

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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Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ! I pray you are having a great week. With cold and flu season really hammering the US, I hope it has missed you and yours as it has (so far) mine. As always there are lots of thing happening in the life of your church, and in the life of your pastor, so embrace your ADD side and enjoy some ramblings from your pastor:

- \* Am I the only person ready to accuse Mother Nature of loosing her mind? I love cold weather, but at this point I'd simply accept consistency. Find a temperature and stick to it!
- \* On Super Bowl Sunday I will head north to the luxurious Best Western Blackwell Inn in Blackwell, OK for 3 days of sermon planning. My buddies and I will gather Sunday evening to watch the big game and then hit the ground running Monday morning with ideas and planning. As always, we covet your prayers and ask for ideas. If you have an idea for a sermon series (based on a topic or book of the bible) please let me know and I will see what we can do. Some of our best series have come from ideas given by church members, so please help us out!

**Brian Matthews**

- \* This past Saturday I spent the day in Claremore listening to talk previews for an upcoming Walk to Emmaus weekend. The Walk to Emmaus is a 3-and-a-half-day spiritual retreat that covers all aspects of Christian Life and serves as a call to living out one's faith in the church. It is a wonderful experience and I hope to get more involved in the local Emmaus community and even see many more from our church get involved.
- \* Just got back from a break in my writing to help Donna with our new accounting software...my head hurts!
- \* On Saturday, February 3 we will have our first Mission and Ministry Team (MMT) meeting in the fellowship hall at 10am. While there are elected members of the MMT who vote on issues that need a vote, EVERYONE in the church is invited to attend. During MMT meetings we will evaluate the previous 6 months of mission and ministry and plan the coming 6 months. The goal of the MMT is to lead the church in fulfilling our vision of *Transforming Lives in the Name of Jesus Christ*. Please join us for this crucial time of discussion, planning and prayer.

Well it looks like my space has run out so I'll sign off for now. As always I want you to know what it privilege it is to serve as your pastor. I know God has great things in store for we Methodists in Ada and I'm excited to be part of the journey. I pray you have a great week...and I'll see you in worship real soon!

Jesus is Lord,

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

Pastor Brian Matthews

# ECU WESLEY



Our leadership team was busy over one of the weeks of Christmas Break. The leadership team had their retreat on January 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, fed the two ECU basketball teams on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, cheered on both of those teams on January 4<sup>th</sup>, attended both the Lake Country District Charge Conferences on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and helped served at the widow's dinner at Asbury on January 8<sup>th</sup>. ECU Wesley has a great team of leaders!



## Support

Want to show some ECU Wesley support by purchasing a pullover for \$30? All sizes are available. Please contact Janey Wilson @ 580-436-3400 or email her @ [ecuwesley@gmail.com](mailto:ecuwesley@gmail.com) with your size.

Thanks for your continued support of this ministry!



Check out our  
**NEW WEBSITE!**

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

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

January 21<sup>st</sup>: Whitebead UMC  
February 11<sup>th</sup>: Sulphur UMC  
February 18<sup>th</sup>: Clarita & Coalgate UMC's  
April 15<sup>th</sup>: Marlow 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

- ECU Wesley Weekly FUSION Worship Service: Monday's @ 8 pm (unless there is no classes)
- Men's Bible Study each Tuesday @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- Women's Bible Study each Tuesday @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- ECU Wesley Board of Director's Meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 pm

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## FUMC Kids have kicked off the new year with a great start!!!

For the next several weeks our Sunday School lessons will focus on the Miracles of Jesus! We will learn about feeding 5,000 people, Jesus healing the little daughter of Jairus and several other miracles of Jesus, so don't miss out!

Sunday school for kids starts every Sunday morning at 9:30! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders will also be learning the Apostle's Creed this semester. Prizes will be awarded to children when they get it memorized!

Awana continues every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 pm! Children hear stories, play fun games and have the opportunity to earn Awana \$\$\$ for memorizing their Bible Verses!!

Our Bible Adventure this Semester is all about candy bars, and what we can learn about God and Jesus from them. January 24 we will be studying the Milky Way Bar, which reminds us of the vastness of God's Universe and that his plans for us are greater than anything we can imagine. On January 31, we will study the Twix Bar. Twix always come in two just like the animals that came into Noah's Ark. Bible Adventure is every Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm. For children who want to experience both of our Wednesday evening opportunities, dinner is provided from 5:30 to 6 in the fellowship hall.



# Evangelism



Pastor Roberto Escamilla concluded his sermons on January 14th and several people have requested a copy of The Five Practical Steps for the New Year 2018. Below is a copy of the five steps and please clip and keep in your Bible as a reminder.

- 1- Stick to your New Year's resolution, if you didn't make any, it is not too late to do so.
- 2- Do not bear your burdens alone (Galatians 6:2)
- 3- and restore wholesome friendships
- 4- Remember that the practice of discipline is essential in the Christian Life (I Corinthians 9:24)
- 5- Never forget that you are a child of God (Psalm 8:4)

## GOLDEN AGERS

Golden Agers will meet on February 7th in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by the UMW and there will be special music by the Byng Choir. This is a wonderful time to have some great fellowship!

## Table Hoppers

What are "Table Hoppers"? We are a group of mostly retired people who enjoy going to different places to eat. We usually take advantage of some other event in the area. We have been to The Springs Restaurant and the Artesian Casino in Sulphur and enjoyed the Christmas lights; taken a fall foliage on the Talimina drive; toured the Cowboy Hall of Fame with lunch at the Iguana Grill in Midtown, OKC. We enjoy making new friends and strengthening old friendships. Our first 2018 outing is January 26th. We will travel to Ole Red's (Blake Sheltons place) in Tishomingo. We will plan to go to Bricktown when the weather gets nicer (OKC), cruise the Oklahoma City River, maybe bowl at Hey Dey's which would be another treat. Just call me if you want to join in any of the outings. Watch for more information pertaining to these outings in the Advocate or feel free to call me at (580) 332-4720.

Thank you!  
-Carol Hayden  
May God bless to this coming year!



### FRIDAY, JAN. 26

Our destination this month is **Blake Shelton's Ole Red Restaurant & Bar** in Tishomingo. Be at the church at 11:00 a.m. We plan to take the church van.

PLEASE RSVP to Carol Hayden 580-399-0705  
By Wed. Jan. 24. I will make reservations.

## NEW 2018



# Prayer List

### REMINDER!!!!

We have started a new prayer list for this year!

If you would like to be on the prayer list or you want to include someone else on there and/or would like them to receive cards from the Card Ministry, please contact Amber in the office at (580) 332-1398 with their name and address. Thank you!

## Notes from the



By Leslie and Clay Carley

Wow, it was a beautiful day at the park! Nice and sunny, about 50°. Not bad for a winter day. We served about 372 meals, plus we were able to share bags of groceries, some hats, coats, and several blankets. While it is true, the daytime temperatures have been going up, our night time temperatures have been frigid! We are very grateful for all the blankets that have been shared with us, and we are still collecting more cold weather necessities, used blankets are welcome, they keep people just as warm as new ones will. Sunday, two women at the park asked us to pray for them, they both expect to be having serious surgery in the near future. We ask that you join us in prayer for them. We will update you on their progress after their surgeries. Thank you to our volunteers. Sunday dinner at the park could not happen without you. You treat each person at the park as though they are a treasured friend. And thank you to KFC, J.D.'s Cafe, and Amber's Sweet Shoppe. They share their food so that we can serve the community. As always, we thank the First United Methodist Church of Ada, for their prayers and support, and to the members of other local churches who also do so much for us. Thank you, and we hope to see you all back next week, for dinner at the park.

## NEW MEMBERS



Keri Paniagua    Linda Wood    Victoria Aguilar

Keri Paniagua and Linda Wood joined our church on January 7th and Victoria Aguilar joined our church on January 14th and they all joined during our 10:45 am service. We are so blessed to have them join the church and excited to learn more about them!

# Opportunities of the Week



# Church Family Prayer List

*Worship and Event 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.	Talmidim Bible Study (Library)
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
3:30 p.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
5:00 p.m.	Mosaic Meal (Fellowship Hall)
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

# January

<b>WEDNESDAY 24th,</b>	
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
<b>THURSDAY 25th,</b>	
5:15 pm	Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
<b>FRIDAY 26th,</b>	
11:00 am	Table Hoppers to Blake Shelton's Ole Red Restaurant and Bar in Tishomingo



<b>MONDAY 29th,</b>	
5:15 pm	Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>THURSDAY 1st,</b>	
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team UMW Meeting (Library)
5:15 pm	Low Impact Exercise Group
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
<b>SATURDAY 3rd,</b>	
10:00 am	Church Mission/Ministry Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>MONDAY 5th,</b>	
5:15 pm	Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY 7th,</b>	
11:00 am	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)

## Pray WITHOUT CEASING

**PRAYERS:** Avery Anderson, Peggy Bagley, Janet Bare, Clyde Baulch, Feline Campbell, Morris Cane, Marian Craig, Scottie Furminsky, Michelle Gibson, Mike Hall, John Holt, Kim Holton, Adam Huckleby, Mary James, Bobby Johns, Ann Lane, Tim Mummey, Joe Murray, Greg Perry, Janet Powell, Jim Price, Jane Rogers, Harold Rhoads, Debra Smith, Florence Stanich, Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins, Dimples Walden, Jefferson Walden

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bud Blackburn, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Mike Manning, Cindy Minor, Johnny Moss, Glen Ray, Mary Jo Schoepflin, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Linda Staples, Doc Stokes, Kathy Wilkin, Karen Williams

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Stacy Brady, Holly Brady Clay, Jenny F., Amanda Jamar Herrin, Sarah Johnson, Krystina Phillips, Courtney Glasgow-Samuelsan, Kayla Taylor, Karry Baker Griese, Megan Leach

## ATTENDANCE

<b>JANUARY 7th, 2018</b>		
Sunday School	131	
Chapel Service	65	
Sanctuary Service	120	
<b>Total Worship</b>		<b>185</b>
<b>JANUARY 14th, 2018</b>		
Sunday School	117	
Chapel Service	62	
Sanctuary Service	129	
<b>Total Worship</b>		<b>191</b>