


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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A few weeks ago in a sermon I mentioned I had been working on a special project and would share it with you in the near future. Well, the near future has arrived. When I was in my late 20s I had a desire to write a book. I don't really know why the desire hit, but it did. On several occasions I actually started the process, but never got much further than 10-15 pages before I ran out of stuff to say! Last fall the "itch" hit again, along with an idea that seemed doable: why not convert old sermon series into a book? I mentioned the idea to Roberto, and with his encouragement and persistence we were off to the races! As I type these words today, the writing, editing, endorsements and design is complete, and the printing has begun. The books will arrive in time for a special "release party" Roberto is planning for Sunday, May 5.

*Brian Matthews*

Each of the five chapters in the book is a converted sermon series, with sections devoted to each sermon in the series. In addition, there are discussion/reflection questions after each section for individual or group study. The chapter titles are as follows:

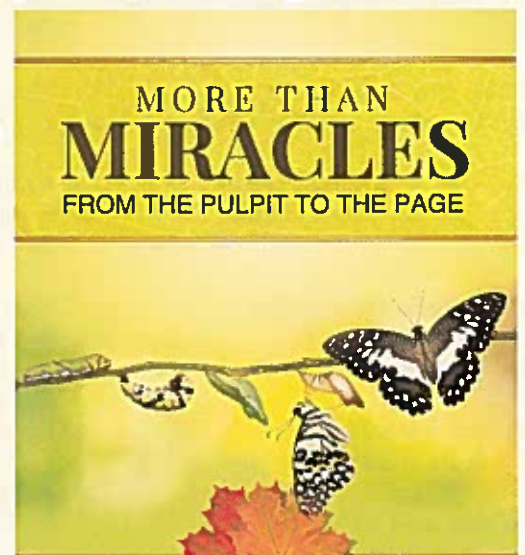
- 1) ***More than Miracles*** (preached in Ada during January-February 2017)
- 2) ***The Names of God*** (preached in Ada during April/May 2018)
- 3) ***The Words of Romans*** (preached in Ada during October 2017)
- 4) ***God's Rx*** (preached in Okmulgee during June/July 2014)
- 5) ***The Cost of Following Jesus*** (preached in Ada during February/March 2018)

Knowing that Roberto and his team have taken over the release party on May 5th, I'm sure there will be more details in this newsletter and in coming worship bulletins. For now I simply wanted you to be aware of the project.

Before I sign-off, I want to give you an update on the work of the combined group of staff and key leaders who have been working on a new mission statement to guide the mission and ministry of FUMC Ada for the near future. As it stands today, the mission statement is as follows:

Know Christ Personally (Philippians 3:10a)  
Grow in Christ Spiritually (2 Peter 3:18a)  
Go Serve Christ Faithfully (John 12:26a)

You will see much more about the mission statement soon! I pray you have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you in worship very, very soon.



BRIAN MATTHEWS

Jesus is Lord,  
Pastor Brian Matthews



## In Loving Memory of:

**Lloyd Briggs**

By: Mary Ann Briggs

**Tom Elliott**

**Margaret Elliott**

By Lisa and John Elliott

**Carl James**

By: Mary James

**Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones**

**Robert Jones**

By: Pat Powell and Sharon Cavener

**Ruby and J.W. Little**

By: George E. and LaVelle L. Walker

**Melville and Anna Rahm**

By: Jack and Jenna Rahm

**Mary Jo R. Schoepflin**

**AJ Schoepflin MD**

By: Katherine Roberts

**Robert Somerhalder**

By: John and Lisa Elliott

**Archie and Etti VanHorn**

By: Ron and Liz Cox

**Curtis and Pansy Wylie**

By: Tom and Donna Gault

**David Daniel**

By: The Daniel and Thompson Family

**Glenn and Mary Gault**

By: Tom and Donna Gault

**T.J. Johnston**

By: Jane Johnston

**Our Loved Ones**

By: Ed and Judy Anderson

**Our Loved Ones**

By: Billy and Verna Rice

**Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Luttrell**

By: Dortha Fenton

**Daniel and Alice Rabalais**

**Lawrence and Verdun Rabalais**

By: The Daniel and Thompson Family

**Otis Shields**

By: Bonnie Shields

**Carole (Rauch) Tapp**

By: Carolyn Rauch

**Judy Williams**

By: Emma Williams

**Polly and George W. Walker**

By: George E. and LaVelle L. Walker

**Bruce and Correne Evans**

By: Keta Morgan

**Our Beloved Parents:**

**Francis and Estelle Hill**

By: Carlyle and LaDona Hill

**Our Parents:**

**Tom and Hazel King**

By: Jack and Jenna Rahm

**Our Loved Ones**

By: Larry and Jeanne Cole

**Dexter and Yvonne Pruitt**

By: Tom and Donna Gault

**John Roberts MD**

By: Katherine Roberts

**C.A. Thompson**

By: The Daniel and Thompson Family

**J.E. Woolly**

By: Ron and Liz Cox

**Our Beloved Parents:**

**Elroy and Dimples Walden**

By: Carlyle and LaDona Hill

## In Honor of:

**Our Daughters:**

**Jennifer Lott, Jessica Wiand,**

**Shawn Doty, Shay Rahm,**

**Leslie Zanoff and Ace Sorum**

By: Jack and Jenna Rahm

**Jane Muntz**

By: Ruth Rachel Circle

**Meagan Carroll**

**Jeff Johnston**

**Bart and Jennifer Reed**

**Kate and Harmon Notter**

By: Jane Johnston

**Rozzie Purdy**

By: Jane Muntz

**Their Tennessee Graduates**

**and Andrew Wigdor and**

**Ashley Gardeau's Wedding**

By: Martha Wigdor

**Janet Larney**

By: Jane Muntz

# CURRENT-PAST CHURCH EVENTS

## Class of 2019 Senior Recognition Sunday Form

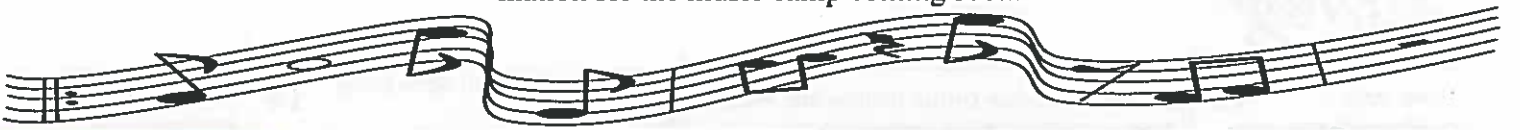


The Senior Recognition Sunday is one of our special events we do each year honoring all graduating seniors for the year. We will put this information in our newsletter that goes out on **May 28th** and recognize them in our **10:45 am service in the Sanctuary on May 19th**. If you would like to have your graduate in the Newsletter and recognized during service, please provide a picture of your graduate along with the form turned into the church office **NO LATER than May 13th**. If you have any questions please call the office at (580) 332-1398.



## RAZZLE DAZZLE CAMP!

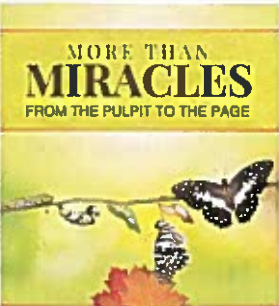
Attention young music people of our church, grades 2-6. Just around the corner is our Razzle Dazzle Music Camp starting July 8th-12th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Singing, Rhythms, Name-That-Tune, Instruments, Tone Chimes and Games are just some of the fun included! We will have food, fun and fellowship!!! There will be more information for the music camp coming soon.



### Special Reception to Celebrate The Publication of the book

**“More Than Miracles”  
by Rev. Brian Matthews**

**May 5th at 12:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall**



BRIAN MATTHEWS

Brian will be autographing his books that will be available for sale at that time. The books are \$10.00 each and checks are to be made out to Brian. Please plan to purchase your own and some additional copies for your friends and family. Don't miss this celebration as we honor our Lead Pastor for his efforts to preach excellent sermons and to make them available in print! Some of the sermons were preached here, and the book will be a way to help you remember and share insights with others.

Refreshments will be served and Elaine McKnight will delight us with great music. Please plan to remain for 10-15 minutes immediately following the 10:45 am service.



**Oklahoma Conference**  
of The United Methodist Church


**YOU ARE INVITED!!**

Rev. Kaela Elizabeth Patterson Burdge and Emily Robnett invite the church to celebrate with them by attending their ordination service.

It will be held on May 29th, 2019 at 7:00 pm with the Pre-Worship Concert at 6:30 pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church (222 NW 15th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73103).

Note from Kaela: The staff, church and lay teaching committee really helped me become the pastor I am today.

# MAY 2019



**\*WAYNE JAZZ CONCERT\***  
Thursday, May 2nd  
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

**\*CHILDRENS MINISTRY PLAY PRACTICE\***  
Saturday, May 4th  
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

**\*RECEPTION TO HONOR BRIAN'S NEW BOOK\***  
Sunday, May 5th  
12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**\*CONFIRMATION SUNDAY\***  
Sunday, May 12th  
During the 10:45 am service

**\*CONFIRMATION RECEPTION\***  
Sunday, May 12th

**\*GSPS YEAR END PROGRAM\***  
Wednesday, May 15th  
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

**\*YEAR END PICNIC\***  
Wednesday, May 15th  
5:00 pm at the Wintersmith Park



**\*CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT\***  
Sunday, May 19th  
9:30 am in the Sanctuary

**\*VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH\***  
Sunday, May 19th  
11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall



**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) **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library)  
4:00 pm: Sharing 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: Bible Adventure  
7:15 pm: Chancel Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9:30 am: Confirmation Class</p> <p>12:00 pm: Reception to Honor Brian's New Book (Fellowship Hall)</p> 	<p>8:00 am: ECU Wesley Golf Tournament (Oak Hills Golf and Country Club)</p> <p>5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Scouts Pack Group (CLC)</p> <p>6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting</p> <p>8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)</p>	<p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room)</p> <p>3:30 pm: Voices of Praise</p> <p>5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119</p> <p>7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p>	<p>1:00 pm: Card Ministry (Library)</p> <p>6:00 pm: 5 Love Languages Class (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>5:00 pm: Local Unit Leadership UMW Team Meeting (Library)</p> <p>5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Stephen Ministers Supervisory Team Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> <p>6:30 pm: Wayne Jazz Concert (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>5:00 pm: Youth (Water balloon Volleyball)</p>	<p>10:00 am: Children's Ministry Play Practice (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>10:45 am: Confirmation Sunday (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:45 am: Confirmation Reception (Fellowship Hall)</p> 	<p>5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>5:30 pm: Mary Martha Women's Group (Parlor)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Scouts Pack Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting</p>	<p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room)</p> <p>3:30 pm: Voices of Praise</p> <p>5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119</p> <p>6:30 pm: Annual Foundation Meeting (Library)</p> <p>7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p>	<p>8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Lukes Episcopal)</p> <p>10:00 am: GSPS Year End Program (Sanctuary)</p> <p>4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)</p> <p>5:00 pm: Year End Picnic (Wintersmith Park)</p>	<p>8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal)</p> <p>5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Stephen Minister Supervisory Group Meeting (Library)</p>	<p>7:00 pm: Youth- Finale 17 (In Living Color)</p>	
<p>9:30 am: Chancel Choir Concert (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:45 am: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Scouts Pack Group (CLC)</p> <p>6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor)</p> <p>7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting</p>	<p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room)</p> <p>3:30 pm: Voices of Praise</p> <p>5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119</p> <p>7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p>	<p>11:00 am: Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor)</p> <p>4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)</p> <p><b>NO MOSAIC EVENTS UNTIL FALL 2019</b></p>	<p>5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p> <p>7:30 pm: District Scout Leaders Meeting (Transformers Classroom)</p>	<p>7:00 pm: Youth</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p><b>MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)</b></p>	<p>10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library)</p> <p>11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room)</p> <p>5:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 7119</p> <p>5:30 pm: Voices of Praise</p> <p>7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p>	<p>5:00 pm: Youth Group (Summer Kick Off)</p>	<p>5:15 pm: Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)</p>	<p>31</p>	



## ECU Wesley Golf Tournament

Monday, May 6th, 2019

Oaks Hills Golf and Country Club Ada Ok

### Registration:

begins at 7:00 am

Practice range open

**Shotgun start 8:00 am**

Awards following  
tournament luncheon

**The proceeds of the  
ECU Wesley golf  
tournament are used  
to reach out to the  
campus students with the  
message of Christs love.**

### Sponsorship Available!!

Please have your  
sponsorship  
support to us by  
April 26th

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.

Website: [ecuwesley.org](http://ecuwesley.org)

Please follow us on facebook at ECU Wesley  
Twitter and Instagram at @ecu\_wesley



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER FOR APRIL

- Saturday, May 4th: End of the year dinner at Rick and Kay Shaws @ 4 pm
- Monday, May 6th: Golf Tournament @ Oak Hills Golf & Country Club @ 8 pm
- Monday, May 6th– Friday, May 10th: Finals Week
- Saturday, May 11th: Commencements @ 10 am & 2 pm

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Twitter & Instagram:

[@ecu\\_wesley](https://www.instagram.com/ecu_wesley)

Good Shepherd



Pre-School

## Good Shepherd is currently enrolling for the Fall 2019 School year.

We have openings in our Toddler Class. The class will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30. Children must be one year old before September 1st. The enrollment forms and tuition prices are available on the website at [fumcada.org](http://fumcada.org) under the ministries tab, or you may come by the Good Shepherd Pre-School office to pick up a form. School will begin on September 3rd. Good Shepherd Pre-School teachers and students would

like to say Thank you to all who donated to help us purchase new Black Out Cordless Window Shades for our classrooms. We have needed new shades for a while. The new shades are so nice and will last many years to come. They look great inside the classroom and make the windows on the outside of the church look nice too. Thank You!

## Notes From The Park



By Clay and  
Leslie Carley

March 24, 2019

Each week, I mention KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and Daylight Donuts. They share so much so that we can serve at the park. We are very grateful to them, of course, but this week, I would also like to introduce one of our volunteers. Crystal joined us one Sunday at the park, she only wanted to help... Each week, Crystal comes to join us. If we need a server, she puts gloves on and serves. If we need baggers, she goes to the end of the line and helps people put their meals into bags (she also brings bags in case there aren't enough bags for everyone). If we need to have garbage picked up, Crystal is there. She also brings food and clothing to share. At Christmas time, she finds toys to bring to the park. She is amazing. Crystal has such a wonderful heart, she cares, and we are so blessed to have her with us. Thank you Crystal for all that you do! The things that we do at the park are only successful because of our community of volunteers.

March 31, 2019

Another beautiful day at the park! It was so cold yesterday, that most of us feared that a lot of people would stay home today, but no, it was gorgeous, with very little wind, making it a terrific time to be at the park!. This week, I would like to introduce another of our volunteers, Jim. He has been serving with us for many years. He believes deeply in giving back to his community. He is a veteran who has served as a medic in war time. He is also an animal lover who donates his time and vehicle to delivering dogs for fostering and adoptions. We seldom see Jim without his companion dog. Our thanks to Jim. He is definitely the heart of this ministry.

April 7, 2019

Very happy to report that there were no storms or high winds causing problems for dinner at the park! It was very nice, in the mid 70's. Our favorite weather to serve in!! Thank you to our volunteers, including two young girls who helped everyone put their meals into bags for easy carrying. And a special thank you to a young man who would not let me carry anything! This week, I would like to introduce Fran to you. She has been a volunteer at the park for several years. She is a retired professional woman who happily steps in wherever she is needed on Sunday. She also helps create specially crafted items for us to sell at craft shows to help raise money for the extras that we provide at the park. Fran is also perfecting some cookie recipes for our sale in front of Walmart on April 20th. She had some tasty oatmeal, peanut butter cookies for us to try today. Everyone agreed they are special. We are blessed to have this special woman with us.

April 14, 2019

Another bright blue, sunny day at the park! It is such a joy to be able to be outside at the park, hearing children laughing and playing, seeing friends talking all around, and just to be there, serving. It is a wonderful way to start a new week. Thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and Daylight Donuts for all that they share, and thank you to our volunteers who came to serve on this special day, Palm Sunday. Next Sunday, we will be celebrating Easter, and YES, we will be serving Easter Dinner at the park. We will serve at our regular time, 3:15 in the afternoon. As always, everyone is welcome. This week, I would like to introduce another of our volunteers, Tim joined us about 2 years ago. He had learned of the park ministry from his friends Jeff and Julie. One day, Tim showed up and asked where he could help! He is a local businessman who spends many hours on the road, but when he is in town, he comes to help! He is a valuable member of our team. We are asking for prayers for Dick, and for Kris who is in the hospital with serious heart issues and also for Crystal who is healing. We will be at Walmart on Saturday, April 20th, starting at 8:00 am. We will have special baked goods for Easter treats, and also small gift items for Easter and Mother's Day! We are also collecting donations for the yard sale that will be held on June 22nd. All monies raised will go towards necessities for families in need, and for Christmas gifts for children of families in need.

Our thanks also to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and Daylight Donuts for all that they share. Their additions make this a very special meal. Thank you all for your prayers and support.



### 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](http://www.fumcada.org)) or the church's Facebook page (First UMC Ada).  
**JOIN US!!!**

## Memorials

### Anna Faye Nanny

By: June Murphy  
Martha Wigdor  
Mary Ann Briggs  
Dick and Gail Danielson  
Connie K. Harris  
Dortha Fenton

## Opportunities of the Week



## Church Family Prayer List

# \*REMINDER\*

### Monthly Newsletters DATES



#### Date it will be mailed:

May 28th  
June 25th  
July 30th  
August 27th  
September 24th  
October 29th

#### Articles Due by:

May 1st  
June 10th  
July 8th  
August 5th  
September 9th  
October 7th

## WAYNE JAZZ BAND

The Wayne Jazz Band will present a concert on May 2nd @ 6:30 pm in the CLC. Big band favorites, Tuxedo Junction, Moten Swing, Satin Doll and others will be performed. The band is directed by Rozzie Purdy and a reception will follow after the concert. Come out for fun music and a cool time!

## ATTENDANCE

### March 31st, 2019

Sunday School	131
Chapel Service	66
Sanctuary Service	208
Online	21

**Total Worship** 295

### April 7th, 2019

Sunday School	174
Chapel Service	63
Sanctuary Service	167
Online	18

**Total Worship** 248

### April 14th, 2019

Sunday School	172
Chapel Service	63
Sanctuary Service	226
Online	22

**Total Worship** 311



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,  
Joe & Lynn Marquis,  
Johnny Moss, Casey Myers, Rob Neal,  
Joe Joe Richardson, Dina Sachs,  
**Bonnie Shields**, Stephanie Sill,  
Lindsay Snow, Jodi Standard,  
Darrel Thompson, Lacy Tritten,  
Bruce VanHorn, Don and Pat Venable,  
Buddy Watkins, Marilyn Waller,  
Geneva Wilburn, Paul Williams

### LONG-TERM:

Cliff Chapman, Floyd Gurley,  
Jennifer Hood, Mike Manning

### EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Victoria Aguilar, Kandice Estrada



*To the family and friends  
of Don and Pat Venable  
on their son  
Randy Johnson's passing.*

*congratulations*  
**ITS A BOY**

### TO THE ADAMS FAMILY!!

Braxton Arthur Adams was born on  
April 1st, 2019. He weighed 8 lbs 4 ozs  
and is Carol Haydens 1st Great-grandson.