

Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Brian Matthews

Greetings my friends...I pray your summer is going well! And if it's not don't fret, it's almost over. As usual there's lots and lots going on in the life of your church, so I'm gonna use my "ink" to talk about some of them. Ready or not, here we go:

* We have officially completed our 4 Vision Meetings. I want to thank everyone who made time to be part of these meetings. I feel I have a pretty good idea of what we believe our strengths and challenges to be, and know there is widespread commitment to building on our strengths and making progress in areas where we struggle. Be watching future *Advocates* for the date and time of the next Visioning event, which will be a Friday/Saturday planning event to get serious about planning for the future!

* When I moved to Ada I mentioned my desire to have "One on Ones" with as many people as possible. Many of you contacted Donna and scheduled times to get to know me and vice versa. I want to extend that offer again. If scheduling prevented us getting together in the past year, it's not too late! Contact Donna Jamar in the church office and let's have a cup of coffee, lunch, or simply sit down together in the office.

* I have been working on 2 sermon series that will take us through August and September. The first is a 4-week series using episodes from the life of David. During this series we will examine David's encounters with Goliath, Jonathan, Bathsheba and Absalom. And then after Labor Day we begin a series titled, "The Other 6 Days," which will focus on helping us view our work as part of

our calling as disciples of Jesus instead of something that is completely separate. I am excited about these series and pray they will be a blessing for us all.

* I need to take just a minute to brag on our church's ministry to children. This summer has been full of great events for children. VBS was awesome...we had lots of kids present each night and they had a blast! A week or so ago we had a wonderful event at the Wintersmith Aquatic Center. I never think to count at events like this, but I know the place was full of children, youth, parents and grandparents enjoying time together. And then I have to mention Razzle Dazzle Music Camp, which provided a full week of fun and musical learning. The concert at the end of the week was great...and a couple videos can be found on my personal Facebook page. I cannot say enough about these events! Thanks to Lisa, Kim, Lauren, Rozzie and their teams for continuing to provide great ministry to families with kids!

* It looks like the video screens will be installed in the sanctuary the week of August 7, which means August 13th they will now be operational in both our worship services. I have 2 sermon series in the works to highlight their capabilities. One will feature clips from Dr. Seuss' *Horton Hears a Who*, and the other, which will be featured during Advent/Christmas, uses clips from the many Christmas TV specials/movies that have become "staples" in our society. I am extremely excited about the ways screens will enhance our worship! And as I mentioned recently in worship, if you would like to help offset the cost of this new technology, please feel free to do so by marking your gifts "Video Screens," and placing them in the offering plates or bringing them by the church office.

Once again I have run out of space before running out of things to say (have you ever noticed preachers have that problem)! Oh well, I guess I have stuff to begin with next time. Take care...I look forward to seeing you in worship real soon! And by the way, I hope you enjoy the pictures our editor keeps finding for my article...this one should be titled, "Can't you see I'm eating..."

Jesus is Lord,



Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

During the summer months, May 8-August 7, ECU Wesley building hour. Janey is trying to keep the electric costs way down this summer to save money. Please feel free to contact her before coming by to make sure she is there.

- August 8th: ECU Wesley Board of Directors Meeting @ 6 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- August 12th: Move In Day for ECU students
- August 13th: Block Party @ 6 pm-8 pm
- August 14th: First day of classes/Chamber Fair @ 10 am-1 pm

Check out our
NEW WEBSITE!

Be sure and check out the updated ECU Wesley website at: ecuwesley.org

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News from Ada Early Childhood Center



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th at 8:00 am
at the Ada Early Childhood Center.**

This will be an opportunity to show our adopted school, Ada Early Childhood Center, the church's support by helping in the annual School Beautification Day. Bring rakes, hoes, and gloves and help us make the AECC building ready for a new school year!

Memorials

July 2017

In Memory of Bobie Logsdon

By: Mary Ann Briggs

Steve and Mary Forster

Don and Donna Birdwell

James Hunter

Debbie and David Buxton

In Memory of Charles H. (Chuck) Iles, Jr.

By: Jack and Joella Borcharding

Notes from the



There are days at the park that stand out more than others, Sunday was one of those days. We learned that two of our friends will be leaving Oklahoma soon. They are a couple who share so much love with those around them. It has been a joy to know them, they will be missed. We also caught up with a young man who came to the park very early in this ministry (about nine years ago). We are so proud of this young man, he is married, has a young son, and has completed a course in welding. He is definitely on the right track. Whenever one of our friends from the park comes back to show us how they are doing, we are filled with joy. We are so thankful that we have been allowed to be part of their lives! Thank you to all who have stood with us, shared with us, and prayed for us. You are what makes this happen.

-Leslie and Clay Carley

Razzle Dazzle

Razzle Dazzle was a sizzling success and enrollment included 42 young singers!

We sang, learned music theory, studied music around the world, art and music, recreation, snacks and wonderful lunches. Thanks to all who helped make our fourth annual camp wonderful!

-Rozzie Purdy

Save the Date



The annual Chancel Choir Retreat will be August 19th. We will read through music that will be sung in the

fall semester. Snacks will be served as well as lunch. Our guest clinician is Beverly McLarry from First Unitarian Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. If you are interested in being in choir, this is a great opportunity to meet everyone and have a fun day. Below is the schedule for that day:

8:30 am- for Coffee, Donuts and Juice

9:00 am- 12:00 pm- Music/Singing

12:00 pm- Lunch

Call Rozzie Purdy for more information at (580) 332-6624.

FORCE 2017



Thank You To Our "Ada Community"

THANKS
from the
HEART

Ram Jack— serving and providing the funds for Wednesday Dinner (this included the families of the home's that were repaired). Also for the water bottles for all of the youth force team.

Holcim— providing ear plugs, bottled water for the work site and Gatorade for all the workers.

Apple Market— thank you for providing pork chops (350 of them) for dinner one night.

Mercy— provided and served an awesome Italian meal for Monday night.

Vision Bank— thank you for Rodney Stein and Shannon Matthews for grilling 400 pork chops in 108 degree weather. (Kudos to the chefs)

Culligan— thanks for providing the water coolers, water and cups for the week.

To our church members- if you see or visit one of these businesses be sure and thank them, remember "It does take a village" to do these projects.

Thank you again!

-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	
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)

EVENTS IN JULY

THURSDAY 27th,
7:30 pm District Scout Leaders Meeting
(Lindsay Classroom)

AUGUST

TUESDAY 1st,
7:00 am Methodist Men Breakfast
(Aldridge Coffee Shop,
200 S. Broadway)

THURSDAY 3rd,
5:00 pm Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Meeting
(Lindsay Classroom)

WEDNESDAY 9th,
1:00 pm Knitting Group (Parlor)

SATURDAY 19th,
8:30 am Choir Retreat (Choir Room)

WEDNESDAY 23rd,
4:00 pm VBS Reunion Party (CLC)

Pray WITHOUT CEASING

PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Jane Baltimore, The Barton Family, Sue Bricker, Dudley Bricker, Leonard Briley, Dean Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Pat Christensen, Giulietta Cook, Buck Cooper, Patsy Cobb, Linda Cox, Shawn Dail, Ashley Elliott, Dortha Fenton, Larry Gentry, Tracy Godwin, The Green Family, Jim Harris, Carol Hayden, Cody Hill, Kim Holton, Wendy Hood, Helen Jaquess, Sue Jaquess, Hunter Johnson, Bob Langston, Wilma and Gary Lawson, Pat Looper, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Johnny Moss, Darla Murray, Jane Muntz, Cheryl Rhynes, Katherine Roberts, Linda Staples, Scott and Sarah Stewart, Jeanene Stevens, Peach Stone, Teague Family, Darrel Thompson, Marilyn Waller, Amber Whitman, Cathy Wilkins.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Neal Beasley, Bud Blackburn, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Cindy Minor, Johnny Moss, Glen Ray, Mary Jo Schoepflin, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Doc Stokes, Karen Williams.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS:
Amanda Hall, Katie Harris, Jordan James, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Taylor



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SANCTUARY NETWORK: fumcyouthext.
PASSWORD: fumcyouth

ATTENDANCE

JULY 2nd, 2017	
Sunday School	151
Chapel Service	62
Sanctuary Service	165
Total Worship	227
JULY 9th, 2017	
Sunday School	152
Chapel Service	79
Sanctuary Service	143
Total Worship	222