

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

This past week I had an experience at church that served as a great reminder to me that my job as a follower of Jesus is to use the gifts He has given me to serve His children, and not spend time and energy determining who is (or isn't) worthy of my time/energy or who might simply be "playing the game." On Tuesday a young man walked in the church office asking to speak to the pastor. Normally Bob handles such requests, but since it was after lunch (Bob is only in the office in the morning) I invited the young man into my office. After sitting down he started telling me his story: carless, homeless, jobless, and only 5 months out of the penitentiary for drug related offenses. After listening to him I asked what I could do for him. He proceeded to tell me he was looking for something to eat, a place to shower, and maybe somewhere to spend the night. We talked about that for a little bit, and then I asked him what his long-term plan was, since everything he asked for was an immediate need. He told me about the difficulty of finding work after a felony conviction and prison sentence, but without work he couldn't really see a way forward. I proceeded to tell him it would take a little time for me to process his long-term needs, but I knew Sue had some food prepared in the kitchen and we could put him up for the night in a local motel. After he ate we sent him to a local motel. I am typing this on Tuesday afternoon and don't know what is going to happen, but hopefully he will come back tomorrow morning (as I asked him to) and I will give him a name to contact about a job that is available.

What happens next is not really the focus of the article. What I want to share with you is the range of emotions/thoughts/feelings I went through during and immediately after meeting with this young man. When faced with these type situations (and they are not uncommon when you work at a church), there are a couple ways to proceed. You can either work diligently to help the person in front of you, OR allow previous negative experiences keep you from going out of your way to serve. You see every person who has ever worked in the church has seen first-hand the people who come through the door on a regular basis looking for help. Sometimes the people are nice, and sometimes not. Sometimes the people seem sincere, and sometimes not. Sometimes the people's problems are self-inflicted, and sometimes not. Sometimes it's obvious they have spent their money on drugs, alcohol and cigarettes instead of paying their bills. Sometimes their water bill has been neglected while their cable bill is current. Sometimes their only income is SSI or unemployment, and yet they appear completely able-bodied. Unfortunately it is very, very easy to become calloused when you deal with people in need day in and day out. And I must admit there have been times when I failed to recognize the person in front of me as a beloved child of God and I choose to turn them away. For whatever reason this was not one of those times.

The scripture I find most helpful when dealing with those who walk through our doors, or stand on street corners with signs asking for help, or position themselves outside heavy traffic places is Matthew 25. In the latter part of Matthew 25 Jesus praises those who reach out to their neighbors by saying, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." This experience with the young man (and again I don't know how it ended) reminded me that my job is to serve the Lord by serving His children. My job is NOT to make judgments about whether or not the person in front of me is worthy or truly in need. It is so easy to determine that people are playing the system and refuse to help...but the call of Jesus on our lives is to serve the Lord and His people ...period.

I hope that gives you some insight into my way of thinking...and I hope you will spend some time this week thinking about how you relate to those God places in your path. Have a great week and I will see you in worship soon!

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor Brian Matthews



FOUNDATION REPORT

A Firm Foundation

The FUMC foundation had its annual meeting 5-15-17. Special guests, Emma & Maggie (music interns) spoke to the group about their duties & how the church has helped their development. The trustees meet & went over the grants requests one by one. \$39,648 of unrestricted money earned through investments of the Foundation were allocated. The children's department, ECU Wesley, Evangelism Committee, Library, Local Aid, Music Ministries, VIM, & Capital Campaign were some of the groups helped through the Foundation. As was UMW, Mission TF, Building Maint., Scholarships, Muntz/Myers, Transformers SS, and Golden Agers with \$17,390 of restricted funds. I want the membership to know the Foundation is working to help the different ministries of this church every fiscal year.

Please consider a donation or membership in the Foundation. The money is invested and next year the interest money earned will continue to help the ministries of FUMC of Ada.
-Keta Morgan, Chairman

Evangelism

SAVE THE DATES!!

SEPTEMBER 24th- 25th, 2017

Muntz/ Myers Lectures featuring

Dr. John C. Holbert in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm.

He is an outstanding preacher and renown author.

Subject: The problem of suffering and pain according to the book of Job.

NOVEMBER 10th, 2017

Annual Veterans Luncheon featuring Senator Greg McCortney in the CLC (Christian Life Center) at 12:00 pm.

He is an outstanding Public Servant from Ada.



Monday, June 12
Oak Hills Golf & Country Club-Ada

ECU Wesley

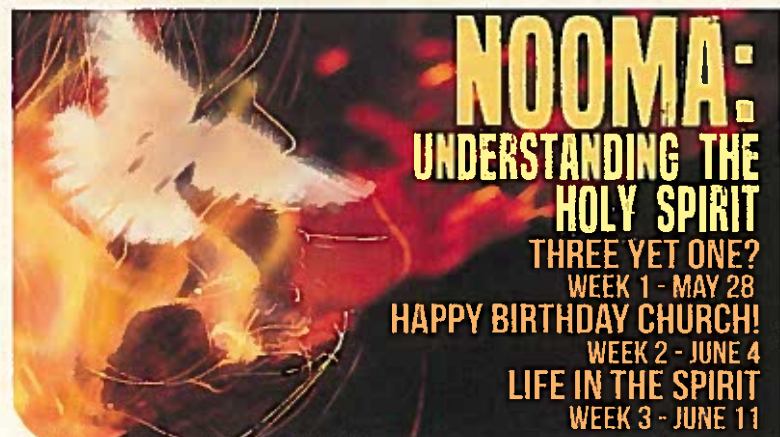
7:30 AM REGISTRATION BEGINS
8 AM SHOTGUN START

For more information please contact
ECU Wesley Campus Minister, Janey Wilson
@ 580-436-3400 or @ ecuwesley@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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UNDERSTANDING THE
HOLY SPIRIT
THREE YET ONE?
WEEK 1 - MAY 28
HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!
WEEK 2 - JUNE 4
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
WEEK 3 - JUNE 11

Sending Our
SYMPATHY

*To the family and
friends of
Joann Carpenter*

Notes from the



Another beautiful day at the park. We served a lot of new people Sunday. We expect to see our numbers grow now that school is out and the water park is open. We even had some new helpers today, thank you to Crystal and to Scott who helped, and welcome back to Adam and Joanne. To our regular crew, Jim, David, Fran, Nina, Don, Julie, Clay, and Colin, our thanks to you as always. You are the backbone of this outreach.

It would not be possible without you! Thanks you also to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe for all that you so generously share for the park meal. And to the members of the First United Methodist Church, your prayers and support are what makes it possible for us to return each week to serve our community. Thank you.

-Clay and Leslie Carley

REMINDER!!

Razzle Dazzle registration forms are online through our website or you can pick one up in the office.

Congratulations to
Sarah and Dalton Walker

Their baby boy Dalton Bradley Walker Jr. was born on May 16th weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Congratulations to them and to the grandparents Bill and Anita Walker.

REMINDER!!

Vacation Bible School starts Monday, June 19th through Thursday, June 22nd from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. If you would like to register your child for this event please

contact Lisa Elliott at (580) 272-8264 or the office at (580) 332-1398.



Senior Adult Fishing/Picnic Event
Friday, June 9th from
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

We will honor our Senior Adults (65 and up) with a fun afternoon at the Elks Lodge. Bring your lawn chairs and favorite fishing items! We will have some extra poles if you don't have one.

4:30 pm- Fishing and visiting
5:30 pm- Prizes
6:30 pm- All you can eat catfish dinner served (Elks Lodge)

There will be help for anyone who needs help with baiting hooks, fishing and any other help you may need.

Please call Sue Bricker for any questions you may have and to R.S.V.P. on if you are wanting to attend (580) 320-8902.



ADA YOUTH FORCE
June 25th-30th (Sunday to Friday)

Many Blessings
Fellowship And Fun
A Whole Lot of Love and Appreciation

"We Need"

(Delivered to Fellowship Hall by Sunday June 18th)

- "Large" Ice Chests (with name on them)
- 5 gallon orange coolers
- Cookies
- Most of all Loving Volunteers and Strong Backs

"Extra Things"

- Water
 - Gatorade
- Our church meets the needs of these 250 kids for this week, any items listed above are greatly appreciated. Our First United Methodist Church always supports our events, so Thank you in advance.

Lots of love, Sue Bricker



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)
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 Meet-Up (Church)

EVENTS IN



THURSDAY 1st, 5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SUNDAY 4th, 11:30 am	Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY 5th, ALL DAY	Lake Country District Camp (Crosspoint Camp)
6:00 pm	Knitting Class (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY 7th, 7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway)
6:00 pm	Journaling Class (Lindsay Classroom)
MONDAY 12th, 8:00 am	ECU Wesley Golf Tournament (Oak Hills Golf and Country Club)
5:30 pm	Mary Martha Women's Group (Parlor)
6:00 pm	VBS Volunteer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY 13th, 12:00 pm	Ministers Fellowship Meeting (Parlor)
3:30 pm	Church Vision Meeting (Parlor)
WEDNESDAY 14th, 1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
THURSDAY 15th, 8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal Church)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SUNDAY 18th, ALL DAY	Fathers Day
MONDAY 19th, 12:00 pm	Trustees Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)



PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Abigail Ayers, Duane Baker, Neal Beasley, Jim Berg, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Sheldon Buxton, Brenda Carter, **Sheila Dunn (Shaun Keisers Mother)**, 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, **Lynette Long and Family**, Truman Johnson, Lynette Long, Emma Lucas, **Nicaragua Mission Trip Members**, Johnny Moss, Darla Murray, Virginia Patton, Ralph Rhodes, Scott Robertson, Katherine Roberts, Donna Robinson, Lawanna Ronald, Phil Ryhnes, **Mackella Smith** (Hellen Jaques Granddaughter), Lynn Snow, Dalton Spann, Braydon Spores, Peach Stone, Carrie Ann Testerman, Darrel Thompson, Marilyn Waller, Adam Wood, Tiffany Wright.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, Mike Horton, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Bobie Logsdon, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Johnny Moss, **Cindy Minor**, 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, Leslie Zano

WI FI INFORMATION:



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

ATTENDANCE

MAY 14th, 2017	
Sunday School	138
Chapel Service	60
Sanctuary Service	223
Total Worship	283
MAY 21st, 2017	
Sunday School	137
Chapel Service	63
Sanctuary Service	141
Total Worship	204