

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*

In the wake of Lent and Easter Sunday my body and brain are pretty well toast...which make it a great time for an edition of "Ramblings from the Pastor." What follows is in no specific order and I cannot be held responsible for the things that ramble out! Here it goes:

⇒ Thank you so much to all our musicians and volunteers who made Holy Week a memorable experience in my faith journey. Sue and her team did a fantastic job with all their prep work for the Holy Thursday experience, Rozzie and the musicians truly shared the message of Jesus with us through music and song, the many events for children and youth were awesome, the office and building staff kept everything running smoothly and all the other volunteers that contributed did so tirelessly. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

⇒ Knock, knock. (Who's there). Dishes. (Dishes who). Dishes Sean Connery. \*\*you gotta read the punch line in your best Connery voice.

⇒ On Sunday, May 7 we will have a visitor with us for worship and an afternoon/evening seminar. Rev. Derrek Belase is one of my close friends and is currently serving as the Director of Discipleship for the entire Oklahoma Annual Conference. On the 7th Derrek will spend time teaching and helping us consider how the church can reach out to the diverse generations that live in Ada. Depending on whose definitions you use, there are between 5 and 7 generational groups living in Ada today...and the church has traditionally been very good at reaching only a few of these at a time.

Derrek will help us consider how we might maximize our evangelistic outreach to as many of God's children as possible. Please make every effort to support this great event.

⇒ As I made a "One Call" this morning I wondered if everyone in the life of the church is on the "One Call" list. One Call is a service that allows us to record a phone message and send it to a large group (I think we currently have 375+ enrolled). If you do not receive messages from One Call but would like to, please contact the church office...and in case you are afraid of being inundated with calls, we send on average 2-3 per month to the entire group. You can also add your email address to our list to receive somewhat more frequent news and notes.

⇒ What would you guess is the most requested song during my Chapel sessions with the students at Good Shepherd Pre School? The first person to correctly identify it to me will win a prize!

⇒ On Monday of Holy Week I was invited to speak to the attendees at FUMC Ardmore's Holy Week lunch series. The invitation was given by David Daniel and it was a great joy to spend a couple hours with him in his new ministry setting. While there I assured David he is missed here in Ada and thanked him for all the hard work he did to make FUMC Ada such a great place for me to serve. He of course continues to speak glowingly of his time in Ada and wants you to know how much he loved being your pastor and friend!

⇒ If everything goes well we should have some decisions made in the next couple weeks concerning the addition of video to our chapel and sanctuary. I've asked for your input many times and we are getting to the "speak now or forever hold your peace" moment.

⇒ Has April the Giraffe had that baby yet?

Well it looks like I've run out of space so I'll sign off for now. We are nearing the completion of year one of our ministry together, and I cannot tell you what an awesome year it has been for my family and me. We love you, the church and Ada as a whole! Thanks for letting us be your pastoral family. Have a great week!

Jesus is Lord,

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

Pastor Brian Matthews






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

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Monday's during the spring semester: Random Snacks of Kindness in the University Centre @ 11 am-1 pm; FUSION Worship @ 8 pm @ ECU Wesley
- Tuesday's during the spring semester: Asbury Kidz @ 6 pm (Asbury UMC) & Purple Book Co-Ed Bible Study @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Work Day @ SE Wesley @ 12 pm-6 pm
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Lead worship @ Trinity UMC, Purcell
- April 24<sup>th</sup>: College Senior Recognition FUSION @ 8 pm (last FUSION of the Spring)
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: ECU Wesley 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

## EVANGELISM New Generations Seminar



We are about to embark on a new and vital venture; "Reaching and Ministering to Emerging Generations". This project fits in

with our Mission Statement and also our slogan, "A Church for ALL Generations".

This event will be held on May 7th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Childcare and meal will be provided. Rev. Derrek Belase will be our Leader and has an outstanding record! He is on the staff of the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

There will a lot of people who we would expect to attend: Parents of elementary school children, Junior High and Seniors, Sunday School Teachers, Chairs of the Committees, Presidents of UMW and UMM and Circles. Also any of else who may be interested in attending.

This Seminar is co-sponsored by the Evangelism Committee and the Children's Ministry. If you have any questions please contact Re. Brain Matthews, Lisa Elliott or Pastor Roberto Escamilla at the church (580) 332-1398.

This is going to be a supremely important meeting; Don't miss it!

- Pastor Roberto Escamilla



## Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church of Ada will present a concert featuring music written by English Composer, Jon Rutter. Rutter was born in London in 1945 and was educated at Clare College in Cambridge, where he was first recognized as a composer, a manager, and conductor. His Christmas carols were recorded on the EML label. He did post graduate study and continued to compose. His compositions range from chord works to large orchestral works, opera, pop and light music.

He has been asked to write for special occasions, such as royal weddings and funerals, "Music captures these moments" to form lasting memories. "Music goes beyond words", as quoted by Rutter. Rutter is still writing today to bring those and other memories to life.

The Chancel Choir will be doing Eternal God, For the Beauty of the Earth, All Things Bright and Beautiful and The Lord is My Shepard. Also on the program will be a flute/clarinet guest performed by ECU professors, Nathaniel Bermon and Alexander Aguiar. Rudy Lupinski will accompany the choir and also perform an organ duet with Rozzie Purdy, variations on an Easter Theme.

The concert is April 30th at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary of the church. Please plan to attend and support our Chancel Choir. You will be blessed!

## The Voices of Praise

The Voices of Praise will present their spring concert on Sunday, April 23rd at 9:40 am in our Sanctuary. A variety of music will be performed, Lord I Need You, Scales and Arpeggios, Let There Be Peace on Earth, Joy Inside and With a Thankful Heart plus others. Please plan to attend and support our children. They have worked hard on this music, You will be blessed!



## Harry Miller District ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT May 15, 2017

The 2017 tournament will be held at the Oak Hills Golf & Country Club.

Oak Hills is located at 519 North Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma.

REGISTRATION starts at 7:30 am on tournament day  
SHOT GUN START starts at 8:00 am

If you would like to sign up there will be registration forms in the church office or you can contact Steve Ivan. Registration forms are due by May 1st and Sponsorship Support must be in May 12th. Lunch will be provided following the tournament

Please contact Harry Miller District Chairman,  
Dr. Steve Ivan at 580-380-1415 or email  
tsivan@hotmail.com if you have any questions about the  
2017 Harry Miller District Annual Golf Tournament.





On the 7th of April the Hoppers went to Legends Restaurant for lunch and then went to see the movie "The Case for Christ". If you have an opportunity to see the movie,

I recommend that you see it.

After the movie it seemed appropriate to have dessert! A stop at Cracker Barrel took care of that! I am planning a trip to Krebs (Pete's Place) for our next outgoing in May. Mid or late June may possibly be to "Red Rock Canyon Restaurant" in Norman for an outdoor dining experience.

So many excellent places to eat out, its hard to decide where to go. Dates and details will follow.

Remember- this group is all about Christian fellowship, food, laughter and making friends! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Bon Appetite,  
Carol Hayden

## Notes from the



Not just any Sunday, today was Easter Sunday, and as usual, our friends were at the park. They came to serve. We depend on them, asking them to give up part of their weekend, even holiday weekends, and we are so blessed by them. Thank you, Jim, Fran, Don, Nina, Julie, Jeff, David, Rick, Clay, Colin, and so many others who show up and ask if there is anything that they can do to help. Our thanks also to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe. Their gifts make this meal special

This week, we did not serve chicken as we usually do on Sunday, instead we served ham. The hams were donated by someone who wanted the people at the park to be able to eat the same sort of meal most other families enjoy on Easter. To that gentleman, Thank you.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week, and hope to see you next Sunday, for dinner at the park.

-Clay and Leslie Carley



This camp will have reinforcement and enrichment lessons designed for Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science and Music using an Ocean theme. The hours will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the church through the month of June, Monday through Friday.

We have registration forms in the office or if you would like more information on this camp regarding dates and costs please contact the church office, Trudy Winter or Donna Estes.

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## FROM THE KITCHEN MINISTRY

Volunteer- Noun: A Person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

Monday, April 3rd our church honored 170 Widows with a beautiful Easter Banquet. Our CLC looked like a Easter Egg exploded, thanks to Donna Gault and LaDonna Hill. They did a beautiful job of decorating with Nancy Cody volunteering to help set up the many decorations.

My kitchen volunteers offered to take on the large task of preparing this special meal, Aggie Allen, Glenda Moon, Ann Lane, Janet Larney, Marian Paniagua, Donna Jamar, Elaine McKnight and Janota Ronald. They worked many long hard hours to prepare the meal. Glenda Moon and Aggie Allen did inform me that there would be no more Twiced Baked Potatoes served for a large meal.

Julie Luke always makes our clean up job easier because she is our Tablecloth Angel. She does our laundry after each event, "What A Blessing".

We needed 50 volunteers to help serve and help with parking and to escort the ladies inside, we had a awesome turnout "Kudos to each of you". A big thanks to the Scouts who came to help also.

Thank you, Thank you for the many birthday gifts and door prizes that was provided. The ladies were very excited! One lucky widow received one year of Roadside Assistance provided by Debra and Hicks Smith.

Our entertainment was provided by one of our choir interns Emmy Robinson. Several of the ladies said she looked and sounded like an Angel.

Stephen and Jason also put in a lot of extra work setting up tables, cleaning up after the event all with a happy face.

Amber (our awesome secretary) ran off hundreds of bunnies for the table, frosted the cupcakes, helped serve tables and clean up afterwards. Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!

Most of all Thanks to Mary Beth Myers and the care Ministry for allowing us to do this Banquet and to our First United Methodist Church for helping to serve our Widows.

-Sue Bricker -Kitchen Ministry



To the family and friends of

Sandi Larson

Billy and Verna Rice's

Sister-in-Law

"A BIG thank-you to my FUMC friends, kids, and Chancel Choir for the wonderful sendoff!! FUMC has been a huge blessing in my life, and while I'll enjoy my new life in Tulsa, the wonderful people at FUMC will stay in my heart forever! Thanks again!! Love, Phyllis Danley"

THANKS  
from the  
HEART



# Opportunities of the Week



# Church Family Prayer List

**Worship times are the same each week,  
unless announced**

<b>Sunday</b>	
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)
<b>Monday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 13 Meeting
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Awana
6:00 p.m.	No Adult 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

## EVENTS IN APRIL

<b>SATURDAY 22nd,</b>	
9:00 am	Kids Play Practice (Sanctuary)
<b>SUNDAY 23rd,</b>	
9:30 am	Voices of Praise Annual Spring Concert (Sanctuary)
<b>TUESDAY 25th,</b>	
9:00 am	GSPS Art Show (Lindsay Classroom)
<b>WEDNESDAY 26th,</b>	
9:00 am	GSPS Art Show (Lindsay Classroom)
11:00 am	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
<b>THURSDAY 27th,</b>	
1:00 pm	Trustees Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
<b>SATURDAY 29th,</b>	
9:00 am	Kids Play Practice (Sanctuary)
<b>SUNDAY 30th,</b>	
10:45 am	Children's Spring Play (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm	Chancel Choir Concert Music of John Rutter (Sanctuary)

## EVENTS IN MAY

<b>MONDAY 1st,</b>	
6:00 pm	Knitting Class (Parlor)
<b>WEDNESDAY 3rd,</b>	
7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop)
<b>THURSDAY 4th,</b>	
12:00 pm	Nat'l Day of Prayer (First Christian)
5:00 pm	UMW Local Unit Leadership Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory (Lindsay Classroom)

## ATTENDANCE

<b>APRIL 9th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	181
Chapel Service	61
Sanctuary Service	255
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>316</b>

<b>APRIL 16th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	212
Chapel Service	91
Sanctuary Service	390
Sunrise Service	25
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>481</b>



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

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Neal Beasley, 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, Leah Johnson, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker, Leslie Zanoff

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