


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

Good afternoon my friends! I pray your month is going as well as mine. I cannot believe we are almost to April and the celebration of Easter. Time certainly does fly. I have a couple things to share with you, so let's jump right to it!

* Some time last fall Cheryl McCortney came to me asking me to teach a series of lessons on the Apostle's Creed in the Transformers Sunday school class. The previous fall she had asked me to do something similar for her class around basic United Methodist beliefs and practices. Since *Methodism 101* went over well with her class, and because I ended up teaching it in almost every adult Sunday school class in the church, I liked the idea of developing one over the Apostle's Creed. As I type these words I have not only developed the series of lessons, but taught it for the Transformers. The class took about 4 weeks and was received well by the class. Now I want to offer to take the class "on the road." If you would like me to teach *The Apostle's Creed* class in your class or your group, please let me know.

* I mentioned in a previous article that a small group in our church was and is working on updating our church's mission statement. The group agreed that our mission statement must be: short, memorable, repeatable, and measurable. While we are not completely ready to present our work to the church for discussion and affirmation, I do want to share some of the key words and phrases. We started by settling on some key words to guide our thoughts. The words we chose to be the foundation of our work are "know, grow and go." We believe our job as a church is to help those who do not know Christ come to "know" Him. Once people know Jesus, the church must help them "grow" in knowledge and understanding of their faith. And the church must enable and equip people to "go" into the world and serve Jesus each and every day in whatever place we find ourselves. We hope to have the statement, as well as supporting documents and a plan of implementation ready to go in the next month or so. As soon as we have more to share we will share it! In the meantime, please continue praying for your church that God might enlighten our path and lead us wherever He wants.

I guess that's about all the room I have for this edition, but you can always keep "up to date" on the mission and ministry of the church through our website, Facebook, Twitter, and of course being in church! Have a great week...and I look forward to seeing you in worship real soon!

Jesus is Lord,
Pastor Brian Matthews



**Sick? Traveling?
Out of Pocket?**
DON'T FORGET...the 10:45am service can be watched each week "live" or "on demand" through our church website (www.fumcada.org) or the church's Facebook page (First UMC Ada).
JOIN US!!!

*Now is the Time To Order Your
Easter Lilies*

We will recognize our loved ones in the Easter Sunday (April 21st) bulletin. All forms must be returned no later than April 16th. All plants need to be delivered no later than April 18th and wrapped in green.

Forms are located in the office.

We would like to welcome our new member...



Cassidy Malm
She joined our church on March 24th, 2019.

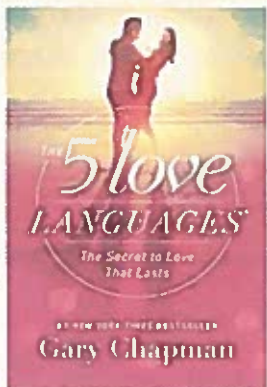
The Five Love Languages for Couples

***By Gary Chapman *Taught by Misty and BJ Boyd**

Join us as we work through a study of The Five Love Languages for Couples by Dr. Gary Chapman.

The study is led by Misty and BJ Boyd, who are both psychologists who have worked extensively with individuals, couples, and families. We hope you'll come be a part of this exciting and affirming experience to draw closer to your partner! If there is interest, we will also hold special sessions to talk about using the Love Languages in families with kids and teenagers.

Its never too late to join this wonderful class!



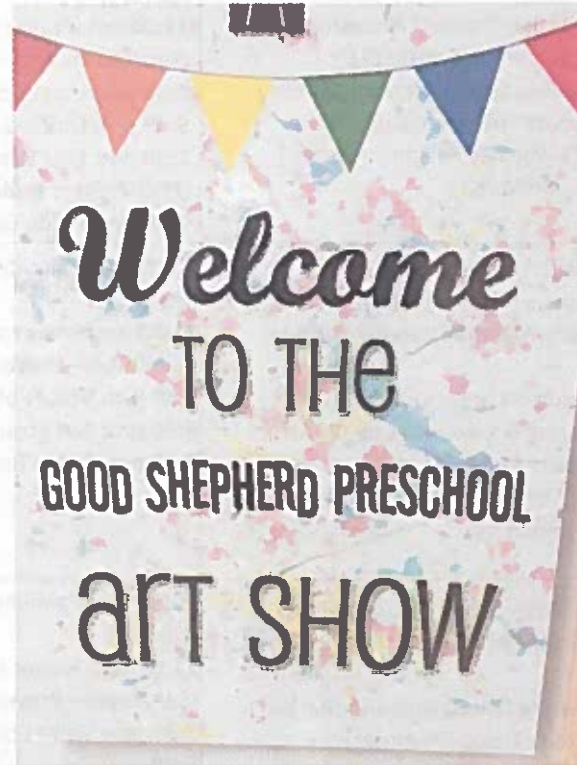
CURRENT-PAST CHURCH EVENTS



OUR ART EXHIBIT IS NAMED IN HONOR OF Avery Anderson

AVERY IS A GOOD FRIENDED PRE-SCHOOL CHILD. ON JULY 25TH, AVERY, DAUGHTER OF BOBBIE AND TERRY ANDERSON WAS IN A PARENTS CAR OUTSIDE JUST OUTSIDE OF DND, OK. HER STORY TEACHES FOR OUR WIFE, GOD HAS HEARD THIS HEAVELY CHILD'S AND LIFE CHANGING EVENT TO BRING A COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF CARE OF OUR CHAIR.

EVERYONE OF AVERY'S BIRTH OF OUR CHILDREN WE COULD BRING OF TO BE THE WAY TO SHOW LOVE FOR HER TRUST TO HELP OUT OF OUR HEART.



All of the kids did such a wonderful job on their art for the art show that was in honor of Avery Anderson.

Its that time again for a....

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Saturday, April 20th at 2:00 pm

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

EVERYONE is invited!!!



APRIL 2019



Confirmation Classes Begin
 Sunday, March 31st
 From 9:30 am to 10:30 am

(Weekly on Sundays Until May 6th)

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)
 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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>9:30 am: Confirmation Class</p> | <p>12:00 pm: Church Management Team Meeting (Library) 5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Scouts Pack Group (CLC) 6:00 pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)</p> | <p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary-Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119 5:30 pm: ECU Wesley Board Meeting (ECU Wesley Building) 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> | <p>1:00 pm: Card Ministry (Library) 6:00 pm: 5 Love Languages Class (Fellowship Hall)</p> | <p>5:00 pm: Local Unit Leadership UMW Team Meeting (Library) 5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom) 6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> | <p>5:00 pm: Youth to the Thunder Game</p> | 6 |
| <p>7 9:30 am: Confirmation Class</p> | <p>8 10:00 am: Ruth Rachel (Parlor) 5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 pm: Mary Martha Women's Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: Scouts Pack Group (CLC) 6:00 pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)</p> | <p>9 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary-Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> | <p>10 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: 5 Love Languages Class (Fellowship Hall)</p> | <p>11 5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: District Boy Scout Round Table Meeting (various locations) 6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> | <p>12 7:00 pm: Youth Group (Talent Show-CLC)</p> | 13 |
| <p>14 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am: Confirmation Class</p> | <p>15 5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Scouts Pack Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)</p> | <p>16 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary-Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> | <p>17 8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Lukes Episcopal) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: 5 Love Languages Class (Fellowship Hall)</p> | <p>18 8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal) 6:00 pm: Holy Thursday Service (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> | <p>19 7:00 pm: Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)</p> | <p>20 2:00 pm: Easter Egg Hunt and Party (Lisa and John Elliotts Home)</p> |
| <p>21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 am: Confirmation Class 12:00 pm: Reception to honor Brians book (Fellowship Hall)</p> | <p>22 CHURCH CLOSED 7:15 pm: Scout Troop Meeting</p> | <p>23 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary-Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119 5:30 pm: GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor) 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> | <p>24 11:00 am: Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: 5 Love Languages (Fellowship Hall)</p> | <p>25 5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC) 7:30 pm: District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)</p> | <p>26 NO YOUTH</p> | <p>27 Youth to Six Flags 10:00 am: Children's Ministry Play Practice (Sanctuary)</p> |
| <p>28 Confirmation Class 9:30 am: Children's Choir- Voice's of Praise Concert (Sanctuary)</p> | <p>29 5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Scouts Pack Group (CLC) 6:00 pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)</p> | <p>30 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)</p> | | | | |



ECU Wesley 2019 High School & Transfer Night

Former OSU
Pistol Pete Josh
Pulver will be
sharing his
advice on the
college years.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER FOR APRIL

Monday, April 1st:
FUSION Worship @ 8 pm

Tuesday, April 2nd:
Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm and Financial
Peace University Class @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 6th:
ECU Campus Ministries
Spring Retreat @ Falls Creek

Sunday, April 7th:
Lead Worship @ OKC Mayfair Heights
@ 9:30 am & Angie Smith
Chapel @ 11 am

Monday, April 8th:
HS & Transfer Night @ 7 pm- 9 pm

Tuesday, April 9th:
Financial Peace University Class @ 7 pm

Monday, April 15th:
FUSION Worship @ 8 pm

Tuesday, April 16th:
Financial Peace University @ 7 pm

Monday, April 22nd:
LAST FUSION Worship @ 8 pm
(recognition of our grads)

Tuesday, April 23rd:
Financial Peace University Class @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 27th:
ECU spring football game @ 2:30 pm

Sunday, April 28th:
ECU Campus Ministries Mission Project
on campus @ 3 pm

Monday, April 29th:
Wesley Dinner @ 6:30 pm

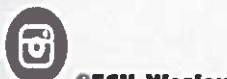
Tuesday, April 30th:
Financial Peace University Class @ 7 pm

Monday → Food
April 8th → Games
7-9 PM → FUSION
Worship

This event is for all high school students as well as students planning to transfer to ECU! If you have any questions, contact Campus Minister Janey Wilson at ecuwesley@gmail.com or (580) 436-3400

Your money. Your story. Your life.
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY



Coming to the ECU
Wesley Tuesdays at 7pm

From March 26-April 30, 2019

- » Cost is \$20
- » Teaching and practice time included in each session
- » Learn how to take control of your money!

**And join us every Monday at 8pm
For FUSION Worship at the ECU Wesley**

Contact Janey Wilson with questions ecuwesley@gmail.com

ECU Wesley is located at 205 S. Francis Street (Across from the Admin Building)

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[ecuwesley](http://ecuwesley.com)

Notes From The Park



By Clay and
Leslie Carley

If today is anything to go by, we are expecting a beautiful spring this year! The sun was shining, the sky was blue, and very little wind to contend with. It was a joy to be out at the park this afternoon!

Dinner was chicken, loaded mashed potatoes (Colin's special recipe), green beans, biscuits, donuts or cookies...a regular Sunday meal!

March 3, 2019

Due to the ice on the roads, we did not serve today.

March 10, 2019

It was cold, it was wet, it was a good time!!! Everyone was smiling and happy. The rain and cold temperature just seemed to raise everyone's spirits!! Thank you to our volunteers. You are a very special group of caring friends. Thank you also to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, Daylight Donuts, and Abba's Tables. Today's menu had extra treats because of their generosity. We were even able to share with a local recovery house because there was so much food! We were blessed indeed!

March 17, 2019

Another beautiful day at the park! It was around 70°, and not a cloud in the sky! We are very thankful for all those who joined us in serving, and thankful also for those who trust that we will be back each week. Special thanks to Linda and Indiana who donated clothing. We hope to be able to set up tables next Sunday with shoes and clothing available. Thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, Daylight Donuts, and to those who give extra hours in the week to pick up supplies...Colin, Clay, and Fran.

Thanks also to Lisa, Darrell, and Doree, for the years that they picked up supplies. These are truly amazing people. Today, we were able to provide meals for about 550 people, including extra chicken (this week is Spring Break, many families will need extra food for the children at home.) Extras also went to a local recovery house. There are a lot of hard working individuals there.

We are planning to have a bake sale in front of Walmart on April 20th. We will have lots of baked goods, and other items crafted by our volunteers. To order cakes, or cookies ahead of time, contact Leslie. We will deliver!! We are collecting donations for the yard sale that will be held on June 22nd. All monies raised will go towards necessities and Christmas gifts for the families and children that we serve at the park. Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you again next week, for Dinner at the Park.



TABLE HOPPERS

Monday, April 22nd

*Leaving the church at 9:00 am *

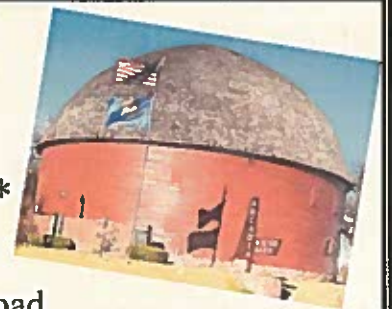


Table Hoppers are planning their next trip to go to the Round Barn in Arcadia then just 25 miles up the road to Oklahoma's first state capital (Guthrie). There they will visit the Oklahoma Territorial Museum and check out the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic building. Lunch location hasn't been determined yet but there will be many choices to pick from in that area.

This will be a very full day so please dress very comfortably!

If you are interested in attending please contact Carol Hayden at (580) 399-0705.

Opportunities of the Week



Church Family Prayer List

REMINDER

Confirmation Class
Sunday, March 31st

Card Ministry
Wednesday, April 3rd
At 1:00 pm in the library



Roy Allen, Avery Anderson, Jane Baltimore,
Pat Beasley, Andrea Blackburn, Tammy Brown,
Sam Bumpus, Ann Dicus, Larry Drennan,
Scottie Furiminsky, Rob Holloway, Kim Holton,
Kevin Hood, **Ally Johnsons Family**,
Robin Johnson, Ann Lane, Bob Langston,
Joe & Lynn Marquis, Johnny Moss, **Rob Neal**,
Joe Joe Richardson, Dina Sachs,
Corinne Schwandt, Stephanie Sill,
Lindsay Snow, Jodi Standard, Darrel Thompson,
Lacy Tritten, Buddy Watkins, **Geneva Wilburn**,
Paul Williams

LONG-TERM:

Floyd Gurley, Jennifer Hood, Randy Johnson,
Mike Manning

EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Taylor Adam, Victoria Aguilar, Kandice Estrada

ATTENDANCE

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| March 3rd, 2019 | |
| Sunday School | 162 |
| Chapel Service | 57 |
| Sanctuary Service | 149 |
| Online | 38 |
| Total Worship | 244 |

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| March 10th, 2019 | |
| Sunday School | 176 |
| Chapel Service | 62 |
| Sanctuary Service | 186 |
| Online | 27 |
| Total Worship | 275 |

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| March 17th, 2019 | |
| Sunday School | 160 |
| Chapel Service | 52 |
| Sanctuary Service | 133 |
| Online | 17 |
| Total Worship | 202 |

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| March 24th, 2019 | |
| Sunday School | 185 |
| Chapel Service | 67 |
| Sanctuary Service | 153 |
| Online | 15 |
| Total Worship | 235 |

Memorials

Marty Skinner

By: Jane Muntz

June Murphy

First United Methodist of Durant

Dora Love

By: Darrell and Doree Thompson

Tawannah Guest

By: Deborah (Davis) Key

Janie Abbott

Monthly Newsletters DATES



Date it will be mailed: Articles Due by:

April 23rd

April 3rd

May 28th

May 1st