

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

Good morning, afternoon or evening church. I still seem to be a week behind (thanks to my vacation), and so I am writing a last minute article to keep Amber and Donna from flogging me! Since it's last minute I better just ramble, which is good because I have lots to ramble about...so here we go:

This past Sunday was the "official" beginning of Brent Adrian's leadership of FUMC's Youth Ministry. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Brent and his wife Celeste, I hope you will make time to do so. They are great additions to our community and church, and I am extremely excited for what God has in store for the future of our ministry to youth. His new ideas and fresh eyes are just what we need...so be watching for more information and keep your eyes open to experience the ministry grow and reach more students for Jesus.

This Sunday after worship I will head to the big town of Blackwell, OK for a couple days of sermon planning in the glamorous confines of the Best Western Blackwell Inn. As always I will be joining my buddies Josh and Ronnie, and this time we will break in a "newbie" whom I have not yet met. I know it's last minute, but if you have any ideas for sermon series, or stand-alone sermons, please don't hesitate to share them with me. Having preached 48-50 Sundays a year for the past 12 years, it can be challenging to come up with new ideas or perspectives, so please feel free to share your ideas with me.

Mosaic resumes soon! I hope you will prayerfully consider participating in Mosaic, our Wednesday evening ministry. There will be dinner for everyone in the fellowship hall from 5-6, and classes for kids, youth and adults at 6. Adults can choose 1 of 3 classes: Christianity's Family Tree, taught by me, Just Walk Across the Room, taught by Cheryl McCortney, or There is More to Health than Not Being Sick, taught by Pastor Roberto. I hope you will join the fellowship, learning and fun!

Beginning in September and continuing until "at least" December, I will be recording weekly spots to air on local radio. The spots will be a minute long and share a brief thought and then plug the coming Sunday's sermon. This is something I've never done, but thanks to a grant from our foundation we will give it a go and see what happens! I will pass on details soon so you can be tuning in to listen.

If you've been in either worship service lately you know we now have video capabilities. According to those who have shared with me, they are already enhancing our worship. As always, I covet your feedback, both positive and negative. Specifically I'd love to hear whether you can clearly read/see what's on the screen. Can you see better when the background is a picture or a solid? Is the text large enough? If you have feedback to these (or other) questions, please share them with me.

On Saturday, September 9th there will be a "Visioning Retreat" in the Fellowship Hall from 10am-2pm. During this time we will make concrete plans for the coming 6 months. Your participation is needed and I hope you will make every effort to be present! Be looking for more info on this gathering in the next newsletter.

Well in the words of Porky Pig, "that's all folks." As always, I want you to know what an honor it is to be your pastor, and I am excited about our future together. Take care, have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you in church soon!

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



Freshman Emily Taylor & Junior Autumn Kibbie on Move In Day on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Junior James Houchin & Freshman Rebecca Stevens on the first day of classes on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Junior Sam Adams is ready for this semester!

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NEW WEBSITE!

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

share
our story

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

- September 10th: Thackerville UMC & Marietta FUMC
- September 17th: Fitzhugh UMC
- September 24th: Ada First Presbyterian Church
- October 15th: Ada Asbury UMC
- October 29th: Konawa UMC
- November 12th: 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mondays during the fall & spring semester (unless there are no classes): FUSION Worship @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- Tuesdays during the fall semester: #Freshmen17 small group @ 8 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley
- Thursdays during the fall semester: Upperclassmen Group @ 8 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley
- August 27th: Worship @ Asbury United Methodist Church, Ada @ 10:30 am
- September 2nd: Road Trip to OBU-Shawnee to watch the ECU Tigers (football game)
- September 2nd-4th: ECU Wesley closed (due to Labor Day)

FROM THE Kitchen

ADA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER "SCHOOL'S STARTING"

Thanks to Elaine McKnight, Nancy Cody, Cheryl and Ryan McCortney for taking their morning to go and help clean up the school lawn.

The teachers had their first meeting of the year and F.U.M.C. provided them with 100 boxed lunches with chicken salad croissants, fresh fruit, chips and a homemade brownie, along with tea and lemonade.

Thank you to Aggie Allen, Ann Lane, Glenda Moon and Elaine McKnight for the hours they spent helping me make, box and deliver the lunches to the Pontotoc Tech Center. Also thanks to Amber and Bob for jumping in to help us load everything.

It does take a village for these events!

Lots of love to our volunteers,
Sue Bricker- Kitchen Hostess

Notes from the



By Leslie and
Clay Carley

Another beautiful day at the park! The rain held off and we were able to provide more than 500 meals today, plus some extra for a local recovery house. Our crew today was amazing! Thank you Jordan, Dennis, Montana, Shane, Gaylen, Scott, Sister Weldun, Sister Aagard, Crystal, Fran, Don, Nina, David, Jim, Colin, and Clay. With all this help, we were able to serve and assist in bagging the "take away" trays quickly. It was pretty humid so many hands did indeed make quick work! Thank you to KFC, J.D.'s Cafe, and to Amber's Sweet Shoppe for all that they shared with us. With their donations, we were able to serve a delicious Southern Sunday dinner! We are currently collecting coats, blankets, and other winter necessities, as well as toys so that we will once again be able to offer toys and games to parents for Christmas giving. If you have anything you could share, please let me know so that I can arrange for pick up. Thank you all, your prayers and support are very much appreciated. Have a great week, and we hope to see you all again next week, for dinner at the park.

S.P.R.C. and F.U.M.C. Church Family

I would like to Thank you for giving me the opportunity to love, serve and work for the wonderful church family of the F.U.M.C and it has been one of the best times in my life. As part of this job, I've been involved and worked with some of the most beautiful Christian women that I know. When I was hired five years ago, I was asked to consider this job as a ministry. It has been a ministry to me, I've grown by learning the value of giving and caring with "a good meal, a few sweet decorations, a song or even with a cup of coffee or a leftover meal while visiting in the kitchen". These things will help a person from 6 to 98 feel very special. Sure there has been ups and downs and a lot of hard work but I've enjoyed every event that I have been involved in with this church. But, (there's that word again) I'm getting older, Dudley and I both have some health issues so I feel that at this time I need to change my hours and responsibilities so that I can spend more time with my family. I will miss the staff, the church and the love you all pour on me and my job here. I have met with Pastor Brian and Ms. Donna about this and let them know that I will be leaving my job as a Kitchen Hostess on August 31st, 2017.

Thank you again for your love and blessings!

-Sue Bricker



Retirement Party in Honor of Sue Bricker

We would like to invite you to a reception honoring our kitchen hostesses, Sue Bricker and on all of her hard work with us here at the church. Reception will be after the 10:45 am service on Sunday, August 27th. Please join us with a card, a hug and a blessing as we celebrate her.

Mosaic

FALL ADULT CLASSES

Registration Information

Mosaic Classes will begin on September 6th. If you would like to register for one of these classes please fill out the registration forms located in the church office or call the office at (580) 332-1398 and let Amber know. Below are the list of classes you may sign up for:

- Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christian's Believe -By Rev. Brian Matthews
- Just A Walk Across The Room -By Cheryl McCortney
- There Is More To Health Than Not Being Sick (4 sessions) -By Pastor Roberto Escamilla

There will be youth and children activities simultaneously. Please take advantage of these great opportunities to grow spiritually and intellectually!

MORE MOSAIC INFORMATION....

Pastor Roberto Escamilla will have 4 session including:
September 6th- "How does God Heal Today" (John 5:1-7)
September 13th- "Lets quite playing the blaming game" (Genesis 37 to 45)
September 20th- "The Courage to be Happy" (Philippian's 11:6)
September 27th- "Practical Guidelines for Wholeness" (Philippian's 2:1-11)

Pastor Brian Matthews will be doing a 8 week class where you will join Rev. Adam Hamilton (on video) as he presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. For each group we will learn a brief history, outline major beliefs, and focus on something we can learn from each tradition to strengthen our own Christianity.

Session: 1- Orthodox 2- Catholicism 3- Lutheranism
 4- Presbyterianism 5- Anglicanism 6- Baptists
 7- Pentecostalism 8- Methodism

Cheryl McCortney will have a 4 week study with video and lots of lively group interaction to help you learn to leave your circle of comfort and extend hands of care, compassion and inclusiveness to people living for from God. It will have simple steps pointing people to faith by Bill Hybels (Video).

If you have any questions please contact the church office at (580) 332-1398.



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!



KENDALL'S RESTAURANT

Meet at the church office at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7. Our destination—Kendall's in Noble. Their signature dish is chicken fried steak but the cinnamon rolls are great, too. You can buy them frozen to take home. If you would like to go please contact make reservations. 332-4720.

BRING CASH! They do not accept any other form of payment! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FALL FOLIAGE TRIP SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 3rd**

Evangelism

"See" Rev. Brian Matthews on the Radio beginning on the weekend of September 2nd and 3rd, our Lead Pastor will be bringing a 60 second radio spot on KYKC 100.1. The brief message will air four times on Friday, September 12th and four times on Saturday, September 3rd. The same sequence will occur four weekends in September.

Also the Evangelism Committee will meet on September 11th at 6:00 pm in the Lindsay Room.

CHANGES UNTIL WE GET A KITCHEN HOSTESS

Please know we hate to see Sue go, we will miss her and her wonderful breakfast! We WILL have some sort of breakfast on the tables in the fellowship hall. Donuts, juice and coffee for the taking! We will have a Mosaic meal as well. Rest assured your children will be fed that stay from Awana until the 6:00 pm classes.

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 (Starts September 11th)
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
Tuesday	
10:00 a.m.	Talmidim Bible Study (Library)
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
Wednesday	
10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Bible Study (Starts September 6th)
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Awana (Starts August 30th)
6:00 p.m.	Bible Adventure (Starts August 30th)
6:00 p.m.	Mosaic Classes (Starts September 6th)
6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)

EVENTS IN

August

THURSDAY 24th, 7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SUNDAY 27th, 1:00 pm	Reception for Sue Bricker (CLC)
WEDNESDAY 30th, 4:00 pm	Awana
6:00 pm	Bible Adventure
THURSDAY 31st, 5:00 pm	GSPS Open House (Preschool Area)

September

MONDAY 4th, ALL DAY	Labor Day (Office Closed)
TUESDAY 5th, 9:00 am	GSPS Starts
3:30 pm	Voices of Praise Children's Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 pm	Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
WEDNESDAY 6th, 7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 South Broadway)
6:00 pm	Mosaic Classes Begin
THURSDAY 7th, 11:00 am	Table Hoppers to Kendall's Restaurant
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)
SATURDAY 9th, 6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
10:00 am	Church Visioning Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

Pray WITHOUT CEASING

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, The Wilcox Family, Shawn Dail, Ashley Elliott, Dortha Fenton, Larry Gentry, Raymond Gibson, Michelle 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, Linda Staples, Scott and Sarah Stewart, Jeanene Stevens, Peach Stone, Teague Family, Darrel Thompson, Marilyn Waller, Amber Whitman, Kathy Wilkin.

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

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Katie Harris, Jordan James, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Stevens, Kayla Taylor, Amanda Jamar Herrin

Sending Our
SYMPATHY

*Please keep
the family and
friends of
Neal Beasley
in your prayers*

WI FI INFORMATION:



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

ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 6th, 2017	
Sunday School	130
Chapel Service	47
Sanctuary Service	131
Total Worship	178
AUGUST 13th, 2017	
Sunday School	173
Chapel Service	76
Sanctuary Service	210
Total Worship	286