

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

Last night I got back from a 9-day, 2600 plus mile journey to our nation's capitol. While there I got to see many of our nation's historical landmarks, including, thanks to a friend in high places (Oklahoma's Chancellor of Higher Education Glen Johnson), a tour inside the White House. While it was very cool seeing monuments, buildings and documents I've seen on TV and in documentaries many, many times, it was my unplanned trip to Old Town Alexandria, Virginia that provides the basis for my article today. At the recommendation of an employee of Senator James Lankford, we decided to forego our day of visiting various Smithsonian Museums and instead go to Mount Vernon and Old Town.

After spending some time at Mount Vernon, and eating lunch at the historic Gadsby's Tavern, we made our way to Christ Church, which was the home church of both George Washington and Robert E. Lee. While sitting in the Washington Family Box (apparently in old times instead of a bunch of pews facing forward, pews were in family style), an elderly church member told us about the history of the church and of Washington's faithful attendance and support of the church. It seemed odd to me that it was referred to as "The Washington Family Box," but I soon learned that in the past the church supported itself by "renting" pews instead of passing offering plates and/or pledges...and apparently Washington was extremely generous in the amount he gave yearly for his box. What an interesting idea!

After the initial history lesson about the church, the member showed us a few small plaques on the pews in the Washington Family box indicating where Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Winston Churchill sat side-by-side just a couple weeks after the Pearl Harbor attack and participated in a National Day of Prayer as America joined its allies in the fight against the Axis Powers. It was a moving experience sitting in the same seat 2 of our great presidents sat for prayer and worship, asking God to bless and guide our country. Christ Church has been a regular place of worship for American presidents through the years and has hosted some of the world's greatest people of faith, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who preached there on the day of his daughter's, who was on staff at Christ Church at the time. What an unexpected joy it was to visit Christ Church.

All in all our vacation was great and full of experiences I will carry with me for a long, long time. Now I look forward to getting "back in the saddle" and having a great fall of mission and ministry! Have a great rest of your week and, as always, I look forward to being in worship with you real soon.

Jesus is Lord,

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

Pastor Brian Matthews

# ECU WESLEY

## MEET OUR TEAM

Meet our team (staff) for the fall 2017 semester at the ECU Wesley!

- **Janey Wilson, Campus Minister** (starting her 4<sup>th</sup> year on team/staff)
- **James Houchin, Ministry Intern** (starting his 3<sup>rd</sup> year on team/staff)
- **Autumn Kibbie, Administrative Intern** (starting her 1<sup>st</sup> year on team/staff)
- **Chris Byers, FUSION worship leader** (starting his 1<sup>st</sup> year on team/staff)
  - **Donna Jamar, bookkeeper** (starting her 4<sup>th</sup> year on team/staff)
  - **Paige Townsend, janitor** (starting her 4<sup>th</sup> year on team/staff)

You can read more about them on our website at [www.ecuwesley.org](http://www.ecuwesley.org) under the staff button.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August 8<sup>th</sup>: ECU Wesley Board of Directors Meeting @ 6 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- August 12<sup>th</sup>: Move In Day @ 9 am-12 pm; Swim Party @ 6 pm-9 pm (meet at ECU Wesley @ 5:45 pm) @ the home of Jim & Ann Dicus
- August 13<sup>th</sup>: Worship @ First United Methodist Church, Ada @ either 8:30 am or 10:45 am; Lunch @ ECU Wesley at noon; Block Party @ 6 pm-8 pm on the Cent. Plaza
- August 14<sup>th</sup>: First day of classes; Howdy Day @ 10 am-1 pm on the UC lawn; Movie & Games @ ECU Wesley @ 7 pm-9 pm
- August 15<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Social w/Faulty @ 6 pm-8 pm on the UC lawn; Capture the Flag @ 8 pm on the UC lawn
- August 16<sup>th</sup>: Random Snacks of Kindness on the ECU Wesley Lawn @ 10 am-11 am; Camel Rides @ 11 am-3 pm on the UC Lawn
- August 17<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor Movie & Pizza 8 pm on the UC lawn
- August 18<sup>th</sup>: Wax Hands @ UC 11 am-3 pm
- August 20<sup>th</sup>: Lead worship/sermon/testimony @ Wesley UMC, Shawnee @ 10:30 am; ECU Wesley Leadership & Dinner @ 6 pm @ ECU Wesley
- August 21<sup>st</sup>: FUSION Worship @ 8 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley (every Monday unless there are no classes)
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>: #Freshmen17 small group @ 8 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley (every Tuesday night this semester)
- August 24<sup>th</sup>: Upperclassmen Group @ 8 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley (every Thursday night this semester)
- August 27<sup>th</sup>: Worship @ Asbury United Methodist Church, Ada @ 10:30 am

## share

our stories

This semester we continue to share our ministry store in churches. Here is our travel schedule for this fall:

- August 20<sup>th</sup>: Shawnee Wesley UMC
- September 10<sup>th</sup>: Thackerville UMC & Marietta FUMC
- September 17<sup>th</sup>: Fitzhugh UMC
- September 24<sup>th</sup>: Ada First Presbyterian Church
- October 15<sup>th</sup>: Ada Asbury UMC
- October 29<sup>th</sup>: Konawa UMC
- November 12<sup>th</sup>: Ada FUMC

When we aren't sharing our stories, we will worship in Ada congregations such as: Ada FUMC, Ada Asbury UMC, Ada First Christian Church, Ada First Presbyterian Church, Ada St. Luke's Episcopal Church and other local congregations.



Be sure and check out the updated ECU Wesley website at: [ecuwesley.org](http://ecuwesley.org)

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## Notes from the PARK

Another beautiful day at the park, and Sunday afternoon is the perfect time to have chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, and cookies! Thank you to our servers, Montana, Charlie, Rick, Jeff, Fran, Fred, Karen, Crystal, Jim, Clay, Scott on the guitar, and Colin. Of course thank you to KFC, J.D.'s Cafe and Amber's Sweet Shoppe. They make this meal possible! We are also thankful for the groceries that were provided today, and the clothing. We have started collecting winter necessities already to share when the temperatures start dropping...thank you Lynnette. Today we learned that one of our younger servers was seriously injured at home this week, please pray for her, she is in a hospital burn unit. We were recently asked what church does this meal...We are from the First United Methodist Church of Ada, but we also have friends from Baptist Churches, and some of our friends do not attend church at all. Today some young women from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints asked if they could help. We welcome them, at the park, we all serve as the hands of Christ, caring for each other. By the way, don't forget to stop by Amber's Sweet Shoppe on August 11th. It is her second anniversary. Let her know how much we appreciate her! That's all for now, hope to see you again next week, for dinner at the park. -Leslie Carley

# 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.

# Adventure Bible

**BIBLE ADVENTURE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.**

**WE WILL TAKE A TRIP THROUGH THE ENTIRE BIBLE WITH STORY TELLING, CRAFTS AND GAMES!**

# VOICES PRAISE

**VOICES OF PRAISE WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, FROM 3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM FOR GRADES 1ST THROUGH 6TH.**

# Awana

Because Kids Matter to God

**AWANA BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH FROM 4:00 PM TO 5:30 PM.**

**CHILDREN ENJOY A BIBLE STORY, PLAY GAMES, AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEMORIZE BIBLE VERSES FOR AWANA DOLLARS!**

# Back to School Party

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (CLC) FROM 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!! There will bounce houses and snow cones!**

# CHANCEL RINGERS

Chancel Ringers will start on August 30th, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Bell Room. Get ready for some "ringin'" tunes.



# LABOR DAY

Sept. 1-4, 2017  
Cross Point Camp  
Lake Texoma  
Weekend Sponsored by  
Oklahoma Conference of The UMC  
Camp and retreat Ministries



A fun, relaxing, long weekend at a low cost, on Lake Texoma for families, friends and individuals.

Reserve your spot now at [www.okcamps.org](http://www.okcamps.org)

Spend the last official weekend of summer relaxing at Lake Texoma. Arrive Friday evening and leave after lunch on Monday. Choose a lodging package — tent, RV site, by the bunk, or by the cabin — for families, small groups, or singles. Enjoy the challenge course, swimming, tubing, and other fun. Bring and launch your boat, too. Meal package includes three breakfasts, three lunches, and two dinners. Registration Deadline August 25, 2017 For more information and registration <http://www.okumcministries.org/camps/>

# Table Hoppers Event

The Table hoppers ate at Iguana Grill in Midtown, OKC. They had terrific authentic Mexican food (pictured below is some great quesadilla's with lime rice carrots). The building was a very neat car body repair shop. They also visited the Cowboy Hall of Fame but that didn't end their trail, they made one more stop for dessert at Cracker Barrel in Shawnee.



# 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)
<b>Monday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 13 Meeting (Starts September 11th)
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Talmidim Bible Study (Library)
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)

## EVENTS IN

*August*

<b>WEDNESDAY 9th,</b>	
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
<b>THURSDAY 10th,</b>	
5:30 pm	GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor)
<b>SUNDAY 13th,</b>	
10:45 am	Blessing of the Backpacks (Sanctuary)
2:00 pm	Troup 13 Eagle Scouts Ceremony (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY 16th,</b>	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
<b>THURSDAY 17th,</b>	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
<b>SATURDAY 19th,</b>	
8:30 am	Choir Retreat (Choir Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY 23rd,</b>	
11:00 am	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
4:00 pm	Back to School Party (CLC)
6:00 pm	Chancel Ringers
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir
<b>THURSDAY 24th,</b>	
7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)



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

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Neal Beasley, Bud Blackburn, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Cindy Minor, 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 Stevens**, Kayla Taylor,



**WI FI INFORMATION:**

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

## ATTENDANCE

<b>JULY 16th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	127
Chapel Service	61
Sanctuary Service	131
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>JULY 23rd, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	129
Chapel Service	65
Sanctuary Service	120
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>185</b>



*Please keep the family  
and friends of  
Gary Wilcox  
in your prayers  
Gary passed  
Friday, August 4th.*