

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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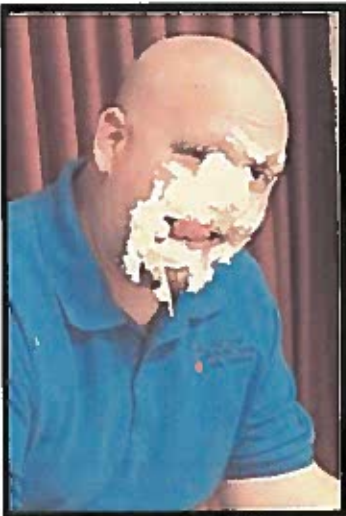
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Brian Matthews

Barring any setbacks, by the time you read these words there will be a new tool to enhance all worship experiences in Rollow Chapel: video screens. We are in the midst of learning to operate and program them, but over the coming weeks we will figure out what works best in our context and what doesn't work well, but for now we are taking baby steps. If you have not seen the screens, please take a few minutes to check them out and let me know what you think.

Now that they have been installed in the Chapel, I have already had questions about the status of the Sanctuary project. Over the past several months I have heard from many in the church about screens in the Sanctuary. While the vast majority of people have been in favor of installing them, a handful have expressed reservation or been opposed. Because of this (and because 40% of the cost of the Chapel project was given even before we had bids), the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees decided to move forward with the Chapel first, and then turn our attention to the Sanctuary. Doing this will allow people to see what they look like, and not have to rely on what they have seen elsewhere, or the pictures in their mind's eye. Again, if you have not already done so, please take some time to look at the screens in Rollow Chapel, and let me know what you think.

Since I'm already talking about A/V realities and possibilities, let me take a few minutes to refresh your memory (or share for the first time if you missed our informational session) why I believe the inclusion of screens in worship is so important. Hands down the most important reason (again, in my opinion) revolves around learning styles. During the sermon portion of the service, our current capabilities only engage 1 learning modality. If you are an auditory learner our current method serves you well. If your primary mode of learning is something other than listening, our current method is lacking. The use of screens will engage learners with at least 2 additional modalities: visual and read/write. Visual learners will benefit from seeing images that support the theme/main point of a service, sermon or song. Read/Write learners will benefit from reading the scripture, main point or quote along with the speaker. Since the sermon in worship is the primary Christian Education time for most Christians, we need to maximize its effectiveness...and the use of screens will increase the learning/retention rate of our members and guests.

While the learning styles argument is most persuasive to me, there are several other reasons I have experienced over the past 15+ years in churches with screens that bear mentioning:

◊ I believe screens increase participation in worship. When you stand in my place during Sunday worship, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings you see many people not participating when hymnals or bibles are involved. Rather than grab the hymnal/bible and turn to the right page, they simply stand/sit there. There's even some who will not hold a bulletin to join in the Call to Worship. Putting words on screens makes participation easier.

◊ Screens allow difficult sermon points to be made more easily. It's much easier to show a picture of something than describe it. It's more memorable when you say and project a powerful quote. Historical dates or genealogies translate better when able to see them. Videos/Movie Clips/Images often make a point more meaningful and long-lasting.

◊ Screens can encourage good environmental stewardship. When we need to advertise an important event, like we did recently with the generations workshop, we usually include an insert in the bulletin, which most often ends up on the Sanctuary floor and ultimately in the landfill. Many people would not use a bulletin if a screen was present, and special events can be advertised on the screen, thus reducing the amount of paper needed and keeping extra paper from ending up in a landfill.

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◊ Screens can be a great time-saver. We do a pretty good job of minimizing "announcements" in worship. But the reality is we have lots of things going on that people need to know about. Screens allow information to be shared before service begins and after it concludes.

◊ Screens can be used for discreet, in service information. All worship software includes the ability to project a small message on the screen to notify parents (or whomever) they are needed in the nursery (for example).

◊ Screens allow for flexibility in worship. Sometimes the Spirit leads me to change a song mid-service. Sometimes, because of unexpected events, we need to move things around. Sometimes, because of time constraints, we shorten things. Modern worship software is such that changes "on the fly" are not only possible, but extremely easy. In the time it takes a musician to play the intro to a song the new words can be on the screen. Within seconds of the pastor asking for a new/different scripture, it can be projected on the screen in any number of translations.

◊ Screens could rectify the situation many people experience each week during the Children's Moment, and seasonally during special programs: not being able to see the kids. Using a camera from the balcony could allow everyone to see the kids (or anyone speaking/singing etc.).

I could go on listing benefits of having screens, but I'll stop there. This will be my last article on the subject (I promise) and the last time I ask for input. So please take a look at the screens in the Chapel, let me know what you think, and if you haven't done so already let me know what you think about screens in the Sanctuary. Take care and have a great week...and I'll see you in worship soon!

Jesus is Lord,


Pastor Brian Matthews

Evangelism

As a climax to a highly successful seminar, Gail Danielson splashed a pie on Brian's face. She represented the Sunday School with the largest attendance (Sidewalk Prophets) and Donna Gault baked the "delicious" meringue pie. Brian was a really "good sport" and took it in stride. The seminar was attended by over thirty people. They were excellent ideas as to how to reach all generations led by Rev. Derrek Belase. We anticipate many positive results in the future.

- Pastor Roberto Escamilla and Lisa Elliott



ECU WESLEY



ECU held spring commencement on Saturday, May 6.

Pictured at left is Devon Taylor with Trooper Elwonger and Emma Rolin accepting her diploma from President Pierson.

Congrats to our ECU Wesley grads!

golf tournament

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

ECU WESLEY

7:30 AM REGISTRATION BEGINS
3 AM SHOTSUN START

For more information please contact ECU Wesley Campus Minister, Janey Wilson @ 580-436-3400 or @ ecuweley@gmail.com

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

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VOICE PRAISE

Our Voices of Praise have concluded another year of great singing, fun and fellowship. What a delightful group of children to sing praises to God. I hope everyone has a SUPER SUMMER and just maybe I'll see you at our Razzle Dazzle Music Camp from July 10th to the 14th. See ya, Rozzie

Notes from the



Another special Sunday at the park, Mother's Day! We served mothers from a special line where the men were serving. Thank you Clay, Don, Jim, David, Jeff, and Colin for helping to make the mothers feel a little special today. Thanks to Julie, Nina, and Fran for their help as well. This meal would not be possible without the generous gifts we receive from KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J. D.'s Cafe. It takes a lot of food to provide over 400 meals, and they share so that those who are hungry can enjoy a family meal each Sunday. Many area schools will start their summer break this week, and we expect the number of meals needed each week will be climbing. We also hope to collect canned foods, and toiletries to share at the park. We usually like to put these items out on a special table where those in need can "shop" and take what they need. Any donations would be appreciated.

If you would like to join our crew, we would love to have you. As the days heat up, we would like to be able to serve from three lines, so that no one has to wait too long in the heat. Have a great week, and hope to see you back next week, at the park.

- Clay and Leslie Carley

BURGERS N JAZZ

Our Annual Burgers and Jazz will be

Sunday, May 21st at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Bring a covered dish in the traditional Methodist style.

Burgers and hotdogs will be provided by our Koinia ministry. Our music will be fun to hear and even dance to (Yes we can dance, we are Methodists!!). Invite a friend and plan to attend and have great food, fun and fellowship.

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers have worked hard again for a very successful year— not only for our Sunday anthems but our extra musical performances for worship. This would include the Hanging of the Green, the Messiah Sing-A-Long's, the Music of John Rutter Concert, the Bell Concert, Christmas Caroling, the Lectureship and Good Friday. Also special music for Palm Sunday and Easter were arranged for a brass ensemble. Our music interns have been especially helpful in all of our worship services, whether singing or playing instruments. What a talented group of young people! Thanks to all of our bell and choir members for your devotion to the choirs and to the church. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

Sincerely,
Rozzie

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

Senior Adult Fishing/ Picnic Event

This event has been **cancelled** for May 20th and will be rescheduled for a later date in June. The weather forecast for that weekend is calling a lot of rain and we didn't want to take a chance of it pouring down on everyone. If you have any further questions please contact Sue Bricker at (580) 320-8902. Please keep a watch out for the upcoming date for this event!

Thank you,
Sue Bricker



The Vim Medical Team will be leaving on

May 25th– June 3rd for
Waslala, Nicaragua.

We have 22 team members! Church members are Amelda McCortney, Sherry VanHorn, Glenda Gray, Beth Kreigh and Paula Watkins. Please keep the team in your prayers!



The lunch at Pete's Place in Krebs was as suspected- GREAT! I think we could have lined Route 66 with all the spaghetti served! For me, the highlight of the trip was a visit to Lovera's Italian Gro-

cery store just a few blocks from Pete's. A 4th generation young man named Mateo (Matthew in Italian) gave us an excellent dissertation on the art of cheese making which is done on site and a brief history of his family's start in Krebs. Most immigrants to Krebs were recruited to work in the coal mines. Although they had already made cheese earlier in the day, we got to see the site and short videos of the process. Of course home-made smoked sausage and cheeses made their way back to Ada! The next table hop has not been scheduled but Brick Town is high on the list. Toby Keith's has an outstanding smoked prime rib but there are many venues to choose from. Watch for announcements in the next Advocate.

FYI--Everyone is invited to go on our outings. This is a great way to get better acquainted with each other, break bread together, enjoy Christian fellowship and simply get out of Dodge (so to speak) for a brief time.

Bon Appetite!

Carol Hayden (580) 332-4720 or [\(580\)399-0705](tel:580399-0705)

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.	Chancel Ringers Practice
6:00 p.m.	Youth Worship
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice

EVENTS IN



SUNDAY 21st,	
9:45 am	All Church Meeting for Youth Force (Sanctuary)
	Burgers N Jazz (Courtyard)
5:30 pm	
WEDNESDAY 24th,	
11:00 am	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm	Knitting Class (Parlor)
6:00 pm	Journaling Class (Lindsay Classroom)
	Church Vision Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm	
THURSDAY 25th,	
7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
MONDAY 29th,	
All Day	Memorial Day— Office Closed



THURSDAY 1st,	
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SUNDAY 4th,	
11:00 am	Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (Fellowship Hall)



PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Duane Baker, Neal Beasley, Jim Berg, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Sheldon Buxton, Brenda Carter, Pat Christensen, Giulietta Cook, Patsy Cobb, Linda Cox, Mary Criswell, Ashley Elliott, Leonard Briley, Michelle Gibson, Tracy Godwin, Scottie Goins, Kim Holton, Wendy Hood, Helen Jaquess, Sue Jaques, Hunter Johnson, James Lane, Truman Johnson, Lynette Long, Emma Lucas, Johnny Moss, Darla Murray, Virginia Patton, Ralph Rhodes, Scott Robertson, Katherine Roberts, Donna Robinson, Lawanna Ronald, Phil Ryhnes, Lynn Snow, Dalton Spann, Braydon Spores, Peach Stone, Carrie Ann Testerman, Darrel Thompson, Marilyn Waller, Adam Wood, Tiffant Wright.

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, 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, Jordan James, Leah Johnson, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker, Leslie Zanoft



WI FI INFORMATION:

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

ATTENDANCE

MAY 7th, 2017	
Sunday School	138
Chapel Service	54
Sanctuary Service	176
Total Worship	230
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MAY 14th, 2017	
Sunday School	
Chapel Service	60
Sanctuary Service	223
Total Worship	