-Clay and Leslie Carley

UPDATE AND REMINDER

The Altar flowers chart located by the office **WILL** be in use now.

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.



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Passion

I am passionate about making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I have been blessed with gifts and graces to make a greater impact on ministries of transformation at the strategic intersections of district, conference, and general church.

Education

Abernathy High School, 1975
McMurry University, Bachelor of Arts, 1979
Asbury Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity, 1981
Asbury Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry, 1996

Transforming the Annual Conference

Leading efforts to plant new churches, recruit young, diverse clergy
Developing new leaders
Sharing the story using modern methods
Planting thirteen new or restart churches in the past three years
Reaching the Hispanic/Latino population
Emerging from financial crisis to debt free, adequately funded ministry

Reshaping Ministry in the District

Transformation at the District and Board of Ministry
Reducing districts and superintending in new ways
Making mission field appointments, recruiting clergy, administering processes
Experience with judicial processes of the church

Ordination

Ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church, Northwest Texas, 1980
Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, Northwest Texas, 1983

Annual Conference Leadership

Conference Board of Ministry, offices include chair, treasurer, secretary
Annual Conference Personnel Committee
Lubbock District Superintendent and Dean of the Cabinet
Conference Leadership Team
Member TMF (Texas Methodist Foundation) Board Member 2013-2016
Member TMF Loan Committee 2013-2016

General Church Experience

Delegate and delegation leader to the 2008, 2012, 2016 General Conference
Delegate to the 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016 Jurisdictional Conferences
Alternate delegate to the 2004 General Conference
General Conference Committee on Higher Education and Ministry 2008
General Conference Committee on Finance and Administration 2012
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry 2004-2012
Member of Jurisdictional Episcopal Committee 2008-2016
Endorsed as candidate for the Episcopacy by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Delegations, 2015

Clergy Service Record

Consecrated Bishop of the United Methodist Church July 16, 2016
Elected Bishop and assigned to the Oklahoma area July 15, 2016
NWTX Conference Director of Mission and Administration and Church Development, 2011 - 2016
NWTX Conference Director of Church Development 2010-2011
Pastor Aldersgate Lubbock 2008-2009
Lubbock District Superintendent 2003-2008
Pastor Oakwood Lubbock 1996-2003
First, Lubbock (Associate Pastor) 1986-96
Pastor Earth 1982-86
Pastor Jayton 1981-82

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 (Glenwood Park)
5:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)
Monday	
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 13 Meeting
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
Tuesday	
9:30 a.m.	Talmidim Bible Study
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
3:30 p.m.	Voices Of Praise Practice
Wednesday	
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

EVENTS IN



WEDNESDAY 22nd,
11:00 am Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY 25th,
9:00 am Children's Just for fun Saturday
(CLC)

SUNDAY 26th,
12:00 pm Reception for Bishop Nunn
(Fellowship Hall)



MONDAY 3rd,
6:00 pm Widows Dinner (CLC)

THURSDAY 6th,
5:00 pm Local Unit Leadership Team
Meeting (Library)



PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Duane Baker, Neal Beasley, Dudley Bricker, Mary Ann Briggs, Dean Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Brenda Carter, Pat Christensen, Giulietta Cook, Pat-sy Cobb, Linda Cox, Mary Criswell, Ashley Elliott, Donna Gault, Scottie Goins, Kim Holton, Helen Jaquess, Sue Jaques, Hunter Johnson, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Johnny Moss, Darla Murray, Virginia Patton, **Krystina Phillips**, Sonny Phillips, Ralph Rhodes, Larry Robertson, Scott Robertson, Katherine Roberts, Donna Robinson, Nellie Ross, Phil Ryhnes, Lucas Saunders, Lynn Snow, **Braydon Spores**, Dalton Spann, **Peach Stone (Relative to John Lucas)**, Carrie Ann Testerman, Darrel Thompson, Ken Turner, Adam Wood.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Dr. Joann Carpenter, Amy Evans Boatwright, Milt Donaghey, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, Mike Horton, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Bobie Logsdon, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Johnny Moss, Glen Ray, Phillip Roddy, Mary Jo Schoepflin, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Emma Stewart, Doc Stokes, Karen Williams, Phillip Wood.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Amber Blansett, Kelsy Eidson, Lili Giles, Amanda Hall, Leah Johnson, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker, Leslie Zanoff (Jenna Rahm's daughter).

WI FI INFORMATION:

PASSWORD FOR ALL "GUEST" NETWORKS: #FUMCAda
SANCTUARY NETWORK: fumcyouthext.
PASSWORD: fumcyouth

ATTENDANCE

MARCH 12th, 2017

Sunday School	188
Chapel Service	49
Sanctuary Service	137

Total Worship 186

MARCH 19th, 2017

Sunday School	182
Chapel Service	68
Sanctuary Service	178

Total Worship 246