

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*

Several people have asked about my upcoming surgery, so I thought I'd do a more personal article to "spread the news." When I was about 24 years old I started noticing some pain in my right "gluteus maximus" region. The pain remained in that area for several months before I started noticing it traveling down the back of my right leg. After x-rays and an MRI I was diagnosed with 2 herniated discs (L3-4, 4-5). My doctor recommended a series of epidural steroid injections and I had them over the summer of 1999. The injections helped some, but within a couple months I was hurting again. I went to see a spine specialist who recommended surgery...but at 25 years old I didn't want to have back surgery, so I opted for a more conservative approach, which included quitting playing golf, softball and volleyball, together with some physical therapy and more injections. Before long I was feeling much better, and for the next 10 years or so I managed any pain with ibuprofen until it became what I'd come to know as "nerve" pain, at which point it was back to injections and therapy.

Finally in the spring of 2013 I relented and had my first surgery geared at solving issues around L4-5. I was also told that L4-5 was degenerating and would likely cause more trouble in the future. I've continued to manage the pain as best I could until this summer when nerve pain started shooting down my left leg, which is the other side from the original surgery. After 20 years I decided enough was enough and scheduled to have the bad disc removed, bone inserted in its place and fusion of the level for stability. The surgery was originally scheduled for August 27 but my insurance company said I needed to wait a little longer, so now the procedure is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 at McBride Orthopedic Hospital in OKC. It is my prayer that this 20 year journey I've been on will come to a conclusion, and I will say goodbye to issues related to this bad disc. I will be out of the office for about 2 weeks and miss 1 Sunday...that of course is if everything goes as planned...which I believe it will! I would certainly appreciate your prayers for me, my surgical team, and Shannon and Noah during the procedure and recovery process.

Since I have a little room left, some of you will remember that just before I moved to Ada I also had spinal surgery. That was an unrelated procedure that solved nerve issues in my neck. The procedure coming up will be the same one done in 2016 in my neck...so I've been here before!

Have a great week...great Labor Day...and I hope to see you in worship soon!

Jesus is Lord,

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

Pastor Brian Matthews

# NewsLetter **DEADLINE** DATES

<b>Date it will be mailed:</b>	<b>Articles Due by:</b>
September 25th	September 12th
October 30th	October 17th

## Memorials

**Billie Frank Turner**  
 By: Mary Jane Muntz  
 Jeff and Julia Luke  
 Diane and Tom Criswell  
 Joseph Johnson  
 (Acknowledging Harry and Patty Turner)

# Mosaic

Here are the six reasons for attending classes on this "Wesleyan Class Meeting" beginning September 5th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship

Hall. The concept of a class meeting (small sharing groups) is the root of the Methodist Church. We will study the book and the author of the book.

Dr. Kevin Watson will be here on September 30th and October 1st! The book has been contextualized to our time and available on the 5th. It is a sound Wesleyan Theology as well as an approach to the of small sharing groups. The class will include videos and discussion led by our own excellent preacher, Lead Pastor Brian Matthews. There will be a delicious dinner at 5:00 pm for the whole family!

-Pastor Roberto Escamilla



## First United Methodist Church of Ada Children's Ministry

### Join us for J.A.M.!!

J.A.M stands for "Jesus and Me"  
 We are excited to announce the new after school program at the First United Methodist Church.

Activities include art, bible skills, snacks, cooking, games, drama and science. The kids will rotate through each activities over the course of the month.

Please call Kim Moon at (580) 272-4038 or the church office at (580) 332-1398 if you have any questions or would like more information.

Our curriculum will follow one bible story and verse over a 4-6 week period (depending on the story).

All rotations will apply to the bible and verse for that month.

**Hope you join us for J.A.M. !!**  
 "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."  
 Galatians 3:26

# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Days:**  
Thursday, August 30th through  
Saturday, September 1st

**Hours:**  
From 6 pm- 11 pm  
Thursday and Friday  
\$25 wristbands

Saturday  
\$20 special on wristbands from 2 pm - 4 pm

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

From 7:00 am to 11:00 am  
Located at the Ada High School

Ada Cougar Water Color Run is an untimed 5K and Fun Run including splashes of colored, nontoxic water. The route will include 'Splash Zones' and lanes for those who opt out of getting splashed!

The 5K will begin at 8:00am  
Fun Run at 8:30am.  
Registration begins at 7:00am

Tickets are the same price for all ages and both races (\$20).



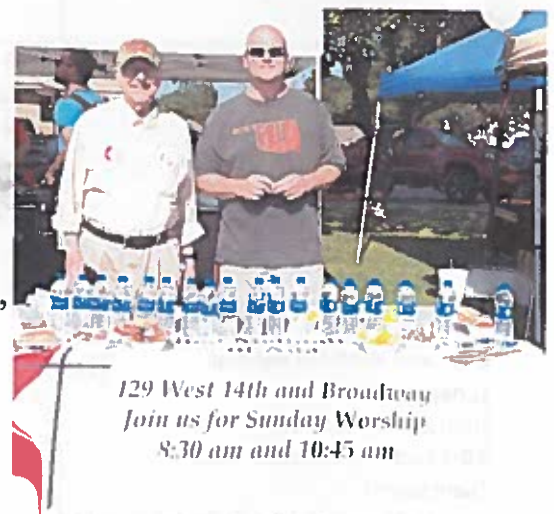
# CURRENT-PAST CHURCH EVENTS



Left to Right: Brent Adrian and Brian Matthews

## ECU Welcome Day

Rev. Brian Matthews,  
Youth Director Brent Adrian,  
Pastor Roberto Escamilla  
and LaDonna Hill  
(not pictured) participated  
in the ECU Welcome Day.



Left to Right: Roberto Escamilla and Brian Matthews


129 West 14th and Bro  
Join us for Sunday

129 West 14th and Broadway  
Join us for Sunday Worship  
8:30 am and 10:45 am

Full Free Breakfast 8:00 am to 10:30 am

# SEPTEMBER 2018

**ALL UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH**



**MONDAY 3rd, LABOR DAY (Office Closed)**

**TUESDAY 4th, 5:00 pm Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)**

**SUNDAY 9th, 10:45 am (during service) Commissioning of Acolytes (Sanctuary) 2:00 pm Pool Party Lisa Elliotts Home (312 N. Hillcrest)**

**TUESDAY 11th, 6:00 pm Evangelism Team Meeting (Parlor)**

**WEDNESDAY 26th, 11:00 pm Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)**

**SUNDAY 30th, (Both Services) Lecturer Guest Speaker 10:45 am (during service) -3rd Grade Bible Presentation**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel)</p> <p>9:30 am: Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)</p>	<p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary-Prayer Room)</p> <p>3:30 pm: Voice's of Praise (Sanctuary)</p> <p>5:00 pm: Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>8:00 am: Methodist Men's Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway)</p> <p>10:00 am: Rebekah Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>4:00 pm: J.A.M</p> <p>5:00 pm: Mosaic Meal</p> <p>6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room), Mosaic Classes, Bell Practice, Bible Adventure</p> <p>7:15 pm: Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>5:00 pm: Local Unit Leadership UMW Team Meeting (Library)</p> <p>5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Stephen Ministers Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)</p>	<p>6:00 pm: District Scout Training (CLC)</p> <p>7:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)</p>
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## Trooper Elwonger, ECU Wesley Ministry Intern Update

During Spring 2018 and this summer, God has given me a lot of ideas for this ministry in how we can update the building, create new ministry ideas, and assemble new advertisement plans. Since becoming the Ministry Intern in January 2018, I have been really blessed to be under the leadership of Ms. Janey Wilson. When it comes to student ministry and running the day in and day out routines of being a campus minister, Janey really knows what she is doing, and I feel very fortunate to learn from her, since I want to become more and more involved with a church/ministry as I get older and graduate from East Central. I have really gotten to see and have a feel for what it takes to be a campus minister (or have a really big role in the ministry in general) and it is definitely not easy, but after watching Ms. Janey lead this ministry and getting the chance to work with her, I know that by the time I graduate here at ECU, I will be equipped with the tools to help me become successful within my own ministry one day, if it is God's Will. One of the things that I appreciate from Ms. Janey is that she has been in support of my ideas that I bring for the ECU Wesley. She challenges me and has me do all the detailing to my ideas before bringing her a final "product of an idea" and then she gives her input on how we should go about it. I have been very grateful that Ms. Janey has given me the opportunity to share my ideas with her so openly. Here are the things that I have done since I became the Ministry Intern at the ECU Wesley:

### Spring 2018

- Led Men's Bible Study
- Leader of the Men's Ministry
- Gave my testimony and my first devotion ever during Fusion Worship
- Created the new ECU Wesley website (go check it out!)
- Created all the flyers for the things going on at the Wesley during the week.
- Gave the idea to put two chairs and a table outside of the doors of the east entrance

### Summer 2018

- Power washed, cleaned, and then painted new parking stripes in the parking lot (Joel Nalere, ECU Wesley Servant Team, helped me power wash the parking lot as well, thank you Joel)
- Painted the guard poles/rails protecting the Wesley
- Created the new Partner's in Ministry Pamphlet
- Created the flyers to hang around campus
- Officially created the ECU Wesley Men's Ministry, and designed t-shirts for the guys, we will try and have a couple fellowship this semester.
- Created the Prayer Team for Fall 2018 and made the sign for the Prayer Box
- Created Drop Box idea for when Ms. Janey and I are not in the office
- Starting the Football Players Only Bible Study on Thursdays at 7 pm starting this week. We will be working through: The Purple Book, Updated Edition: Biblical Foundations for Building Strong Disciples by Rice Brooks and Steve Murrell.
- Built the big cross in the Worship room (I'm going to add lights behind it and put a crown of thorns on top with a robe coming across the arms soon) also big thanks to Mr. Travis Muse for helping me mount the cross to the wall!
- Cleaned up and stained the smaller cross, from the bucket in the corner, and soon will put it up in the area where the couches are next to the TV in the lobby.
- Stained Samuel Adam's desk in the Worship room
- Attended the IA Conference in Edmond, OK for Ministers and Pastors. I attended it so that I can grow individually, as well as bring many ideas and tools back with me for the ECU Wesley. I will soon receive in the mail a flash drive of all the meetings, devotions, and talks that I experienced at this workshop conference in the near future, so that we can further hopefully implement them into our ministry.
- Created great new Vistaprint flyers to give out to students during busy passing periods before and after classes, telling them about the Wesley and spreading the Word of God.

I have been very blessed to execute these ideas and have God give me the ability to work in a ministry like the ECU Wesley. Since working here, I have felt that God is calling me to work in the ministry for many years to come after graduation. At the moment, I am trying to be an evangelist to those around me and spread the Gospel, and this summer has been made up of a lot of staying up late learning God's Word and how to reach those who are lost. During the month of June, I was the Bible Teacher for grades 1-6 at my home church in Plano, Texas, Northeast Bible Church. God had blessed me to have the ability to teach them about basic stories in the Bible, perform activities, and teach them Biblical Truths through God's Word over the course of a 4-week lesson plan I created myself. This Fall 2018 semester, I plan on leading the Football Players Only Bible Study and Men's Ministry. I will also be giving a couple of devotions this semester during Fusion Worship, God Willing, which I am very excited for. Thank you all so much for this great opportunity to be the Ministry Intern at the ECU Wesley!

# JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

## Wednesday, September 5th

First class session on  
"Wesleyan Class Meeting"

Led by Lead Pastor Brian Matthews

From 6:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Dinner will be at 5:00 pm.

## Voice's of Praise

Our children's choir will begin on Tuesday, September 4th from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. We start with delicious snacks and then recreation. We have food, fun, faith and fellowship. Students that are in the first grade through 6th grade are eligible. Bring a friend and hope to see you soon!!

*To the family  
and friends of  
Mary Jo Schoepflin*

## FRIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

5th-	Home Game: 10:30 pm- 12:00 am
12th-	Away Game: 7:00 pm-10:00 pm
18th-	Home Game: Fall Break (no meeting)
26th-	Home Game: 10:30 pm- 12:00 am

**Youth  
group  
SCHEDULE**



## Acolyte Training

**Tuesday,  
September 4th  
From 5-6 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

Any child in the 4th grade and up including the youth that haven't been trained already and would like to be included in our acolyte schedule to participate on Sunday mornings. We would love for you to attend our acolyte training.



Due to extreme demand on our local aid funds this summer, we are asking for additional funds to allow us to assist families with their expenses as school gets back in session. Thank you in advance for your generous consideration of this need.

- Bob Langston, Local Aid Director

During the Ada High football seasons, on Fridays the youth times will change depending on if there is a home game or away game. Please look at the attached times and dates for the month of September.

If you have any questions please contact the Youth Director Brent Adrian.

# POOL PARTY

**Sunday, September 9th**

**From 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Held at Lisa Elliotts home**

**(312 North Hillcrest)**

**This pool party will be in honor of our new acolytes and everyone is welcomed!!  
Parents MUST attend with their children (no drop offs)**



# Opportunities of the Week



# Church Family Prayer List

July 22

It was a little cooler at the park, only 99°! Thankfully we were able to serve from three lines today, so we were able to provide about 550 meals very quickly! We also had clothing and extra groceries for people to shop for.

July 29

It was a bright sunny day at the park. The rain that we were expecting did not arrived. We are very thankful for all of the volunteers who came today, we were able to serve from three lines again, providing meals for about 550 people, plus extra groceries, clothing, and from the woman of Flex n Gate, there were toiletries available. Special thank you to Jenna who delivered several box fans to the park today. We were able to share three fans today to those who needed them the most.

August 5

Pretty hot and humid today, but that didn't stop our crew from showing up and serving! Thank you, Crystal, Jim (get better soon), Don, Nina, our missionary sisters from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Fran, Charlie, David, Tim, Clay, and Colin. Special thanks to Tim, who provided new shoes for back to school, and Dianne, who provided toiletries to share today.

August 12

We didn't serve today due to weather. We won't serve if there may be danger to our park servers and friends. Thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J. D.'s Cafe for their generosity in sharing food for the park. We would not be able to serve as we do without all the donations we receive. We especially thank those who pray for this ministry. Your prayers are as important to us as the food that we serve.

## ATTENDANCE

<b>July 29th, 2018</b>	
Sunday School	148
Combined Service	187
Online	14
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>August 5th, 2018</b>	
Sunday School	131
Chapel Service	68
Sanctuary Service	116
Online	5
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>August 12th, 2018</b>	
Sunday School	144
Chapel Service	60
Sanctuary Service	169
Online	16
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>August 19th, 2018</b>	
Sunday School	139
Chapel Service	66
Sanctuary Service	132
Online	12
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>210</b>

## PRAYERS



Avery Anderson, Raymond Annanders, Sam Bumpus, **Ann Dicus**, Larry Drennan, Ed Echalk, **Kandice Estrada**, Scottie Furiminsky, Jeff Hayes, Kim Holton, Guy Langston, Bill Larney, Janet Larney, Ray Larsen, Joe and Lynn Marquis, Amelda McCortney, Betty McCutcheon, Joe Murray, Cacy Myers, Willard Rhynes, Connie Smith, Ella Strader, **Bobby Thomas**, **Darrel Thompson**, Richard Williams, **Rance Willis**

## LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Bud Blackburn, Cliff Chapman, Wanda Goplen, Holly Hawk, Jennifer Hood, Gary Jackson, Randy Johnson, Chuck Lindholm, Mike Manning, Lenora Mayer, Cindy Minor, Johnny Moss, Tim Mummey, Greg Perry, Glen Ray, William Quinn Senior, Mary Jo Schoepflin, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Doc Stokes, Dimples Walden, Kathy Wilkin, Karen Williams

## EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Megan Broderick, Amber Keiser