

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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Good afternoon from a very cold and windy Blackwell, OK. Since I'm away from Ada sermon planning with my preacher friends, I thought I'd give you a little insight into the group itself and how we operate on these retreats.

Present at this retreat are myself, Josh Leu, pastor of First Christian Church in Great Bend, Kansas, Ronnie Fields, pastor at First Christian Church in Guthrie, Aaron Krueger, pastor of Crown Heights Christian Church in OKC, and Dale Matherly, pastor of First Christian Church in Topeka, KS.

Brian Matthews We spent Sunday evening evening eating, catching up, and watching the Super Bowl. This morning we planned a sermon series focusing on the life of Joseph, found in Genesis. After a great BBQ lunch at Headquarter's in Ponca City we gathered back in the room and planned a 4-week series called "The Power of Love," which will examine the biblical definition of love and how to live it out daily. I am taking time out to write these words while the other guys are kicking around a series on the Book of Job. After dinner tonight we will again sit around and talk about our lives and activities in our churches.

Tomorrow will essentially be identical to today...and I'll share the series we plan in a future article. I can say I am thrilled to have everything sketched out for the remainder of 2018, and anything we plan tomorrow will be placed in 2019! I assure you, it's a good feeling and I'm excited about our future sermon plans.

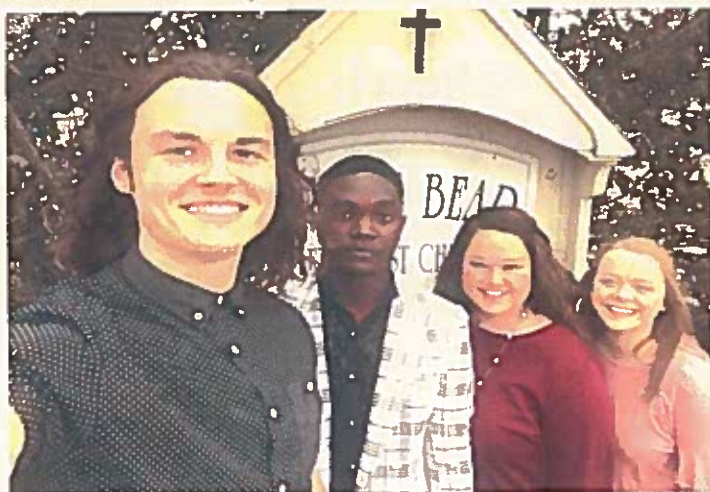
I pray your week has started well...stay warm...and I look forward to being back in Ada Wednesday afternoon!

Jesus is Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Matthews".

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



ECU Wesley had the opportunity to share a couple of student testimonies at Whitebead UMC on Sunday, January 21st, 2018.

Pictured from left include: Trooper Elwonger, Joel Nalere, Janey Wilson and Emily Taylor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This semester we continue to share our ministry store in churches.

Here is our travel schedule for this spring:

February 11th: Sulphur UMC

February 18th: Clarita & Coalgate UMC's

April 15th: 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.

- 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 3rd @ 6 pm

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Make this Lenten Season a significant and meaningful journey...

Lent begins on Ash

Wednesday, February 14th.

Our annual Lenten Retreat will begin with a Prayer Vigil which will be held on Friday, February 16th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel. We will be observing the actual Lenten Retreat in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 17th. We will begin with a delicious breakfast prepared by non other than our loved Sue Bricker from 8:30 am to 9:00 am Then, promptly at 9:00 am we will hear the first message from our guest speaker Dr. Wade Paschal.

He is the retired pastor of the 3,000 members at First United Methodist Church in Tulsa. The message will be followed by a brief time of interaction in small groups. The general theme is "To Save The World- The Death of Jesus according to the Gospel of John", "Three Key Concepts in the Passion Story in John", "The Hour", "The Fulfillment of Scripture, and "The Actors". On Sunday the theme is "This might be Me- Three Stories to Prepare for Easter (John 4:13-30). Dr. Paschal is a graduate of Princeton Asbury and Cambridge University. He has written extensively and had several articles in the Wesley Study Bible. Be sure to attend the Retreat and Sunday Worship and we will have special music from Rev. Brian Matthews and from Emmy Robinson. You may sign up at either services on Sunday, February 11th.

Don't Miss Out!

Ash WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14th

We will have two services:

12:00 pm in the Chapel

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Another Prayer Vigil

We will be holding a prayer vigil Friday, February 16th from 8:30-12:30 pm in the Chapel in conjunction with our Lenten Retreat. We will have sign up sheets but even if you don't sign up, everyone is welcome to participate. There will be a prayer guides available.

Mosaic

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

January 31st– Christian Spirituality “Esther”
 February 7th– “Judith”
 February 14th– Ash Wednesday Service
 February 21st– Continue with Dr. Wolfe’s videos
 February 28th– Stories about Jesus not in the Bible”
 March 7th– Stories About Jesus...



Saturday, February 17th

Join us for a fun and exciting painting party!

This event will be happening during the time of our Lenten Retreat from 9:00 am –12:00 pm. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 am to 9:00 am (every child must be accompanied by a parent for breakfast). We will be painting a cross followed by a movie with snacks. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Elliott at (580) 272-8264.

Calligraphy Mosaic Class Information

The Calligraphy Mosaic Class will start in March. If each person can please contribute \$5 when you start the class that will help cover the cost of supplies used. Thank you!

GSPS PANCAKE DINNER AND RAFFLE BASKET FUNDRAISER



Thursday, February 22nd
 5:00– 7:00 pm

Pancake Dinner Tickets: \$5:00 each
 Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$1, 25 for \$20 or 100 for \$80

Notes from the



By Leslie and Clay Carley

It was like a beautiful Spring afternoon at the park! The sun was shining, not too windy, and a joy to be outside. Sunday we were joined by some ladies from the Landrith House, and gentlemen from the SOAR House, along with our regular crew of servers. With all their help, we were able to provide more than 480 meals, plus we had extra canned goods available, and bedding, clothing, toiletries, and even shoes! We also had some Valentines available for young people who have parties at school. All of these extras came to us through the generosity of our community. Thank you all for what you have shared. You are what makes this event possible each week. We have a new prayer request for Miss Jean. She is at the hospital, having difficulty breathing. We continue to collect bedding, winter necessities, and toiletries. Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you again next week, for dinner at the park.

EASTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 14th– Ash Wednesday Services
 12:00 pm in the Chapel
 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

MARCH

Sunday 25th– Palm Sunday
 Thursday 29th– Holy Thursday
 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
 Friday 30th– Good Friday Service
 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

APRIL

April 1st– Easter Sunday

A Letter From

Davo's Diner

To our friends at FUMC, Davo's Diner was a huge success, serving 100+ meals! We saw many smiling faces and happy people. THANK YOU for supporting Davo's through donations, service, prayers, and hosting our event! Without all you do, we would not exist. Thank you!

S.W.A.G– You've Got It! (Serve, Worship and Glorify)
 Love– Elizabeth and Tracy (Davo's Diner)

Opportunities of the Week



Church Family Prayer List

*Worship and Event 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	
5:15 p.m.	Low Impact Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
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.	Talmidim 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
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
Thursday	
5:15 p.m.	Low Impact Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Meet- Up (Church)

EVENTS IN



MONDAY 12th,	
10:00 am	Ruth Rachel (Parlor)
12:00 pm	Church Management Team Meeting (Library)
5:30 pm	Mary Martha Women's Group Meeting (Parlor)
TUESDAY 13th,	
12:00 pm	Minister Fellowship Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
WEDNESDAY 14th,	
8:00 am	HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!! Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Lukes Episcopal Church)
10:00 am	GSPS 3 year olds Valentines Party (CLC)
10:00 am	GSPS Valentine Parties (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
1:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Training (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
THURSDAY 15th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal Church)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Group Meeting (Library)
SATURDAY 17th,	
8:00 am	Lenten Retreat (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY 21st,	
11:00 am	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
1:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Training (Fellowship Classroom)
THURSDAY 22nd,	
5:00 pm	GSPS Pancake Fry (CLC)
6:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)



PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, Peggy Bagley, Janet Bare, Mica Cacy, Feline Campbell, Morris Cane, Marian Craig, Donna Estes, Scottie Furminsky, Michelle Gibson, John Holt, Kim Holton, Adam Hucceby, Mary James, Bobby Johns, Ann Lane, Chuck Lindholm, Tim Mummey, Joe Murray, Greg Perry, Jack Rahm, The Rice Family, Jane Rogers, Elora Ross, Harold Rhoads, Debbra Smith, Florence Stanich, Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins, Dimples Walden, Jefferson Walden, Janey Wilson
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-Samuels, Karry Baker Griese, Megan Leach, Megan Broderick

ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 21st, 2018		
Sunday School		149
Chapel Service		64
Sanctuary Service		122
Total Worship		186
JANUARY 28th, 2018		
Sunday School		142
Chapel Service		55
Sanctuary Service		153
Total Worship		208