

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

Beginning Palm Sunday, the 6th and 7th graders in our church will begin taking Confirmation Classes during Sunday school. Confirmation (for those unfamiliar with the term) refers to the time when these students will learn the basics of the Christian faith, with an emphasis on Wesleyan (United Methodist) beliefs and practices. At the end of the classes each of these young people will have the opportunity to 1) be baptized, if they haven't been already, 2) make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and 3) join the church. Confirmation marks the moment when young people take charge of their spiritual journey, with the continued guidance of their parents and church. If you have a 6/7th grader, please make every effort to have them in Sunday school each week during Confirmation.

My most memorable confirmation experience took place while I served as pastor at St. Paul's UMC in Okemah. The church had not offered confirmation in a number of years and so the class contained 8 students between 5th and 10th grade. When we discussed baptism I told the kids they could be baptized on a Sunday morning during church by sprinkling, or by immersion in Okemah Lake as part of the Easter Sunrise Service. All who were to be baptized (6 of them) wanted to be

baptized in the lake. Easter was fairly early that year, meaning we knew the water would be pretty chilly, but we were surprised by a cold spell that weekend. When I arrived at Okemah Lake for the Sunrise Service the temperature gauge in my truck said 29 degrees, and a stout wind blew out of the north. Translation: it was COLD! After a few songs, scripture, and vows of membership and profession of faith, the group made our way down to the water. Since I would be in the water the longest I donned waders to keep my lower body from freezing, and one by one the kids "hurriedly" entered the water and I baptized each. One of the young men, who works at Hibbett's Sports in Ada and is a student at ECU, instinctively fought being fully immersed and it gave me great joy to fully complete the baptism. The best part was watching each student exit the water in an expeditious manner and then sprint about 100 yards to the bathroom to dry off and warm up. It was a Confirmation/Baptismal service that will never be forgotten by the 75 people gathered that cold Easter morning!

Please be in prayer for our 6/7th graders who will participate in Confirmation. If you are the parent/guardian of a 6/7th grader, please make every effort to have them present each week as they learn about the Christian faith, and then decide whether or not to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and put their faith, hope and trust in Him. And I hope EVERYONE will be present on Confirmation Sunday to celebrate the faith decisions our students make!

Have a great week, and I hope to see you in worship this Sunday at either 8:30am or 10:45am...or BOTH!

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 lead worship at two churches on February 18th, 2018~Clarita United Methodist Church and Coalgate United Methodist Church.



ECU President, Katrina Pierson, spoke during FUSION Worship on Monday, February 26th, 2018.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ECU Wesley Weekly FUSION Worship Service: Monday's @ 8 pm (unless there are 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
- ECU Wesley leads worship and shares our story at Marlow FUMC on April 15th
- ECU Wesley Golf Tournament on June 18th @ 8 pm @ Oak Hills Golf & Country Club

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Save the Date

The School of Music from Mid-America Christian University in Oklahoma City will present a Sacred Concert in our sanctuary on Friday, March 16th at 6:30 pm. Performing will be their Concert Choir, Jazz Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble. Eddie Vanderwalker, formally of Ada, serves as Director of Choral Activities and Choir of the school of Music. Dillion Francis is Director of Instrumental Studies, Kelsey Dormeus as Guitar instructor and Kim Arnold as accompanist for the choir. Please plan to put this event on your calendar.

WILLY WONKA JR

JUST FOR FUN DAY
 Saturday, March 10th at 7:00 pm

We want you to know how much we appreciate getting to work with your children. It has been a wonderful year so far for FUMC Children's Ministry, and we hope to continue that throughout the year! As a thank you for getting your children to our activities and helping us all year, we would like to offer you a child free couple of hours. We would like to take your children to see Act II Community Theater's "Willy Wonka Jr" Saturday, March 10th at 7pm. Please have your child at the foyer of the Dorothy Summers Theater by 6:45 on Saturday night, March 10th. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this event, you are most welcome, but please don't feel obligated. Children can be picked up in the foyer of Dorothy Summers following the show. If you have children under 3, we can organize nursery, or they are welcome to join us if a parent or other responsible person attends with them. If you could let us know whether you will be able to participate, that would be wonderful, as the amount of our group discount depends on how many people are attending. Blessings, and thanks again for all you do for our children's program.

Lisa, Kim and Lauren

Lets play a game.....

Can anyone guess who this is?



Its that time again for a....

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

**Saturday, March 31st
at 2:00 pm**

**At the home of
John and Lisa Elliott
(312 N. Hillcrest, Ada)**

EVERYONE is invited!!!!



Notes from the



*By Leslie and
Clay Carley*

It was a beautiful day at the park Sunday. The sun was shining and families were enjoying being out especially after the ice and heavy rains we had through yesterday afternoon! We were extra blessed today by some new volunteers, and our regular crew was also back, healthy and ready to serve. Our thanks to our wonderful crew, and to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe for all that they have shared with us, and thanks to Crystal who supplied jugs of fruit juice, Fran and Reta who have contributed so much, and to Tim, thanks are not sufficient, but with all our hearts, Thank You! We are fast approaching warmer weather, but we continue to collect blankets, coats, heaters, and any cold weather gear, and we are starting to collect shoes and clothing for the warm months. For anyone doing early Spring Cleaning, please keep us in mind! We are preparing a fund raiser to be held at Walmart on March 31st. We will have lots of baked goods, and some special Easter Ornaments available. Thank you all for your prayers and support and we hope to see you again next week, for dinner at the park.

**Harry Miller District
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 21st, 2018**



REGISTRATION

starts at 7:15 am on tournament day

SHOTGUN START

starts at 8:00 am

Please contact Harry Miller District Chairman, Dr. Steve Ivan at 580-380-1415 or email tsivan@hotmail.com if you have any questions about the 2018 Harry Miller District Annual Golf Tournament.

The 2018 tournament will be held at the Oak Hills Golf & Country Club. Oak Hills is located at 519 North Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma. If you would like to sign up there will be registration forms in the church office or you can contact Steve Ivan. Registration forms are due by May 18th and Sponsorship Support must be in May 4th. Lunch will be provided following the tournament.

Mosaic

Christian Spirituality Bible Study

-“Verse by Verse” taught by Pastor Brian Matthews
March 14th and 28th

There will be no Mosaic classes on March 21st due to spring break.

-“Forgiveness” taught by Jody Standard and Donna Birdwell

-Calligraphy taught by Sarah Peters

\$5.00 per person for this class to help cover supplies

*Now is the
Time To
Order Your
Easter Lilies*



Its time to think about ordering or purchasing a Lily to place on our altar for Easter Sunday! We will have forms in the church office and forms in the bulletin. Deadline for forms will be on March 19th and all Lilies need to be at the church by March 29th. For more information please check your form or call the office.

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 MARCH

WEDNESDAY 7th,	
7:00 am	Methodist Men's Breakfast (200 S. Broadway, Aldridge Coffee Shop)
11:00 pm	Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
1:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Training (Fellowship Class)
SATURDAY 10th,	
7:00 pm	Just For Fun Day/ Willy Wonka Jr. (ECU)
MONDAY 12th,	
10:00 am	Ruth Rachel Meeting (Parlor)
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	Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
1:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Training (Fellowship Classroom)
THURSDAY 15th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Group (Lindsay Classroom)
FRIDAY 16th,	
6:30 pm	MidAmerica Christian University Concert (Sanctuary)



PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, Peggy Bagley, Janet Bare, Tonya Biggerstaff, Mica Cacy, Feline Campbell, Morris Cane, Marian Craig, Dick Danielson, Scottie Furminsky, John Holt, Kim Holton, Adam Hucceby, Mary James, Bobby Johns, Ray Larsen, Chuck Lindholm, Tim Mummey, Joe Murray, Greg Perry, Amanda Ricker, The Rice Family, Suzanne Simmons, Debbra Smith, Florence Stanich, Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins, Dimples Walden, Jefferson Walden

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Wanda Goplen, Holly Hawk, 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., Courtney Glasgow-Samuels, Amanda Jamar Herrin, Amber Keiser, Krystina Phillips, Karry Baker Griese, Megan Leach, Megan Broderick

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 18th, 2018	
Sunday School	150
Chapel Service	59
Sanctuary Service	175
Total Worship	234
FEBRUARY 25th, 2018	
Sunday School	158
Chapel Service	83
Sanctuary Service	168
Total Worship	251