

Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.  
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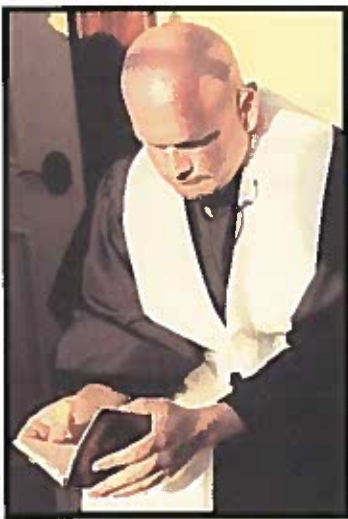
## The First United Methodist Church

# ADVOCATE



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Sometimes life really throws you for a loop. This past Thursday I got a phone call from my sister Tammy. I was sitting in Donna Jamar's office having our early-morning huddle and considered not answering the call, but something told me to answer. Immediately I knew something was wrong, as panic and sadness filled my sister's voice. She proceeded to tell me that close family friends had both been shot, the husband was dead and the wife was being taken by air ambulance to Tulsa for emergency surgery. Unfortunately as the details came out over the next 24 hours, the picture was one of a terrible accident: a husband startled awake by what he thought was an intruder, a gunshot to the abdomen of the wife, and in what I can only assume was unbelievable panic, fear and grief, a self-inflicted, life-ending final gunshot. A terrible tragedy that leaves a wife of 45+ years alone and confused, 2 adult children without their father, 5 grandchildren without their beloved grandfather, and many of us missing a dear friend.

The last couple days have given me the opportunity to "practice what I preach" with regards to death and dying. When I meet with a family in the wake of a loved-one's loss, I always encourage them to do 2 important things: 1) remember the Gospel message and 2) remember their favorite stories from their loved-one's life. And so in my article this week I want to do those 2 important things...and I appreciate you allowing me to use this public space to process a very private hurt in my soul.

### *Brian Matthews*

When I was 8 or 9 years old, the Danny Ross family started going on yearly ski trips with the Matthews'. One year we went to Keystone, CO during winter break. While riding up the Gondola to the top of the mountain, I vividly remember Danny telling one joke after another and laughing at the top of his lungs. He laughed so loud that his kids and I told him he was embarrassing us. Wrong thing to do! Danny just laughed louder and in more bizarre ways to ensure the embarrassment was thorough. Danny was also a great athlete in his youth and so he was always a staple on our church softball team and a great partner in several benefit golf tournaments, including several benefitting Camp Egan, which many of you know is near and dear to my heart. When Shannon and I were looking to purchase our first house, Danny (a realtor) was our guide...and source of great comic relief as we looked at some weird color schemes and wallpaper! At one house we walked up to, Danny got the keys from the lockbox, opened the door, took one step in, immediately turned around, closed the door, replaced the keys and headed for the car. We stood there wondering what was going on when Danny looked at us and said, "Trust me...you weren't gonna like that one...just saving us some time!" Although it's been quite some time since I've seen or talked to Danny, I will never forget the time we shared.

I will so never forget the promises made to Danny in scripture. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they die, shall live. And whoever believes in me will never die." Danny was a believer. I've come to learn that Danny had been quite sick and unable to leave his house. My buddy Chris told me he hadn't seen Danny in church for some time...but Danny managed to make it to Ash Wednesday service on the last night of his earthly life. I know today Danny's earthly sickness is healed as he is worshipping in the presence of the Lord. And while I will miss him, I know I will see him again some day...and for that I give thanks to God!

I thank you for allowing me to process Danny's passing in this public forum...and I encourage you, in the wake of death and dying, to remember the promises made to all who believe in scripture, and tell your stories over and over again of lost loved ones and friends.

Have a great week and I'll see you in worship soon!

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

# ECU WESLEY



ECU Wesley attended the All Wesley Retreat in Arkansas City, KS at Horizon Camp & Retreat Center on February 17-19, 2017.

ECU Wesley shared their ministry story with First Christian Church, Ada



- Monday's during the spring semester: Random Snacks of Kindness in the University Centre @ 11 am-1 pm; FUSION Worship @ 8 pm @ ECU Wesley
- March 12<sup>th</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break Mission Trip to Cross Point
- March 21<sup>st</sup>: Purple Book Co-Ed Bible Study begins @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- March 26<sup>th</sup>: ECU Wesley attends worship at FUMC, Ada to hear Bishop Nunn

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Taylor and Dillon Hayden Adams on their baby girl, Aubry Hayden Adams, and to her great grandmother Carol Hayden. She was born on February 27th in Covington, Kentucky.

Congratulations to Bruce and Patti Bonar on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Hallie Claire, on Feb. 22nd.

Congratulations to Lyn and Tony Pyrum on the birth of a grandbaby, Ellie Pierce, daughter of Drew and Stephanie Pyrum.

Congratulations to Corinne Schwandt on a new granddaughter, Kay Renea, born in Minnesota.

## PUNCH N PALETTE!

Hey folks! We are having a Punch n Palette event here at Ada First! Trina Stark from Scruptopia will be here to inspire us in our artistic abilities. It will be Thursday, March 16th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in our CLC and the cost is \$30.00 which includes materials. Please come by or call the church office to be included!!



## UPDATE AND REMINDER

The Altar flowers chart located by the office will no longer be in use.

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.

## Lenten Sermon Services

- March 12, Tuesday of Holy Week
- March 19, Wednesday of Holy Week
- March 26, Sunday Bishop James Nunn, Guest Speaker
- April, 2, Holy Thursday
- April 9, Palm Sunday
- April 14 Good Friday Events
- April 16, The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter)



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THIS SUMMER

### Vacation Bible School

June 19<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup>  
6-8-p.m.



### Youth Force

June 25<sup>th</sup>–30<sup>th</sup>

We will need many volunteers to make Youth Force a great experience. We will have more information as the date gets closer, but please pray about volunteering.

## NEW ADDRESS

Billie Frank Turner  
2910 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway, Unit 104  
Henderson, NV 89052

Thank You

Thank you Lord for all the Blessings, Cards, Calls and Prayers of the church.

-The Hutt Family



Our church participates with other area churches in The Ada Meals on Wheels program which serves the elderly. The program serves a noon meal 5 days a week and provides 3 important benefits. The first is that it provides a nutritious meal prepared by Mercy Hospital. Elderly who live alone seldom eat properly. Second is the patron will be served by a friendly volunteer and third it ensures that someone is checking on their safety.

In the past there has sometimes been a waiting list to get on the program, but there are now several available slots, so if you know of someone that might benefit from this service, then you can contact Cindy Hall at Mercy Hospital (580) 421-1517. She is the Meals on Wheels coordinator. The meals do require a small fee.

## Notes from the



Another Sunday Dinner has been served at the park. We were only able to serve from one line today, several of our volunteers were unable to join us. No one seemed to mind the extra wait in the serving line. Fortunately, once again, the predicted rain held off and we were able to enjoy being outside at the park on a winter day. Special thank you to Jim, Rick, David, Fran, Clay, and Colin, with their help, we were able to provide about 400 meals! As always, thanks to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe. Their donations make this meal possible.

We continue to collect clothing, blankets, and toys and games (these will be held until Christmas). Thank you to Dorothy for sharing clothes with us recently, we will be taking them to the park next week.

That's all for now, have a great week, and hope to see our friends again, next week for Dinner at the park.

## News from Ada Early Childhood Center



### Greetings from Ada Early Childhood Center!

Things are very busy as you might imagine and the children are welcoming the warmer temperatures and beautiful weather. Ada Early Childhood Center was fortunate to receive a site grant from the Ada City School Foundation. The grant is to build an outdoor Literacy Park where students can learn literacy skills but in an outdoor setting. We are so excited about this new project and know that our students will be the real benefactors. We need some help with putting together tricycles, building an area that will house mulch, spreading mulch and other projects that will help us to complete this project. If you would be interested in helping in some way please give me a call at the school.

Spring will be here soon and again the children are excited, however, sometimes these times are often our most challenging. I know the teachers and administration would appreciate prayers for our students and our faculty and staff.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Brady

## Children's 'Just For Fun' Saturday

March 25th 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Disney Characters will perform some of your favorite songs and dances on our CLC Stage, and then sign autographs, eat with you and maybe play some games also! Featuring ECU Showtime!



## FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dewey Campbell

(brother of Norma Donaghey)

By: Fellowship Class to Care Ministry

In Memory of Joe Tom Griffith

(brother of Mary Ann Briggs)

By: Fellowship Class to Care Ministry

Mary Jane Muntz to Boy's Ranch

Jack & Jenna Rahm to Vocal/Bell Choir

In Memory of Mel Hutt

By: Mary Ann Briggs

Dorothy Hutt

In Memory of Harold Danielson

By: Jack & Jenna Rahm to Vocal/Bell Choir

## Benefit Concert for Doc!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LITTLE DOC STOKES BENEFIT CONCERT COMING UP MARCH 25TH, 7:00 PM. AT MCSWAIN THEATRE.....  
DINNER BEING SERVED AT 4:30-6:00 AT ADA FIRST NAZERENE CHURCH. TICKETS GOING ON SALE FIRST OF THE MONTH AT [WWW.MCSWAINTHEATRE.COM](http://WWW.MCSWAINTHEATRE.COM)

COME ENJOY GOSPEL MUSIC GAITHER STYLE WITH FEATURED ARTIST AND A GREAT CIRCLE SINGING GOOD OLE GOSPEL SONGS! AN EVENING OF REACHING OUT TO LIFT UP! STAY TUNED!!!!

Let's Do This for

# Doc!

March 25th

7:00pm

Benefit Concert

for Doc Addison Stokes

featuring

Tisha Todd and Circle of

Friends

McSwain Theatre

Dinner at Ada Church of the Nazarene before concert.

Tickets available at [www.mcswaintheatre.com](http://www.mcswaintheatre.com)



# 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

## MARCH Upcoming Events

**ATTENTION!! Daylight Savings**  
Time begins this Sunday morn-  
ing at 2:00am



**Don't be late for Church!!**

March 13—17 Spring Break  
No Awana  
No Mosaic  
No Meal  
No Choirs  
Financial Peace WILL meet

March 16—Thursday  
6:00pm Punch n Palette (CLC)

March 20—Monday  
Noon Trustees Team (Lindsay Class)

March 22—Wednesday  
11:00 Golden Agers

March 25—Saturday  
9:00 am Children's 'Just For Fun' (CLC)

If you would like to connect to our wifi anywhere in the church, please login as a guest with the password being #FUMCAda except in the Sanctuary the network is fumcyouthext and the password is fumcyouth. If you have any further questions please contact the office.

Thank you!

## Pray WITHOUT CEASING

**PRAYERS:** Avery Anderson, Neal Beasley, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Brenda Carter, Pat Christensen, **Giulietta Cook**, Buck Cooper, Maggie Cooper, Oliver Cooper, Patsy Cobb, **Linda Cox**, Mary Criswell, Ashley Elliott, Donna Gault, Scottie Goins, **Andy Hood**, Helen Jaquess, Hunter Johnson, Truman Johnson, Otis Larson, Emma Lucas, Johnny Moss, **Darla Murray**, Virginia Patton, Sonny Phillips, Ralph Rhodes, Phil Rhynes, Larry Robertson, Donna Robinson, Nellie Ross, **Ross Family**, **Lucas Saunders**, Lynn Snow, Carrie Ann Testerman, Darrel Thompson, **Ken Turner**, Adam Wood.

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bud Blackburn, Amy Evans Boatwright, Milt Donaghey, Wanda Goplen, Kim Holton, Jennifer Hood, Sue Jaquess, Randy Johnson, Bobie Logsdon, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Johnny Moss, **Glen Ray**, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Emma Stewart, Doc Stokes, Karen Williams, Phillip Wood.

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Amber Blansett, Kelsey Eidson, Lili Giles, Leah Johnson, Sadie Kilby, Cara Morris, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker,

## ATTENDANCE

### FEBRUARY 26th, 2017

Sunday School	140
Chapel Service	65
Sanctuary Service	199

**Total Worship 264**

### MARCH 5th, 2017

Sunday School	131
Chapel Service	64
Sanctuary Service	194

**Total Worship 258**