

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

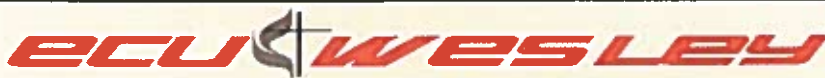
You undoubtedly realize this newsletter is quite a bit thicker than normal. That is because beginning with this edition, *The Advocate* will only be published monthly. The last week of every month you can expect to receive a newsletter advertising events for the coming month. Making this change will allow us to better utilize our staff and volunteer's time, conserve resources, and save a little money to boot. Please take note of the guidelines for submitting articles/information to the monthly newsletter.

On Sunday, May 20 I had an experience that brought joy to my heart. The story actually begins about 6 months ago when I decided FUMC Ada needed to join the ranks of churches "Live Streaming" worship. For many years we had been videoing each week's service and posting online, but we were not live streaming. Live streaming, in my opinion, is a notch better and allows people to "tune in" and worship at the same time as their community of faith. So, for less than \$700 we entered the world of live streaming. Back to Sunday, May 20, and our 2018 Confirmation Sunday. One of our Confirmand's (Keane Ferdinand) grandparents live in India and could not be present for this great day...BUT since we offer live stream they were able to tune in and see their grandchild make a public profession of faith and become a member of the church. How cool is that! Also, because of the report I get from our live stream provider, I also know there were people watching in Broken Arrow, OK, which I know is where the grandparents of another student live, and I suspect they were watching, but I haven't verified that. If you need to be absent from worship, I hope you will join us online!

There are LOTS of activities in the life of your church this month so please take extra time to peruse the newsletter and mark your calendars accordingly...in fact, you can pull the church Jesus is Lord, calendar out, highlight events, and place it on your refrigerator. Take care, have a great month, and I hope to see you in worship real soon!

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

Pastor Brian Matthews



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.

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Facebook: ECU Wesley
Twitter & Instagram: [ecu_wesley](https://www.instagram.com/ecu_wesley)

FOUNDATION INFORMATION

The annual Foundation meeting was held on 5-17-18 at ECU Wesley building. For those of you who have not been in the building in a while I can tell you it was clean and inviting. There is room to study and room to relax. Thank you Janey Wilson for hosting the meeting. Emily Taylor and ECU student (A girl we saw grow up at FUMC Ada) gave a presentation. Thank you Emily! The board of Trustees discussed the grant requests. Unrestricted fund requests totaled about 54,394. Money allocated to grant requests totaled about 42,094. The restricted funds earned a total of 23, 167. The internet rate earned was 4.5%. Members in the FUMC da Foundation is at least \$25 each final year. Ways to give to the Foundation are by request, gifts of retirement assets or gift of cash. Talk with a board member, Bill Chapman or Keta Morgan for more ideas for giving or any questions you may have.

EVANGELISM

Whenever you hear the word "Evangelism you most likely think of "revivals", the "mourner's bench", "repeated appeals", "loud music" "radical conversions" and so forth. Undeniably it is some of the above but much more! Evangelism in the best sense of the word includes:

- Spiritual Growth
- Authentic Willingness
- Spiritual Retreats
- Small Sharing Groups
- Great Music
- New Members
- Personal Devotional Life
- Preaching for a Response
- And much more!!
- Social Justice
- Caring Ministries
- Membership Growth
- Living Life to the Fullest

-Pastor Roberto Escamilla

BURGERS N JAZZ

JUNE 3RD IN THE COURTYARD
FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

April Memorials

Anita Miller

By: The Fellowship Class

Helen Jaquess

By: Charles L. Wheelen

Mary Ann Briggs

T.J. Johnson

By: June Murphy

Mary Ann Briggs

Pat Berma

By: Gayle Logsdon

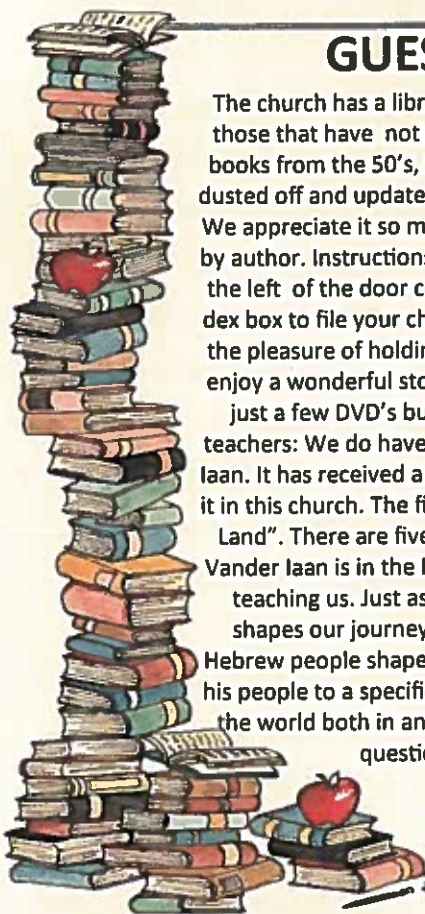
Gayle Logsdon

Janelle McKnight

GUESS WHAT?!?!

The church has a library. It is located next to the office. For those that have not visited the library in a while, there are books from the 50's, 60's, 70's etc. and the library has been dusted off and updated. Thanks to those who donated books. We appreciate it so much! The books are filed alphabetically by author. Instructions for checking out a book are located to the left of the door coming in from the office. There is a index box to file your check out cards as well. Enjoy once again the pleasure of holding a real book and turning the pages to enjoy a wonderful story or a great biography. Also, we have just a few DVD's but hope to add to those soon. For the teachers: We do have a wonderful DVD series by Ray Vander laan. It has received a five star review from all who have seen it in this church. The first one in the series is called "Promised Land". There are five Faith lessons on this dvd as well. Ray Vander laan is in the Holy Land teaching his students as he is teaching us. Just as the time, place of our birth and life shapes our journey, so does the land and culture of the Hebrew people shaped their story. Discover how God guided his people to a specific place in the Promised land- to impact the world both in ancient times and today. If you have any questions, please call Lou 580-436-3588.

-Lou Payne, Librarian and Historian



Our church is one of several local churches that participate in the Ada Meals on Wheel program and we are in need of 1 or 2 more volunteers. We deliver Monday thru Friday once every 9 weeks and we meet at the back door of the hospital at 10:30 to pick up the trays. Everyone is almost always finished and back home in an hour. If you think you may be interested, you can come out and ride along with someone to see if you would like it. Everyone who does it finds it very rewarding. It is a good service for the elderly that allows them to live at home rather than in a nursing facility. It not only provides them with a nutritious meal but it is also a daily check on them to see if they are OK. In addition it gives them contact with a friendly face. For additional information you may contact Jim Herndon at (580) 332-7802 or email JFHADA@yahoo.com. We are scheduled to deliver the week of June 18th.

Evangelism

Great Prayer Resource Available

In addition to the Upper Room Devotional Booklets we have now renewed plenty of copies of the booklet "Prayers for Strength" published by the Upper Room. It is a collaboration of inspirational questions and beautiful prayers. Please secure several copies and give them away to your friends. They are complimentary. One sample of a prayer is the following:

Reaching for Wholeness
Compassionate God,
Healer of bodies and souls,
Heal me.

Strengthen my broken body;
Sooth my suffering heart;
Mend my shattered life.
Make me whole again.

-Rebble Nachman of Breslov

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

OKLAHOMA FOSTERS

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A FAMILY EVERY DAY!

It takes a special foster parent to open their home to a child with special needs and provide the extra support necessary for them to thrive.

All children deserve to live in a loving home environment, but sadly, many are being cared for in treatment facilities and emergency shelters due to a lack of foster homes.

DHS will train foster parents on the special needs of children so families are well-equipped to provide care. The agency also has special nurses on staff and mental health specialists available to provide medical consultations, resources and specialized therapies to meet each child's specific needs. The children's medical care and other services are covered by Medicaid.

Please consider opening your home and providing a loving, nurturing environment to a child with special needs.

For more information, please call 1-800-376-9729 or visit www.OklahomaFosters.com



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A MILE IN THEIR SHOES AWARENESS WALK

This is a 1 mile walk to raise awareness for foster care children and their needs.

Location: Main and Broadway

Contact: Ada City Hall at (580) 436-6300

JUNE 2018

ALL UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



SUNDAY 3rd,
6:00 pm

Burgers N Jazz (Courtyard)

MONDAY 4th,
12:00 pm

Church Management Team Meeting (Library)

SATURDAY 9th,
10:00 am

Haley Jane Pierce Day of Theater Workshop (CLC)

SUNDAY 10th,
12:00 pm

Larry Bauman to do church consultation

MONDAY 18th,
1:30 pm

**Wesley Golf Tournament
(Oak Hills Golf and Country Club)**

**6:30 pm
Wintersmith Splash Pad**

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
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| <p>3</p> <p>8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel) 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park) 6:00 pm: Burgers N Jazz (Courtyard)</p> | <p>4</p> <p>12:00 pm: Church Management Team Meeting (Library) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship hall) 7:15 pm: Boy Scout Troop 13 (Scout Room)</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary)</p> | <p>6</p> <p>8:00 am: Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway) 12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library) 6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)</p> | <p>7</p> <p>5:00 pm: Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Stephen Ministers Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel) 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm: Larry Bauman to do church consultation (Immediately after service) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)</p> | <p>11</p> <p>5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 pm: Boy Scout Troop 13 (Scout Room)</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm: Minister Fellowship Meeting (Lindsay Classroom) 1:30 pm: Staff Meeting (Library)</p> | <p>13</p> <p>12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library) 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)</p> | <p>14</p> <p>5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel) 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)</p> | <p>18</p> <p>1:30 pm: Wesley Golf Tournament (Oak Hills Golf and Country Club) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm: Wintersmith Splash Pad 7:15 pm: Boy Scout Troop 13 (Scout Room)</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary)</p> | <p>20</p> <p>8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal) 12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library) 6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)</p> | <p>21</p> <p>8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Stephen Ministry Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel) 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)</p> | <p>25</p> <p>5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 7:15 pm: Boy Scout Troop 13 (Scout Room)</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary) 1:30 pm: Staff Meeting (Library)</p> | <p>27</p> <p>11:00 pm: Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall) 12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library) 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)</p> | <p>28</p> <p>5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm: District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)</p> |



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2018
GRADUATES!**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

HARRISON BOGGS

Harrison is the son of Christi and Will Boggs. He will be graduating from Ada High School and attending East Central University. He is graduating with a Freshman Scholar Scholarship and was part of the Honor Society, Math Club, Science Club and FCA. Harrison also has an award for Individual State Tennis Champion and he also is a 2 Time State Team Tennis Champion.



NIC SPROUSE

Nic will be graduating from Tishomingo High School. This fall he will be attending Murray State College. He plans on majoring in robotics.



NICOLE LOWRY

Nicole is the daughter of Russell and Kelli Lowry. She will be graduating from Ada High School with a PLC Scholarship, Valedictorian Scholarship and Dicus Scholarship. Nicole will be attending the University of Oklahoma.



COLLEGE GRADUATES

JAKE BOONE

Jake is the son of Todd and Stephanie Boone. He is graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with Special Distinction and has been initiated into Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society. Jake will be attending the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry.



DILLION ALTKINSON

(not pictured)

Dillion will be graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and would like to be a teacher and coach in Earlsboro.

**NATALIE KAYE
LOWRY**

Natalie is the daughter of Russell and Kelli Lowry. She will be graduating from Oklahoma State University with a Degree in Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology.





COLLEGE GRADUATES CONTINUED...



LOUDEN JOHNSON

Louden is graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and hopes to pursue a job with the Chikasaw Nation.



RACHEL PATE

Rachel will be graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and hopes to get a job as a RN in Tulsa.

CANSAS PATE

(not pictured)

Cansas will be graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice Degree and hopes to get a job with the Broken Arrow Police.



TYLER PURDUM

Tyler is graduating from East Central University this fall with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business.



BRITNI SISCO

Britni will be graduating this fall from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.



ZAC STANTON

Zac will be graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and hopes to attend the OU Medical School to become a doctor.

CAROLYNN STEPHENS

Carolynn will be graduating from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Counseling and plans to move to Shawnee to find a job.



AMBER TIGER

(not pictured)

Amber will be graduating this fall from East Central University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training.

Opportunities of the Week



Church Family Prayer List



PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, Janet Bare, Tonya Biggerstaff, Janey Brumley, Mica Cacy, Marian Craig, Scottie Furiminsky, Carol Hayden, Amber Hightower, Carol Hightower, Kim Hill, John Holt, Kim Holton, Victoria Hughes and Family (Amber Keiser's Family), Mary James, Lisa Larios, Janet Larney, Ray Larsen, Emma Lucas, Tim Mummey, Joe Murray, Greg Perry, Amanda Ricker, Eileen Sharpiro, Kylelyn Sheppard, Marty Skinner, Suzanne Simmons, Deebra Smith, Florence Stanich, Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins, Dimples Walden, Jefferson Walden, Linda Wood

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Cliff Chapman, Wanda Goplen, Holly Hawk, Jennifer Hood, Gary Jackson, 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, Amber Keiser, Karry Baker Griese, Megan Leach

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| Newsletter DEADLINE DATES | We are going to be doing a monthly newsletter. | Date it will be mailed: | Article Due by: |
| | | June 26th | June 13th |
| | | July 24th | July 11th |
| | | August 28th | August 15th |
| | | September 25th | September 12th |
| | | October 30th | October 17th |



By Leslie and Clay Carley

It was another very hot Sunday in the park. Thank you to all of our crew who gave a part of this special day to be sure that families would have a good meal to sit down to. Thank you also to KFC, J.D.'s Cafe, and Amber's Sweet Shoppe. Their generosity helps to make this meal possible, along with the cooking talents of Colin! Now that the heat has settled in, we have had requests for fans or air conditioning. We hope to be able to provide fans in the coming weeks. If anyone has one to share, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you again next week, for dinner at the park.

ATTENDANCE

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|-------------------------|-----|--|------------|
| April 15th, 2018 | | | |
| Sunday School | 167 | | |
| Chapel Service | 67 | | |
| Sanctuary Service | 167 | | |
| Total Worship | | | 234 |
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| April 22nd, 2018 | | | |
| Sunday School | | | |
| Chapel Service | 63 | | |
| Sanctuary Service | 188 | | |
| Total Worship | | | 251 |
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| April 29th, 2018 | | | |
| Sunday School | 166 | | |
| Chapel Service | 64 | | |
| Sanctuary Service | 172 | | |
| Total Worship | | | 236 |
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| May 6th, 2018 | | | |
| Sunday School | 162 | | |
| Chapel Service | 47 | | |
| Sanctuary Service | 207 | | |
| Total Worship | | | 254 |
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| May 13th, 2018 | | | |
| Sunday School | 185 | | |
| Chapel Service | 55 | | |
| Sanctuary Service | 178 | | |
| Total Worship | | | 233 |
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| May 20th, 2018 | | | |
| Sunday School | | | |
| Chapel Service | | | |
| Sanctuary Service | | | |
| Total Worship | | | |



STEPHEN MINISTRY



Left: Marty Hall
Middle: Glenda Gray
Right: Janet Larney

The spiritual gifts God gives to each of us are to be given away and Marty Hall, Glenda Gray and Janet Larney have answered the call and are completing Stephen Ministry training. To care for people who are going through a difficult time with spiritual and emotional support has spent 50 hours of training for those ladies and they are now ready to join the one-on-one care giving ministry. Our congratulations to them for their commitment to Stephen Ministry. On June 3rd we will commission Glenda Gray, Marty Hall and Janet Larney to begin service as Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Join in the celebration! Come pray for and show respect for this caring ministry and these gifted people whom God has called and equipped for this important role in our congregation.



United Methodist Women

Congratulations Dorothy!

Dorothy Escamilla was recognized as having read 20 books from the official list of the UMW recommended books. The recognition took place at a meeting of the

Great Lakes district held at Antlers, Oklahoma on May 5th. This represents the largest number of books out of the whole district. In addition to Dorothy being a reader, she is an excellent cook, gardener, musician, mother and grandmother. She has travelled to all seven continents including Antarctica. She is active in the Ruth Rachel Circle and sings in the choir.