

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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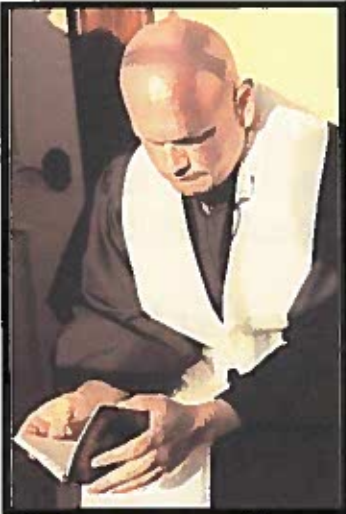
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Brian Matthews

With Father's Day just around the corner I thought I'd give you a little insight into the man I called "dad." Had it not been for a tragic event, Al Matthews would have simply been my great uncle. But in the wake of my parents' death, he became "dad," "pops," "padre," and on occasion "AR/Albert Ray." Dad grew up the son of a farmer/rancher and school teacher in the small town of Onapa, Oklahoma. After high school he joined the US Air Force and served as a navigator during the Korean War. After he completed his enlistment he enrolled at Oklahoma A&M, where in addition to his studies he was a member of the Rodeo Team. Upon graduation he enrolled in the University of Oklahoma School of Law, and soon after completing Law School he went into private practice in Checotah and later Muskogee. He was very active in The Masonic Lodge and Bedouin Shrine, where he was a member of the Mounted Patrol and served a term as Potentate. It was a heart attack and open heart surgery in 1979 that really shaped dad into the person I knew. As part of rehab/recovery his doctors told him exercise needed to become a regular part of his life...and so dad turned to his old friend "rodeo" and began calf roping, which he practiced daily and spent weekend and summers on the road. Because of his rodeo "addiction" I spent most summers living out of our motor home and traveling time all over Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Thanks to rodeo I was able to visit some great places: Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Mount Rushmore, Little Big Horn, the Space Needle and even attended the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Dad practiced 3-5 times a week and rodeoed 40+ weekends a year up until he had a stroke in his mid 70s. Although his rodeo days were over he continued to practice law for a couple more years before COPD got the better of him and eventually ended his life. What I'm most proud about is the Christian my father became in the last years of his life. Dad never went to church until I became involved in leading worship and eventually became a pastor. I still remember the day my dad told me he had attended "bleacher church" at the rodeo grounds...and he said he thought he'd do that regularly. Then he started attending when home. Before I knew it he was really trying to live out his faith and began a daily time of prayer and study. My father was far from perfect, but it gave me joy to see him becoming more Christ-like in his later years. Dad died just after Thanksgiving 2013. While I was sad I would never see him again in this life, I was thankful he did not linger on too long after he was unable to rodeo or practice law. If you still have your dad with you, make sure you let him know how much you love him...I wish I could still do that.

Take care, Happy Father's Day, and have a great week!

Jesus is Lord.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Matthews'.

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



Janey & Devon attended Annual Conference on May 29-June 1 in OKC.



3 of our ECU Wesley students, Loudon Johnson, Emma Rolin & Hayden McIntyre left for a week long mission trip to Nicaragua on June 2.

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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.

- August 15th: First day of classes



Sue and her kitchen volunteers made a road trip to the big town of Pawhuska, Oklahoma. They visited the almost famous Pioneer Woman Mercantile. We shopped several hours, then had a family style dinner of Ree Drummond's special recipes. There was so much food, that it took several hours for the meal. We even asked for our desserts to be boxed for later as a midnight snack. We had lots of entertainment at the hotel with Janet Larney and 17 innings of the O.U. Girls Softball game. I want to thank my regular kitchen volunteers for their many hours of labor this past year, Ann Lane, Aggie Allen, Glenda Moon, Mariam Paniagua, LaDonna Hill, Donna Gault, Elaine McKnight, Janet Larney and Mary James.

-Sue Bricker

REMINDER!!

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

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Congratulations to the Johnson family!

Leah and Jordan Johnson welcomed their baby boy Paxton Johnson to the world on June 5th, 2017.

He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz

and congratulations to the great grandparents Pat and Don Venable.



YOUTH FORCE

Don't miss out, there's still a need for volunteers!

The Guardian angels are in need of 7 more sets of 2 per car (14 volunteers total) to deliver snacks and lunches at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. We also need several Tech Angels to advise the kids to work sites along with cookies, large ice chests and orange igloos. You will receive many blessings from these great kids as you work with them. Sign up sheet are located in the office.

Thank you,
Sue Bricker



VBS REMINDER!!!!

If you haven't already registered you still have time to!

There are forms located in front of the office or you can contact Lisa Elliott at (580) 272-8264 if you have any questions.

Notes from the



The expected rain did not make an appearance today, and with the help of our friends, we were able to provide around 500 meals! There were also extra groceries available for anyone who could use them...Thank you Reva! We had some new volunteers at the park today, thank you Fred, Karen, and Crystal who joined us again, this time bringing some extra help with her. We love it when young people want to help serve. They set a wonderful example for the rest of us.

Thank you, as always, KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe, and also, thank you to the Elks who shared hot dogs with us. We really appreciate the generosity of our community. To the rest of our servers, Don, Nina, David, Jim, Fran, Julie, Clay, and Colin, thank you.

To my very dear (old) friend Karen and Scott, thank you, your gift will help supply extra needs at the park, and we hope that you will indeed join us in serving sometime in the future. That is about it for this week, hope to see you all back next week, for dinner at the park.

-Clay and Leslie Carley

Memorials

May 2017

In Memory of Marsha Robbins Sherbert

By: Mary Jane Muntz
Amanda & Carlos Padilla
Charles & Sharon Butler
Sue Jaquess
Janelle McKnight

In Memory of Ken (Coach) Turner

By: Mary Jane Muntz
Homebuilders Class



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.	Talimidim Bible Study
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
Wednesday	
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)



PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Duane Baker, Neal Beasley, Dudley Bricker, Leonard Briley, **Shawn Dail**, Dean Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Sheldon Buxton, Bradley Cane, Pat Christensen, Giulietta Cook, Patsy Cobb, Linda Cox, Sheila Dunn, Ashley Elliott, **Larry Gen-try**, Michelle Gibson, **Raymond Gibson**, Tracy Godwin, **Nicole Hammond**, **Carol Hayden**, **Cody Hill**, Kim Holton, Wendy Hood, Helen Jaquess, Sue Jaques, Hunter Johnson, James Lane, **Pat Looper (daughter of Billy Barnes)**, Lynette Long, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Johnny Moss, Darla Murray, **Jane Muntz**, Virginia Patton, **Tammy Prentice**, Ralph Rhodes, **Cheryl Rhynes**, Katherine Roberts, Lawanna Ronald, Phil Ryhnes, Mackella Smith, Lynn Snow, Dalton Spann, **Linda Staples**, Peach Stone, **Teague Family**, Darrel Thompson, Marilyn Wal-ler, **Amber Whitman**, Tiffany Wright.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Wanda Go-plen, 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, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Taylor, Leslie Zanooff

EVENTS IN



WEDNESDAY 14th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
THURSDAY 15th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SUNDAY 18th,	
ALL DAY	Happy Fathers Day!!
MONDAY 19th,	
6:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School (June 19th-22nd)
WEDNESDAY 21st,	
11:00 am	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
THURSDAY 22nd,	
7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SATURDAY 24th,	
10:30 am	Church Vision Meeting (Youth Room)
SUNDAY 25th,	
ALL DAY	Youth Force (June 25th-30th)
WEDNESDAY 28th,	
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)



WI FI INFORMATION:

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

ATTENDANCE

MAY 28th, 2017	
Sunday School	125
Chapel Service	54
Sanctuary Service	133
Total Worship	187

JUNE 4th, 2017	
Sunday School	176
Chapel Service	74
Sanctuary Service	158
Total Worship	232