

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

This week the church has been working on sending out first quarter giving statements to everyone. Because of this, it jogged my memory of something I intended to write in my article quite some time ago. Did you know there are several extremely convenient ways of giving to the church? If you are like me you rarely carry a checkbook or much cash, and having to remember to bring a check on Sunday mornings never happens (I always remember on Mondays and then it's too late to drop it in the offering plate). If you are like me I want to highlight 3 options to make your giving more convenient.

The first (and most popular in our church) is the automatic bank draft. Donna Jamar has the paperwork to set this up...and just like drafts for other purposes, your giving will come out each month at the same time, just like clock-work. This option is great because there are no fees charged to either the giver or the church, and it can be altered and/or cancelled with a simple phone call to either your bank or Donna in the church office. In case you are curious, we currently have about 30 people in the church using the bank draft for their giving.

Online giving through the church website (www.fumcada.org) is the second option. In the navigation menu at the top of the site, simply click on "Giving." Doing so will take you to our secure portal for giving, which is hosted by a company named Kindred. From this page you can register by simply giving your cell phone number and then entering the PIN you are sent.

From this point you simply enter the information requested to setup your giving (which will be stored for future use) and then you can make one-time or recurring gifts. When determining the method for giving, I recommend paying directly from your bank account as this requires only a 50 cent service charge per transaction. You can also use your bank card or credit card, but please know in addition to the service charge a small percentage of your gift will go to administrative fees, meaning the church will receive less than you give. Currently we have about 13 people who give through the church website on a regular basis.

The final option is really just an extension of the website giving, but instead of having to go to the website you can complete your transaction (after your account has been setup through the website) through text message. With this method you simply send the word "GIVE" to the number provided, and then respond with how much you wish to give. Again, a 50 cent service charge applies to all transactions, and those made with a credit or debit card incur an additional percentage fee. It's hard to say how many people are giving through text, but I know there's at least one (me).

If you currently take advantage of bank drafts or other automated services to pay your normal bills, I would recommend using one of the 3 options to automate your church giving. I have been using electronic giving for my charitable giving for a number of years and love it! It allows me to be faithful with my giving without having to remember to grab the check book or head to the ATM. I hope you will consider automated giving. Take care and have a great week!

P.S. As I was asking Donna for the number of people who use these automated options, she told me we were exploring other companies to host our online giving. So while we will always offer automated giving, the specifics of "how to" give might change in the future. If so we'll keep you posted!

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



ECU Wesley recognized fall 2016 & spring 2017 ECU Wesley grads. Form right: Hayden McIntyre, Emma Rolin, Carter David, Devon Taylor & Emily Stinson.



ECU Wesley led worship for the final time of the 2016-2017 school year on Sunday, April 23 at Trinity UMC-Purcell.

golf
Tournament

MONDAY, JUNE 12
OAK HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB-ADA

ECU WESLEY

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- During the summer months, May 8-August 7, ECU Wesley building hours will vary due to Janey's commitments to SE Wesley, ECU Wesley & Oklahoma Annual Conference. Please feel free to contact her before coming by to make sure she is there.
- June 12th: ECU Wesley 3rd Annual Golf Tournament
- August 15th: First day of classes

With Sympathy To the family and friends of Ken Turner

CHURCH WIDE MEETING MAY 21st
9:45 am- 10:00 am

(Sunday School Hour) in the Sanctuary.
This is in regards to youth Force which will be from June 25th- June 30th. We will discuss times, jobs and cookies.
ALL Volunteers Needed! Thank you!
- Sue Bricker

Notes from the



When the sun comes out and the wind dies down, you end up with a beautiful day at the park! We provided about 475 meals Sunday. It was perfect picnic weather, and there were a lot of people enjoying their dinners in the sunshine. Thank you, Jim, Rick, David, Fran, Don, Nina, Julie, Clay and Colin. You have given up another Sunday afternoon to serve dinner. And of course when we give thanks, we have to include KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe. It is the food that they share with us that makes this meal possible. In the coming weeks, we will continue to collect toiletries and other personal items to share at the park. We also appreciate the canned goods that are donated, we set them out so that individuals can "shop" for them before they leave with their dinners. Thank you all for your prayers, gifts, and encouragement, and, hope to meet you again next week at the park.
-Clay and Leslie Carley



Like Italian Cuisine? We'll be going to Little Italy (Krebs, OK) on Friday, May 12th. We will have lunch at Pete's Place and then a short visit to Lovera's. This is a small store that pride's itself on it's homemade cheeses, pasta, meats and more. We will leave the church at 11:00 am and

plan to return before 5:00 pm. I will need to make reservations at Pete's, so please call me before May 9th (580) 332-4720 or (580) 399-0705. .Looking forward to eating some Italian! Blessings to you
-Carol Hayden



How Do We Reach All Generations in Our Community?

I believe we can all agree that this is an important question to answer for all churches! If we are serious about making disciples of all people, we need to be able to relate to all age groups. Our Evangelism Team and our Children's Ministries Department have joined forces to bring to our church an expert on this topic! Reverend Derrek Belase, Director of Discipleship, OKUMC, will be here to talk to us on Sunday, May 7th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Dinner will be provided, and nursery will be available.

Reverend Belase will be able to :

- Analyze and describe demographics of our community
- Explain to us the spiritual and emotional needs of emerging generations
- Help us to learn a new way to communicate that will help us relate better to younger people
- Help us to talk to young people about faith in a way that they "Get it!"

These tools will help us not only to make disciples of people in our community and possible grow our church family, but they will also give us insight as to how to communicate with our own children, youth and young adults, our sons, daughters and grandchildren!

We sincerely hope you will make an effort to attend this very important meeting.

I have heard a rumor that whatever Sunday School class or group has the largest attendance will have the honor of bestowing a pie in the face of a certain senior pastor at our church, but I have not confirmed this with said senior pastor. I guess you will just have to join us to find out!

Blessings! -Lisa Elliott



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 GRADUATES!



DEVON CONSTANCE TAYLOR

Devon will be graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation she plans to assume the position of Associate Campus Minister at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, as well as pursuing the field of nursing.



ANDREW LEACH

Andrew is the son of Clyde and Jamie Leach. He is graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Economics. After graduation he will be returning to Ada, Oklahoma where he will work at his families business, Leachco.



CHRISTINE ELLIOTT

Christine is the daughter of Lisa and John Elliott. She will be graduating from the University of Oklahoma with honors and receiving her Bachelors in Journalism, her major in Creative Media Production, two Minors in Spanish and also in Film and Media Studies. Upon graduating she plans to relocate to Dallas, Texas to pursue a career in advertising or public relations.



REBECCA ROBNETT

Rebecca is the daughter of Melody Nick and Kelly Robnett. She is graduating from Ada High School and will be attending UCO. She has also won awards in Journalism while in high school.



MEREDITH MCGILL

Meredith is the daughter of Jim and Kelly McGill. She is planning on attending the University of Oklahoma and pursuing a Major in Accounting. She is graduating High School with special awards from being the Student Council Secretary, the Senior Class Treasurer, the DECA Vice President and for being on the National Honor Society. She played Varsity Golf for all 4 years, she was the Ruff Ryders Class Representative and a CNN Editor/Anchor Advanced Leadership.



CALI STENSON

Cali is the daughter of Janota Ronald and Erick Stenson. She will be graduating from Wellesley College in Wellesley, MA. She will graduate with a Major in Computer Science and Mathematics. Next fall Cali will move to Seattle and begin working as an Engineering Resident for Google.



MARLEIGH MCCLURE (Not Pictured)

Marleigh is the daughter of Scottie and Mike McClure and the granddaughter of Pud and Lisa Wood. She will be graduating from Ada High School and attending ECU this Fall.

JACK D. MALM (Not Pictured)

Jack is the son of Dennis and Melissa Malm and husband of Cassidy Malm. He is graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science in Instrumental Music/ Teacher Certification. He will be the Director of Bands for Allen,

TAYLOR DURR (Not Pictured)

Taylor is the daughter of Brad and Toni Durr. She is graduating from Ada High School and will attend at the University of Oklahoma.

EMILY ROBNETT (Not Pictured)

Emily is the daughter of Melody Nick and Kelly Robnett. She is graduating from Perkins School of Theology with a Masters of Divinity Degree and honors of Summa Cum Laude.

SPENCER KILBY (Not Pictured)

Spencer is the son of Ryan Kilby. He will be graduating from Ada High School.

LUKE HOLTON (Not Pictured)

Luke is the son of Russell and Kim Holton and grandson of Jim and Ann Dicus. He will be graduating from Ada High School.

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
Wednesday	
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
6:00 p.m.	Journey through the Bible (Education Wing)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Ringers Practice
6:00 p.m.	Youth Worship
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice

EVENTS IN



TUESDAY 2nd,	
12:00 pm	Trustees Team (Lindsay Classroom)
WEDNESDAY 3rd,	
7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway)
THURSDAY 4th,	
12:00 pm	National Day of Prayer (First Christian)
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SUNDAY 7th,	
4:00 pm	Reaching Younger Generations by Rev. Derrek Belase (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY 8th,	
10:00 am	Ruth Rachel (Parlor)
5:30 pm	Mary Martha Women's Group (Parlor)
TUESDAY 9th,	
12:00 pm	Minister Fellowship Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
WEDNESDAY 10th,	
1:00 pm	Knitting Class (Parlor)
THURSDAY 11th,	
10:00 am	GSPS Year End Program/Graduation (Sanctuary)
FRIDAY 12th,	
11:00 am	Table Hoppers to Pete's Place for Lunch (McAlester, OK)
SUNDAY 14th,	
ALL DAY	MOTHERS DAY
MONDAY 15th,	
6:00 pm	Knitting Class (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Foundation Meeting (Library)



PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Ernie Aikens, Avery Anderson, Duane Baker, Jim Berg, Kay Bolton, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Sheldon Buxton, Bradley Cane, Jim and Connie Bryan, Brenda Carter, Pat Christensen, Giulietta Cook, Patsy Cobb, Linda Cox, Mary Criswell, Ashley Elliott, Donna Gault, Michelle Gibson, Scottie Goins, Dortha Green, Kim Holton, Helen Jaquess, Sue Jaques, Hunter Johnson, Truman Johnson, Lynette Long, Emma Lucas, Cindy Minor, Johnny Moss, Darla Murray, Virginia Patton, Lou Payne, Ralph Rhodes, Larry Robertson, Scott Robertson, Katherine Roberts, Donna Robinson, Lawanna Ronald, Phil Ryhnes, Lynn Snow, Dalton Spann, Braydon Spores, Linda Staples, Peach Stone, Carrie Ann Testerman, Darrel Thompson, Adam Wood.

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

EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Amber Blansett, Kelsy Eidson, Amanda Hall, Leah Johnson, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker, Leslie Zanoff

ATTENDANCE

APRIL 16th, 2017	
Sunday School	212
Chapel Service	91
Sanctuary Service	390
Total Worship	481

APRIL 23rd, 2017	
Sunday School	196
Chapel Service	65
Sanctuary Service	173
Total Worship	434



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