


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*

This past weekend we had a productive visioning/planning retreat, focusing on things we need to do in the next 6 months in order to be faithful to the calling God has placed on our collective lives of *Transforming Lives in the Name of Jesus Christ in our church...community and world*. Listed below are the goals set for each area of focus.

### Mission

- Night out for parents of special needs children
- Congregational education about Stephen Ministry
- Recruit and Train 5 new Stephen Ministers
- At least 1 local mission project

- Increase use of familiar hymns with opening hymn being "peppy"
- Increase use of video: testimonies, mission moments, commercials for events
- Greeters stationed outside before worship
- Explore feasibility of/need for 3rd Sunday service with different style

### Fellowship

- Dinner/Talent Show in February
- Chili Cook-off in January

### Worship

### Children-Youth

- Children/Youth Movie Night with Parents Night Out
- Christmas and Easter Plays
- Service Project
- Children lead worship

### Discipleship

- New Member Class yearly
- Emphasize Walk to Emmaus
- Revamp Mosaic schedule (class variety, more class times, worship/music)

I hope you look at this and get a sense of excitement for the coming 6 months! And I pray you will be ready, willing and able to pitch in to help make each of these a reality.

In the time I have left I want to expand on one "to-do" item for which I have been given responsibility: *Explore feasibility of and/or need for a 3rd Sunday worship service of different style*. In order to fully explore this topic I will be visiting every adult Sunday school class in the coming months AND asking for input from those who do not currently attend Sunday school. Here are the questions I want to ask:

1. Do you feel we need to offer a worship experience that is different in style from our current services?
2. (Whichever way you answer #1) Why do you feel this way?
3. If it were offered, would this new service be the service you attend?

I would like responses to these questions from as many people as possible between now and the end of 2017. Again, I will be visiting Sunday school classes, but if you prefer to answer in a more private way, feel free to drop by, call, or shoot me an email.

I believe the future of FUMC Ada is BRIGHT! But it's gonna take us all using our gifts to make it so. I look forward to the journey...

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

# ECU WESLEY

## share *our story*

ECU Wesley traveled to share our ministry story with the Marietta FUMC & Thackerville UMC on Sunday, September 10, 2017.



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

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



It's football season! Here are some of our ECU Wesley football players with a couple of devoted fans! Back row: James Houchin, Trooper Elwonger & Tyler Purdum. Front row: Autumn Kibbie & Emily Taylor

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)

## 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
- ECU Homecoming: Saturday, October 28th, 2017

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## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. Online Giving allows you to go to [www.fumcada.org](http://www.fumcada.org) at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office and return it to the church office.

# THANK YOU

Dear Ada FUMC,  
 Thank you for your recent donation to the ECU Wesley in August. We are seeing many familiar faces and lots of new faces around here.  
 Come see us anytime!  
 -Blessings, Janey Wilson

## Muntz/Myers Lecture Reminder

Dinner and Lecture  
September 24th and 25th  
(Sue Bricker will prepare the meal)  
If you did not register last Sunday and would like to attend, please call the church office at (580)332-1398.

## Evangelism

Jody Standard who is a license physiologist to speak to the Abundant Life Class on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 pm in the library. She will speak on the topic of "Depression and how to cope with it". Even if you are not enrolled in the class, any one is welcome d to attend!

-Pastor Roberto Escamilla



### REMINDER!!!

During the Lectureship on Sunday, September 24th and Monday September 25th at 6:00 pm, children are invited to the Christian Life Center (CLC) to play in our Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Elliott at (580) 272-8264.

## TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 29TH FROM  
4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE EVENTS



- FACE PAINTING
- COSTUME PARADE
- CAKE WALK
- BINGO
- HOT DOGS AND REFRESHMENTS



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE

AT (580) 332-1398.

## Notes from the PARK

By Leslie and  
Clay Carley

Another beautiful day at the park! Thank you to our servers who give up a part of their weekend to come and help. Our thanks to Jim, Don, Nina, Fred, Karen, Crystal, David, Sister Welding, Sister Asgard, and Colin, and of course, we thank KFC, J.D.'s Cafe, and Amber's Sweet Shoppe. As many of you know, we continue to collect blankets and winter clothing to share at the park. We are also collecting toys to share for Christmas. We know that there are many agencies where families can sign up for Christmas gifts, but somehow, there are always families that don't get on the lists for some reason. We try to have gifts available up to Christmas Day, just in case!

Thank you all for your support and prayers, and we hope to meet again next week, for dinner at the park.

- Clay and Leslie Carley

## 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!

## GOLDEN AGERS

Golden Agers is changing from a monthly to a quarterly format. Our goal is to arrange for special entertainment and quality catering. Anyone or any group in the church that would like to help with decorations, serving, or entertaining, please call June Murphy at (580) 272-3485. Our first meeting will be November 15th. Join us for fun, food, prayer and fellowship.

# 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
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
8:00 p.m.	FUSION Worship (ECU Wesley)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Talimid Bible Study (Library)
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
3:00 a.m.	Voices of Praise (Choir Room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Bible Study
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Awana
6:00 p.m.	Bible Adventure
6:00 p.m.	Mosaic Classes
6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Ringers
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)

## EVENTS IN

# September

<b>THURSDAY 21st,</b>	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Supervisory Meeting
6:30 pm	GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor)
<b>SUNDAY 24th,</b>	
12:00 pm	Lunch with Evangelism Team and Administration
5:00 pm	Lectureship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm	Lecture by Dr. John Holbert
<b>MONDAY 25th,</b>	
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
<b>WEDNESDAY 27th,</b>	
12:00 pm	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
<b>THURSDAY 28th,</b>	
7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)

# October

<b>SUNDAY 1st,</b>	
6:00 pm	Homebuilders Class Party (Ed and Judy Anderson's Home)
<b>WEDNESDAY 4th,</b>	
7:00 am	Methodist Men's Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway)
<b>THURSDAY 5th,</b>	
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen's Ministers 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, 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, Ann Lane, 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, Darrel Thompson, Marilyn Waller, Pam Welch, Jason, Parker, 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, Amanda Jamar Herrin, Krystina Phillips, Courtney Glasgow-Samuels, Kayla Stevens, Kayla Taylor

## ATTENDANCE

<b>SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	158
Chapel Service	52
Sanctuary Service	139
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>191</b>
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<b>SEPTEMBER 10th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	140
Chapel Service	55
Sanctuary Service	150
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>205</b>



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