

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

There are times in life when it seems easier to give up or give in. I've been serving in a pastoral role for 17 years. I've been preaching weekly for 12 years. I've been trying to follow Jesus most of my life. And yet despite my personal and pastoral efforts, the world seems to continue spiraling downward. The most recent evidence of this statement came as an accountant from Nevada opened fire on a concert crowd in Las Vegas killing at least 50 and wounding upwards of 400. If you are like me you get "down in the dumps" sometimes. But then you come across something that gives you hope.

For me today it was a Facebook post by a young lady from a previous pastoral appointment. Kacie was 12 or 13 when I moved to a Okmulgee. I loved her from the start because she was a little snarky (okay a lot snarky) and sarcasm seeped from her pores! She was/is quick witted, and before I left Okmulgee she'd become one of my all-time favorite youth group members. She has blossomed into a beautiful young lady who I know will make her mark on the world, despite going to Ed Anderson's favorite college. This is what Kacie posted:

I've been thinking about what happened in Las Vegas all morning, and it truly breaks my heart to think that someone can be so angry and mad at the world that they're okay with killing innocent people. Just to think that someone woke up one day, excited to go to a concert, ended up losing their loved one. And it's hard to stay positive in situations like this. But I think what most people need to realize is that prayer gets us through the good AND through the bad. Hug your loved ones. Send a prayer to those who were affected by what happened. But also pray for those people in this world who are so angry that they only want to hurt others. Pray that they realize that what they are doing is not the answer. Pray for a little bit of peace in this world. Prayer is key in times like this.

I couldn't agree more. Pray for the people affected by this tragedy. Pray for those struggling in the world today. Pray for the youth of today who will become the leaders of tomorrow.

Immediately after reading Kacie's post and sending her a text to tell her how proud I am of the person she has become, I was reminded of the lyrics of the song "The Change," which Garth Brooks recorded in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing. If you ever become disillusioned to the point of questioning why Christians should even keep trying in the midst of doom and gloom, these words speak powerfully:

And I hear them saying
You'll never change things
And no matter what you do it's still the same thing
But it's not the world that I am changing
I do this so this world will know
That it will not change me

My thanks to Kacie for bringing the light of Jesus into my gloomy day.

Take care, and remember to pray.

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



ECU Wesley traveled to share our ministry story with First Presbyterian Church, Ada on Sunday, September 24. Front: SE

Wesley Associate Campus Minister-Devon Taylor, 2nd row: Janey Wilson & Rebecca Stevens, back row: Trooper Elwonger & James Houchin.

No matter the outcome of the final score, we will always love our ECU Tigers! This group cheered on the beloved ECU Football team on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

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

share our story

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

- 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.



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

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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that attended our wedding shower and for getting us all the wonderful gifts to help us start our new journey together. We enjoyed every ones company and are so blessed to have you all in our lives! Also a huge thank you to Sue Bricker, LaDona Hill, Kourtney Poe and Sheila Dunn and anyone else who helped and for putting it all together for us! It was very beautiful and we enjoyed it very much. We love you all very much!
 -Amber Babcock and Shaun Keiser



Saturday, Oct. 21

Festivities begin at 9:00 am Balls roll at high noon

THRILL ON THE HILL

\$5 for one entry, \$20 for five entries
You provide the balls, we provide the prizes!

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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!

Evangelism

Thanks, A Million! We celebrated a highly successful Muntz/Myers lectureship. Dr. Holbert was outstanding in his presentations. The music was great as usual and the meals were delicious. A special thanks to :

- The Evangelism Committee with Donna Gault at the helm
- Sue Bricker and her host of volunteers (Aggie Allen, Elaine McKnight, Ann Lane and many others.
- The excellent Children and Youth Ministries (Lisa Elliott, Kim Moon, Lauren Rogers and Brent Adrian)
- The ushers and custodians along with the decorations by Mary Ann Briggs and others.
- Our church staff especially Donna Jamar, Amber Babcock and Janet Larney
- The Music Ministry (
- The congregation and the financial servant of our Lectureship
- And last but not least, our Lead Pastor Brian Matthews and his excellent Lectureship.

Again thank you a million! -Pastor Roberto Escamilla

P.S. The attendance was great:

Sunday Morning- 246

Evangelism Committee Attendance (at dinner)- 26

Women's Coffee Brunch- 46

Ministers Luncheon- 22

Sunday Night- 86

Monday Night- 84

Memorials

September 2017

In Memory of Bobie Logsdon

By: Ann Dotson

In Memory of Neal Beasley

By: Ann Dotson

Lynda Hughes

Larry & Paula Willis

Lisa Crabtree

Dale Pflaum

Daryl & Janelle McKnight

Sue Jaquess

In Memory of Luther Brown

By: Clinton & Audine Cooper to Razzle Dazzle

Notes from the PARK

By Leslie and Clay Carley

Another beautiful Sunday afternoon at the park. It was a warm sunny 90° with a light breeze. A perfect fall day. We served a few more meals today than the past few weeks, about 600! Thank you to all of our volunteers. They show up, ready to set up, lift, serve, and put away the tables, boxes, and all the other items involved in serving dinner. By the time we are finished, most of us have food spilled down the front of our shirts, frosting up to our elbows, and green bean liquid dripping into our shoes...And they still come back! Thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe, for all of the wonderful foods you share with us. We are currently collecting winter necessities to share once the weather turns cooler, and we are also collecting toys, games, and books to give out for Christmas. While there are many Organizations that give out gifts, there will always be families that miss out on signing up for those programs. A group of us will be at the Agri-Plex on Saturday, September 30th. We will be selling Christmas ornaments and jewelry and to raise money for gifts. Be sure to stop by and shop! Have a great week, and we hope to see you again next week, for dinner at the park.

-Clay and Leslie Carley

Mosaic

On Wednesday, October 18th there will be no Mosaic classes or children's activities.

This will include the Mosaic Meal, Awana, and Bible Adventure. Sorry for any inconvenience and enjoy your fall break!



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



WE ARE NEEDING CANDY TO HELP WITH THE TRUNK OR TREAT AND BAKED GOOD FOR THE CAKE WALK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING FOR THEM PLEASE DROP CANDY OFF IN THE FRONT OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT (580) 332-1398.

VOICE'S PRAISE

The Voices of Praise are singing their praises to God with an outstanding voice. We have 23 attending and singing their hearts out. What a blessing these wonderful children are for our church! You'll be hearing from them in the near future!

-Rozzie Purdy

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)
8:00 p.m.	FUSION Worship (ECU Wesley)
Tuesday	
10:00 a.m.	Talimidim Bible Study (Library)
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
3:30 p.m.	Voices of Praise (Choir Room)
Wednesday	
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
Friday	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Meet- Up (Church)

EVENTS IN



WEDNESDAY 4th,	
7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway)
THURSDAY 5th,	
5:00 pm	UMW Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
FRIDAY 6th,	
3:15 pm	Feeding Ada Cougar Football Players (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY 9th,	
10:00 am	Ruth Rachel Class (Parlor)
5:30 pm	Mary Martha Women's Group (Parlor)
TUESDAY 10th,	
12:00 pm	Minister Fellowship Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
WEDNESDAY 11th,	
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
TUESDAY 17th,	
Canceled	Voice's of Praise
WEDNESDAY 18th,	
8:00 am	FALL BREAK Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Luke's Episcopal Church) No Mosaic Classes or Meal No Awana and Bible Adventures
Canceled	
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THURSDAY 19th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
12:00 pm	Circle of Care Luncheon for Lake Country District (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)

Pray WITHOUT CEASING

PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Jane Baltimore, The Barton Family, Clarice Bowman, Lonnie Bray (Peggy Bagley's Brother), Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Larry Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Pat Christensen, Jewel Collins, Giulietta Cook, Buck Cooper, Patsy Cobb, Linda Cox, Win Cramer, Shawn Dail, Norma Donaghey, Sheila Dunn, Ashley Elliott, The Green Family, Jim Harris, Captain Andrew Hill, Kim Holton, Russell Holton, Wendy Hood, Sue Jaquess, Hunter Johnson, Wilma and Gary Lawson, Pat Looper, Theresa Loring, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Glenda Moon, Johnny Moss, June Murphy, Darla Murray, Jane Muntz, Cheryl Rhynes, Lisa Rhynes, Katherine Roberts, Linda Staples, Jeanene Stevens, Peach Stone, The Teague Family, Darrel Thompson, Lacy Tritten, Marilyn Waller, The Wilcox Family,
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: Stacy Brady, Holly Brady Clay, Jenny F., Katie Harris, Amanda Jamar Herrin, Sarah Johnson, Krystina Phillips, Courtney Glasgow-Samuels, Kayla Stevens, Kayla Taylor.



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

ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 17th, 2017	
Sunday School	158
Chapel Service	62
Sanctuary Service	194
Total Worship	205
SEPTEMBER 24th, 2017	
Sunday School	
Chapel Service	71
Sanctuary Service	175
Total Worship	246