


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 afternoon my friends! In the words of the immortal Fred Rogers, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood!" I hope you are enjoying the "slightly" cooler temperatures as much as I am...and looking forward to a continued downward trend. There are several things I want to cover in my article so let's get right to it:

⇒ I want to heap piles of thanks upon Ms. Sue Bricker for her faithful service to FUMC. We had a wonderful reception in honor of her retirement, and I hope you had the opportunity to let her know how much she has meant to the ministry of our church. I also want to clear up some confusion I've heard. In the short-term we will be providing donuts, juice, coffee etc. on Sunday mornings and a snack meal on Wednesday, but hopefully by October we will have a new hostess hired and be back to offering a full breakfast and meal. Of course Sue's famous pastries and desserts will be absent, but we will rely on the new person's gifts to continue providing great food, fellowship and fun! We are currently accepting applications for this position and will hopefully find the right person soon. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our ministry team, please send them to either Donna or myself.

⇒ Earlier today I opened a note from a church member with the picture of a painting titled "Bathsheba." The member sent this to me to highlight something I talked about in worship the previous Sunday. It would take too long here to fully explain everything, but I want to let you know I love it when people send notes like this, or copies of an article and make comments that show me they are 1) listening and 2) thinking about something we have discussed in worship. Not much makes a preacher more happy!

⇒ Today (Wednesday) is my first day in the office this week. Sunday after Sue's reception I headed to Blackwell, OK for a sermon planning retreat with some of my preacher friends. I am pleased to report I have January-August 2018 completely planned. I wanted to give you some insight into the sermon series you will experience. We will begin in January with a series titled *Re-Imagine the World*, which will use the parables of Jesus to help us discover how Jesus viewed the world. During Lent we will look at some of the privileges and expectations of those who choose to follow Christ. After Easter we will dive into a series titled, "I Know His Name," which will focus on many of the names in scripture that simply get translated as "God." During June we will finish "The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached" as we walk through the final chapter of Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount, and then in July and August we will walk through Paul's letter to the Philippians. I hope these titles/topics spark some interest for you...I am excited about preparing/preaching them.

⇒ On Saturday, September 9 from 10am-2pm we will have an all-church visioning retreat to reflect upon and celebrate the past and make some concrete plans for the next 6 months. EVERYONE who participates in the life of First Church is invited and encouraged to attend. Specifically I will be asking people to reflect upon: 1) the past events in the life of the church that have been most meaningful, and 2) the people in the church who did extraordinary things to help the church through the years. After some reflections and prayer we will turn our attention to the future by asking this question: As of Easter 2018, if we have done _____ or achieved _____, we will know it has been a fruitful 6 months. Finally we will list actions steps, and assign them to specific staff-led groups/teams to shepherd through completion. In order for this gathering to be as effective as possible we need EVERYONE to join the effort. Please prayerfully consider participating in this retreat.

That looks like all my space. Take care, have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you in worship very soon!

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



ECU Wesley traveled to lead worship and share our ministry story with the Wesley UMC in Shawnee on Sunday, August 20, 2017.

President Katrina Pierson spoke briefly at our first FUSION Worship on Monday, August 21, 2017. She is a member at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ada.



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)

Check out our
NEW WEBSITE!

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

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Memorials

August 2017

In Memory of Bobie Logsdon

By: Steve and Mary Forster
Donna Birdwell
James Hunter
Susan Cartmell
Tonie & Marilyn Waller
Tom & Diane Criswell
Mary Criswell
Rick & Kathy Wilken
Brent & Lisa Welch
Bonnie Shields

In Memory of Neal Beasley

By: Mary Ann Briggs
Gayle Logsdon
Martha Widgor

In Memory of Luther Brown

Melvin Brooking to Youth Choir

Notes from the

PARK

By Leslie and
Clay Carley

There are days where words are not enough, this was one of those days. We recently said good bye to two very special friends who helped to serve at the park, and another member of our crew is out of town for an extended period. You would never guess that we were short of help today, because we weren't! So many wonderful people gathered to help us. It was amazing! Our profound thanks to everyone. As always, we thank KFC, J.D.'s Cafe, and Amber's Sweet Shoppe. And a special thank you to Woodmen Of The World for their generosity, and for helping us to provide dinner for about 650 people! We are so blessed by our community, and it seems that I am always asking for more...And this week is no different! We are collecting coats, blankets, small heaters, and any winter necessities. It was hot today, but winter will be here soon. We are also collecting toys and games for Christmas. Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you back next week, for dinner at the park. -Clay and Leslie Carley

Evangelism

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting on September 14th at 6:00 pm in the Lindsay Classroom.

Muntz/Myers Lectureship

Why Do People Suffer?
 In the world you will have tribulation (John 16:33)
 What's The Answer?

Please plan to hear a great expert on the Book of Job.
 Dr. John C. Holbert
 Outstanding Scholar of Old Testament and
 Homiletics at Perkins-SMU

Schedule:

Sunday, September 24th

8:30 am and 10:45 am

Sermon: "Will The Real God
 Please Stand Up?" -Job 42:1-6
 Complementary Dinner
 Lecture: "With Friends Like
 These" -Job 1,4,8,9,16

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

Monday, September 25th

10:00 am

Women's Study and Coffee
 Lecture: "The Problem Of
 God" -Job

12:00 pm

Minister's Meeting
 Lecture: "What Not To Say
 Preaching Today"

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

Complementary Dinner
 Lecture: "The Very Surprising
 God" -Job 38-42

There will be children and youth Activities each evening on
 Wednesday and nursery is provided.

Please invite your friends and neighbors

P.S. The meals will be prepared by our former famous Kitchen
 Hostess Sue Bricker

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Awana and Bible Adventure's
 have officially started!!!

Come join the fun!



Bible Adventure for
 the first 5 weeks is
 Paul's Adventure in Rome

Awana will be start
 out reviewing last years
 verses and then
 learning new ones.



youth group SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:45 am:

Youth Sunday School (Room 302N- the green room).

Wednesday's from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm:

there will be a meal and games, followed by
 a discussion of the book of John.

Friday's from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm:

Youth Group- A lively night of fun and connecting.

Grades 7th through 12th are
 welcomed for these nights!

News from Ada Early Childhood Center



Ada Early Childhood Center is once again pleased to be partnering with FUMC. We have already received a tremendous amount of support during our Beautification day as well as supplies being donated to our school. We would love to have volunteers to help out in classrooms, the cafeteria monitoring students while they are eating or even in our office answering the phone. We also have a need for some help to pick up food on the first Wednesday of every month to distribute to our chronically hungry students. AECC has partnered with the Food 4 Kids Program for the last several years. The person who volunteered to pick up and deliver the food to our school is now unable to do that. It is a great program, but we need someone to help us get the food from North Hills to the school. It is typically about 6-7 boxes of food. If you would be interested in helping, please contact me at 310-7283 or visit with me on Sunday. As always, AECC is very grateful for the support of FUMC.

We look forward to another great year and would appreciate your prayers daily for our school.

Sincerely,
 Cindy Brady



To the family and friends of
 Luther Brown
 (June Murphy's father)

SAVE THE DATE!!

**BOYS RANCH
 CELEBRATION & RODEO
 BASKET AUCTION**

Saturday, October 21st, 2017
 At 12:00 pm
 97332 Highway 10A,
 Gore, Oklahoma
 Held by Circle of Care

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
3:00 a.m.	Voices of Praise (Choir Room)
Wednesday	
10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Bible Study (Starts September 6th)
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Awana
6:00 p.m.	Bible Adventure
6:00 p.m.	Mosaic Classes (Starts September 6th)
6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Ringers (Starts September 6th)
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Starts September 6th)
Friday	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)

EVENTS IN

September

WEDNESDAY 6th,	
7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 South Broadway)
5:00 pm	Mosaic Meal (Fellowship Hall)
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)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SATURDAY 9th,	
10:00 am	Church Visioning Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY 10th,	
2:00 pm	All Children's Swim Party (The Elliott's Home)
MONDAY 11th,	
1:00 pm	Rock Painting (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm	UMW Local Unit Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY 12th,	
12:00 pm	Ministers Fellowship Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
WEDNESDAY 13th,	
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
THURSDAY 14th,	
6:00 pm	Evangelism Team Meeting (Library)
SUNDAY 17th,	
3:00 pm	Nicaragua VIM Team Meeting (Amelda McCortney's Home)
MONDAY 18th,	
12:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting
WEDNESDAY 20th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Packaging (St. Luke's)
THURSDAY 21st,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Distribution (St. Luke's)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Supervisory Meeting
SUNDAY 24th,	
12:00 pm	Lunch with Evangelism Team and Administration
5:00 pm	Lectureship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm	Lecture by Dr. John Holbert
MONDAY 25th,	
10:00 am	Lectureship Women's Brunch
12:00 pm	Lectureship District Minister Meeting
5:00 pm	Lectureship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm	Lecture by Dr. John Holbert

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, Captain Andrew Hill, Kim Holton, Wendy Hood, Helen Jaquess, Sue Jaquess, Hunter Johnson, Wilma and Gary Lawson, Pat Looper, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Glenda Moon, Johnny Moss, **June Murphy**, Darla Murray, Jane Muntz, Cheryl Rhynes, Katherine Roberts, Linda Staples, Scott and Sarah Stewart, Jeanene Stevens, Peach Stone, Teague Family, Thompson, Marilyn Waller, Amber Whitman,

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, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Doc Stokes, Kathy Wilkin, Karen Williams.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Jenny F., Katie Harris, Jordan James, Sadie Kilby, Courtney Glasgow-Samuels, **Krystina Phillips**, Kayla Stevens, Kayla Taylor, Amanda Jamar Herrin

WI FI INFORMATION:

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



ATTENDANCE

AUGUST 20th, 2017	
Sunday School	173
Chapel Service	63
Sanctuary Service	179
Total Worship	224
AUGUST 27th, 2017	
Sunday School	159
Chapel Service	63
Sanctuary Service	179
Total Worship	242