

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

If you were present in church on Sunday, April 15, you noticed that I was absent. I was in Claremore, OK serving as the Spiritual Director for walk #177 of the Green Country Walk to Emmaus. Many of you are intimately familiar with the Walk to Emmaus, but I'm guessing many of you are hearing the name for the first time. It is my hope that our church will become re-engaged with the Cross Point Walk to Emmaus as it gathers steam again (it was dormant for about a year). Here are some answers to the most often asked questions:

What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

What happens at an Emmaus Weekend?

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community, and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion, and to understand more fully the body of Christ. You will experience God's grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

What happens after the Emmaus Weekend?

Following the three-day experience, participants are encouraged to join in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Jesus is Lord,


If this sounds like something you'd like to experience, please talk to me. Have a great week and I'll see you in worship this weekend!

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

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY




ECU Wesley 2018
High School Night



Join us April 23rd, from 7-9pm for:

- Food
- Games
- FUSION Worship

This event is for ANY and ALL high school students! If you have any questions feel free to contact Campus Minister Janey Wilson at ecuwesley@gmail.com or (580) 436-3400.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ECU Wesley Weekly FUSION Worship Service: Monday's @ 8 pm (unless there is no classes)
- Co-Ed Bible Study each Tuesday @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- ECU Wesley leads worship and shares our story at Marlow FUMC on April 15th
- ECU Wesley Golf Tournament on June 18th @ 8 am @ Oak Hills Golf & Country Club

Harry Miller District ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT May 21st, 2018



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 at 580-380-1415 or email tsivan@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Registration forms are due by May 18th and Sponsorship Support must be in May 4th. Lunch will be provided following the tournament.



VIM FUNDRAISER

Baked Potato Bar with all the trimmings
 Sunday, April 22nd, 2018
 After church at 12:00 pm
 In the Christian Life Center (CLC)

This fundraiser is to help raise funds for the VIM Medical Mission Team for their trip to Waslala, Nicaragua

THANK YOU!!



Thanks to the Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers for their continued dedication to our music department. Their hard work does not go unnoticed. They add so much to our worship service as we perform for our audience of "One". The Brass Ensemble was a blessing on Easter as well. Thanks to all who contributed their talents.

Notes from the



By Leslie and
Clay Carley

A sunny day at last! It was a bit windy (nothing we aren't used to in Oklahoma) but a nice change having the sun shining down on us! Thank you to our crew for all your help. And thanks to those who came to get dinners for their neighbors who were not able to come to the park. All of these wonderful people make this ministry possible. Our thanks also to KFC, J.D.'s Cafe, and Amber's Sweet Shoppe...Not just for the desserts, but for the pot pies. They were a special treat! Thanks again to Bob and Janet for the shoes and clothing, and to Fred and Karen who once again brought canned goods from their church in Stratford. We continue to ask for prayers for Allen and Amy. Amy is counting down the treatments, just 20 more! Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you again next week for dinner at he park!

Razzle Dazzle

We would love to invite all our Voices of Praise students to join us at our annual Razzle Dazzle Music Camp this summer from Monday, July 9th through Friday, July 13th with a performance at 11 am on Friday. There is a fee of \$75 which includes their camp t-shirt, lunch and snack each day. Please call Rozzie at (580) 332-6624 by June 20th to let us know if would be interested in joining us in this fun and exciting music camp!

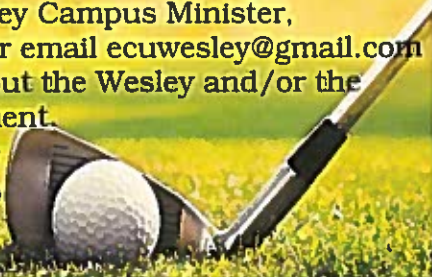
ECU Wesley Golf Tournament

Monday, June 18th, 2018

Oaks Hills Golf and Country Club Ada Ok

Please contact ECU Wesley Campus Minister, Janey Wilson at (580) 436-3400 or email ecuwesley@gmail.com if you have any questions about the Wesley and/or the tournament.

The proceeds of the ECU Wesley golf tournament are used to reach out to the campus students with the message of Christ's love.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are in need of volunteers for our
VIM Medical

Mission to Waslala, Nicaragua from
June 7th-16th.

If you are interested contact
Amelda McCortney
or Paula Watkins.

Voice's of Praise in



Coming up soon will be the Voice's of Praise Spring Concert on Sunday, April 22nd at 9:30 am in our sanctuary. The children will be singing a wide variety of music. Something for everyone! Hope everyone will support or children.

Our last meeting of the semester and end-of-the-year party is on Tuesday, April 24th! We will be eating yummy snacks., partying it up music style, and singing for the last time this school year.

THANKS
from the
HEART

From
Mary James

I would like
to take this
opportunity to
thank everyone

for the cards, phone calls, visits, food, prayers and every act of kindness shown to me during the time of my illness. I pray God will bless each one of you.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Holly and Austin Clay on their baby girl Vallie Noel Clay. She was born on April 9th weighing 5lbs 15oz and was 19 3/4 inches. Also congratulations to the grandparents Larry and Cindy Brady.

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	
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
1:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training (Fellowship Classroom)
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)
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



THURSDAY 19th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal Church)
5:30 pm	GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor)
6:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SATURDAY 21st,	
10:00 am	Children's Play Practice (location to be announced)
SUNDAY 22nd,	
9:30 am	Voice's of Praise Spring Concert (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm	Nicaragua VIM Fundraiser (CLC)
WEDNESDAY 25th,	
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
THURSDAY 26th,	
7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SATURDAY 28th,	
10:00 am	Children's Play Practice (Sanctuary)
SUNDAY 29th,	
10:45 am	Children's Spring Program (Sanctuary)
MONDAY 30th,	
6:00 pm	Blue and Gold Banquet (CLC)



WEDNESDAY 2nd,	
8:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (200 S. Broadway)
THURSDAY 3rd,	
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership UMW Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)

ATTENDANCE

April 1st, 2018			
	Sunday School	175	
	Chapel Service	91	
	Sanctuary Service	316	
Total Worship			407
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April 8th, 2018			
	Sunday School	169	
	Chapel Service	58	
	Sanctuary Service	164	
Total Worship			222



PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, Janet Bare, Tonya Biggerstaff, Mica Cacy, Feline Campbell, Morris Cane, Marian Craig, Scottie Furminsky, Britney Gomez and Family, Carol Hayden, Amber Hightower, Carol Hightower, Kim Hill, John Holt, Kim Holton, Adam Huckeby, Mary James, Bobby Johns, Lisa Larios, Ray Larsen, David Logan, Tim Mummey, Joe Murray, Greg Perry, Amanda Ricker, The Rice Family, Eileen Sharpiro, Kylelyn Sheppard, Suzanne Simmons, Debra Smith, Florence Stanich, Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins, Dimples Walden, Jefferson Walden

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Cliff Chapman, Wanda Goplen, Holly Hawk, Jennifer Hood, Gary Jackson, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Chuck Lindholm, 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: Megan Broderick, Jenny F., Amber Keiser, Karry Baker Griese, Megan Leach