

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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Well, another year is upon us, and all I can say is, "Man how time flies!" I want to take a few lines to say thank-you to everyone who made the Christmas Season so meaningful. To Rozzie and the musicians...the music was awesome! To Lisa, Kim and the kids: your program and music was great! To Donna, Amber and the office staff: we survived with very few hitches! To Roberto, Bob and Don: thanks for making life easier with all the things you do! And to everyone who participated in all the activities, thank you for doing so. It is truly an honor for me to be part of what God is doing in and through our church...thanks for allowing me and my family to join you on this journey.

With the new year 1/12th behind us, I want to share some things with you that are rolling around in that cavernous space known as my brain. In no special order:

\* On Sunday afternoon, February 3, I will make the journey north to Blackwell, OK and *Brian Matthews* the luxurious confines of the Best Western Inn. I will gather with Frenchie, JLeu, AA-ron, and Pappy (these are nicknames of course) for 60 hours of sermon planning. As always, if you have any sermon ideas I am always open to hearing it. Just remember, I am always planned a minimum of 6 months and as far as 12 months out...so it may take some time to get to the ideas that resonate with me...but please send them my way.

\* If you have not joined us for our Wednesday evening study of World Religions, it's not too late to do so. Over the next 4 weeks we will study Judaism and Islam, and then spend time hearing from, and asking questions of Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi of the Islamic Society of Greater OKC, and Rabbi Vered Harris of Temple B'nai Israel in OKC. I am very excited for the next 4 weeks, and invite you to join us for any, or all of the classes on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

\* Over the past couple weeks I have been meeting with a group of people in the church evaluating the mission of our church. We have been working on revamping our Mission Statement, and I am excited about our work. I don't have anything more to report at this time, but please keep this group in your prayers as we continue to discern God's direction for our church...and develop a game plan to get us there!

Looks like I'm out of room for this edition. As always, I sign off by saying "thank-you" for allowing me to be your pastor. We are coming up on completing year 3, and beginning year 4...and I know the best is ahead of us, and I am excited for what the future holds for FUMC Ada! Have a great week...and I'll see you in worship soon!

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

Jesus is Lord,  
Pastor Brian Matthews

# Notes From The Park

By Clay and  
Leslie Carley



December 30, 2018

Today was the last meal for 2018. It was cold and grey at the park, but we were happy to be there! We had a good, hot meal of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuits, and dessert. We also provided plenty of extra chicken for families to take with them, to help get through the next few days before their children go back to school. We also supplied coats and blankets for people in need. We will continue to provide cold weather clothing throughout the winter season. Since it was so cold today, we were asked if we would be serving dinner. Our goal is to be back at the park every Sunday unless there is a severe weather warning. This would include icy roads, tornado warning, or severe thunderstorm. We would post an update on Facebook if we needed to cancel.

January 13, 2019

It was a bit cold at the park, and unfortunately, even after all the years we have been serving Sunday dinner there, many in need don't realize that we serve even in frigid winter temperatures! We only stay away if there are severe weather warnings or if the roads are impassable due to snow or ice. Today we send out special thanks to Kate and Twenty-Five Trading Co. Many people will be warm this winter because of the coats provided. As always, we thank KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and Daylight Donuts for their generous donations. Thanks also to Tim, Rhonda, Michael, Kayla, Donna, and her Sunday School Class, and Betty for all that they share, as well as those who anonymously donate to this ministry. To our crew, thank you! As always, you are so welcoming and encouraging towards all who come to the park for dinner.

**Thank you for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you again next week, for dinner at the park.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome...



**Lindsey Grizzle**

Lindsey joined our church on January 6th, 2019.

*Welcome*  
*May all who came as guests*  
*leave as*  
*Friends*



**Dr. Elmer and Bettye Brown**

Dr. Elmer and his wife Bettye Brown joined our church on January 27th, 2019.

# CURRENT-PAST CHURCH EVENTS

## YOUTH MINISTRY

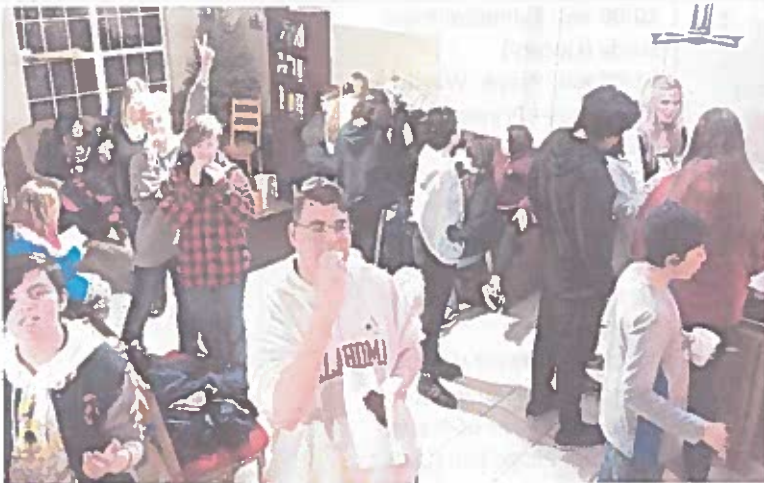
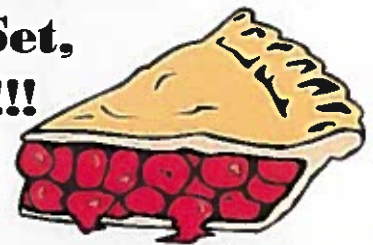
Friday, January 25th the youth group had a fun filled night having a pie eating contest and enjoying some fellowship.



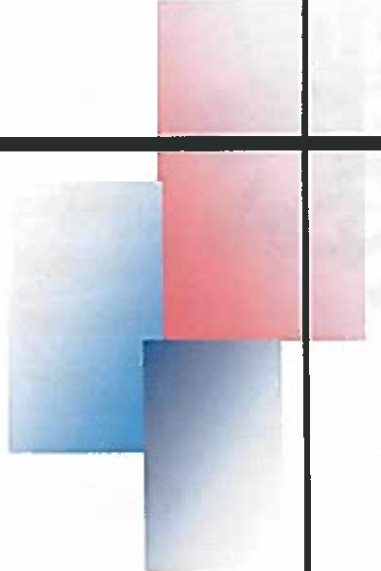
Some of our youth that participated in the contest. (Caden, Raheim and Tres)



**On Your Mark,  
Get Set,  
GO!!!**



Enjoying a good game of Foosball!  
(Cameron, Medalyn, Nicole, Zoe,  
Noah, Sean and Dylan)



# FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					7:00pm: Youth Group (Lumberjack Night)	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts (CLC/Classrooms) 6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)	10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)	5:00 pm: Local Unit Leadership UMW Team Meeting (Library) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)	7:00 pm: Youth Group (Gym Night)	8:00 am: Ada City Wide Girls Conference (TBA)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	10:00 am: Ruth Rachel (Parlor) 12:00 pm: Church Management Team Meeting (Library) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 pm: Mary Martha Women's Group Meeting (Parlor) 6:00 pm: Small Group Meeting (Homebuilders) 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts (CLC/Classrooms) 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)	10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)	9:00 am: GPS Donuts with Dad (Fellowship Hall) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: District Boy Scout Round Table Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 pm: Youth Group (Talent Show)	10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)
SCOUT SUNDAY 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts (CLC/Classrooms) 6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building) <b>*PRESIDENTS DAY- ADA NO SCHOOL*</b>	10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Lukes Episcopal Church) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)	8:00 am: Matthew 25 mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal Church) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Stephen Minister Supervisory Team Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)	7:00 pm: Youth Group (Nerf Wars)	10:00 am: Rebekah Bible Study (Library) 12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library) 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 4:00 pm: J.A.M 5:00 pm: Mosaic Meal 6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room) 6:00 pm: Mosaic Classes 6:00 pm: Bell Practice 6:00 pm: Bible Adventure 7:15 pm: Chancel Choir Practice
24	25	26	27	28		
5:00 pm: Transformers Game Night (Fellowship Hall)	5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)	10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)	5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 pm: District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)		



COMING IN MARCH

**\*Lenten Retreat\***  
Saturday,  
March 9th  
At 1:00 pm

**SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAYS**

8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel)  
9:30 am: Sunday School  
10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)

**WEDNESDAYS**

10:00 am: Rebekah Bible Study (Library)  
12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library)  
1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor)  
4:00 pm: J.A.M  
5:00 pm: Mosaic Meal  
6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)  
6:00 pm: Mosaic Classes  
6:00 pm: Bell Practice  
6:00 pm: Bible Adventure  
7:15 pm: Chancel Choir Practice



### Camp Egan Retreat Center



(pictured left to right: Sam Adams, Brett Henry, Emily Taylor, Kay'Lee Maddox, Janey Wilson)

January 10th, 2019

### ECU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



(pictured left to right: Tia Williams, Emily Taylor, Autumn Kibbie)

Ecu Wesley students support a fellow ECU Wesley student as they play in the ECU Women's basketball game on January 17th, 2019.

### In Loving Memory



### of Ty O'Donnell

Ty O' Donnell graduated from ECU in May of 2015 and was a ECU Wesley student. Ty went to heaven on January 13th,2019.

Janey Wilson had the honor of giving the Eulogy and the reading of his obituary at this funeral on Friday 18th, 2019 at the Multi-purpose building on the Carney Public Schools Campus. He was very loved and will be missed.

Please keep his family and friends in your prayers!

Janey Wilson  
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### WHITEBEAD UMC



(picture left to right: Sam Adams, Brett Henry, Joel Nalare, Janey Wilson) Campus Minister Janey Wilson and some of her ECU Wesley students attended Whitehead UMC and shared some of their amazing stories.



- ECU Wesley Weekly FUSION Worship Service: Monday's @ 8 pm (unless there is no classes)
- Tuesdays @ 7 pm: Women's Bible Study @ Emily Taylors house: Mens Bible Study @ the Harris' home (these 2 bible studies begin January 15, 2019 and will end March 12th, 2019)

Follow us on social media:



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

## Monthly Newsletters DATES



**Date it will be mailed:**

February 26th  
March 26th  
April 23rd  
May 28th

**Articles Due by:**

February 6th  
March 6th  
April 3rd  
May 1st



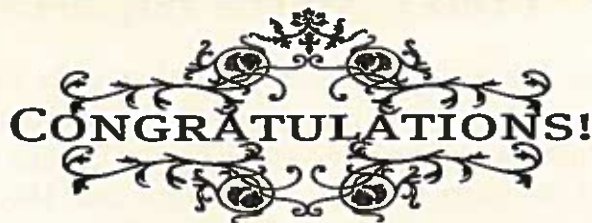
*To the family and friends of  
Donna Birdwell on the passing of  
her husband Don Birdwell*

*Also to the family and friends of  
Marty Skinner on her passing*



### Benten Retreat

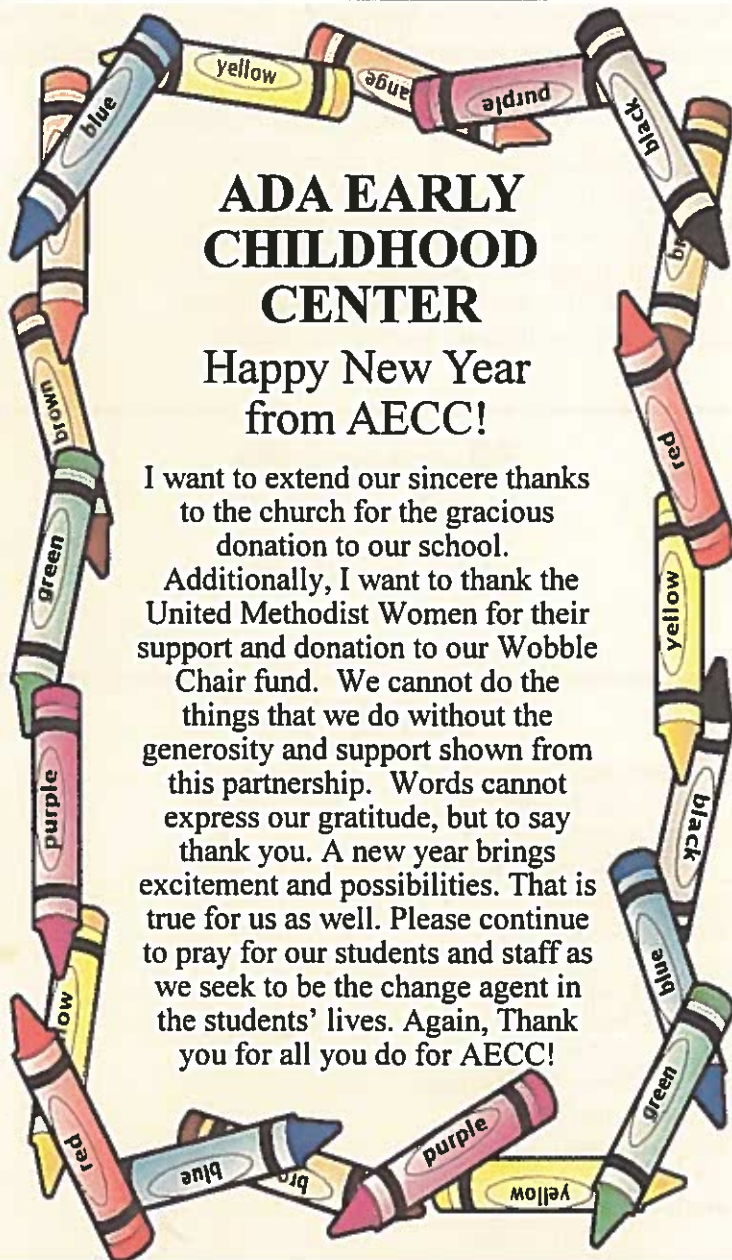
March 9th– 10th  
Saturday, March 9th at  
12:00 pm there will be a  
complimentary luncheon.  
The retreat will start at  
1:00 pm and will dismiss at 4:00 pm. We will  
also have wonderful leader, Rev. Derrick Dubase.  
**You don't want to miss this great opportunity!**



**Congratulations to Abby Shaw!**  
We are so proud to learn that our own Abby Shaw  
has been chosen for the Envision Program.  
This summer Abby will be going to a  
special program to be held t the  
University of Texas in Dallas.  
Abby is passionate about playing the piano  
and singing in our church choir.  
Abby is the daughter of the proud parents  
B.J. and Melissa Shaw.

## THANKS from the HEART

Dear ECU Wesley Donor,  
my name is Brett Henry.  
I am a freshman from  
Ardmore, and my major is  
Biology. Thank you for your  
Donation to the Wesley  
because I wanted to further my knowledge of  
God and it's a great place to worship God.



## ADA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

**Happy New Year  
from AECC!**

I want to extend our sincere thanks  
to the church for the gracious  
donation to our school.  
Additionally, I want to thank the  
United Methodist Women for their  
support and donation to our Wobble  
Chair fund. We cannot do the  
things that we do without the  
generosity and support shown from  
this partnership. Words cannot  
express our gratitude, but to say  
thank you. A new year brings  
excitement and possibilities. That is  
true for us as well. Please continue  
to pray for our students and staff as  
we seek to be the change agent in  
the students' lives. Again, Thank  
you for all you do for AECC!

## UPCOMING MOSAIC INFORMATION

Mosaic in the spring will have  
a wonderful topic on  
"The 5 Love Languages" Led by the Boyds.  
**You don't want to miss it!**



# Opportunities of the Week **MOSAIC**

We continue our study of the Major World Religions on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to join us any night. It is under the leadership of our Lead Pastor Brian Matthews.  
Coming Sessions are as Follows:

- February 6th– Islam
- February 13th– Christianity
- February 20th– A visit with Rabbi Vered L. Harris of Temple B'nai Israel in OKC
- February 27th– A visit with Dr. Imam Imad Enchassi of the Islamic Society of Greater OKC

## Memorials

### **Annelle Ashcraft**

By: Mary Ann Briggs  
Fellowship Class  
S R Stafford  
Ted or Marilou Garner

## ATTENDANCE

### January 6th, 2019

Sunday School	150
Chapel Service	67
Sanctuary Service	147
Online	19

### Total Worship

### January 13th, 2019

Sunday School	161
Chapel Service	72
Sanctuary Service	182
Online	14

### Total Worship

### January 20th, 2019

Sunday School	172
Chapel Service	55
Sanctuary Service	156
Online	13

### Total Worship

### January 27th, 2019

Sunday School	184
Chapel Service	67
Sanctuary Service	188
Online	18

### Total Worship

## Church Family Prayer List



Roy Allen, Avery Anderson, Raymond Annanders, Jan Baltimore, Pat Beasley, Sandy Bixler, Andrea Blackburn, Joella Borchering, Tammy Brown, Sam Bumpus, Kyra Cooper, Larry Cole, Ann Dicus, Larry Drennan, Ed Echalk, Scottie Furiminsky, Michelle Gibson, Jeff Hayes, Rob Holloway, Kim Holton, Ruthie Kerr, Bill & Janet Larney, Ray Larsen, Joe & Lynn Marquis, Betty McCutcheon, Johnny Moss, Glenda Moon, Tim Mummey, June Murphy, Stephanie Sill, Lindsay Snow, Jodi Standard, Darrel Thompson, Betty Townsend, Calvin White, Richard Williams, Laney and Paul Williams, Rance Willis

### LONG-TERM:

Bud Blackburn, Cliff Chapman, Floyd Gurley, Holly Hawk, Jennifer Hood, Randy Johnson, Chuck Lindholm, Mike Manning, Lenora Mayer, Greg Perry

### EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Taylor Adam, Victoria Aguilar

## Table Hoppers Go To



### Friday, March 1st, 2019

The Table Hoppers group will leave the church around 9:30 am for Cheevers restaurant in Oklahoma City. After lunch they will take a tour of the State Capital. Please let Carol Hayden know if you plan on going by calling or texting her at (580) 399- 0705.



**GREAT  
FOOD  
AND  
FUN!**

