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*learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey*



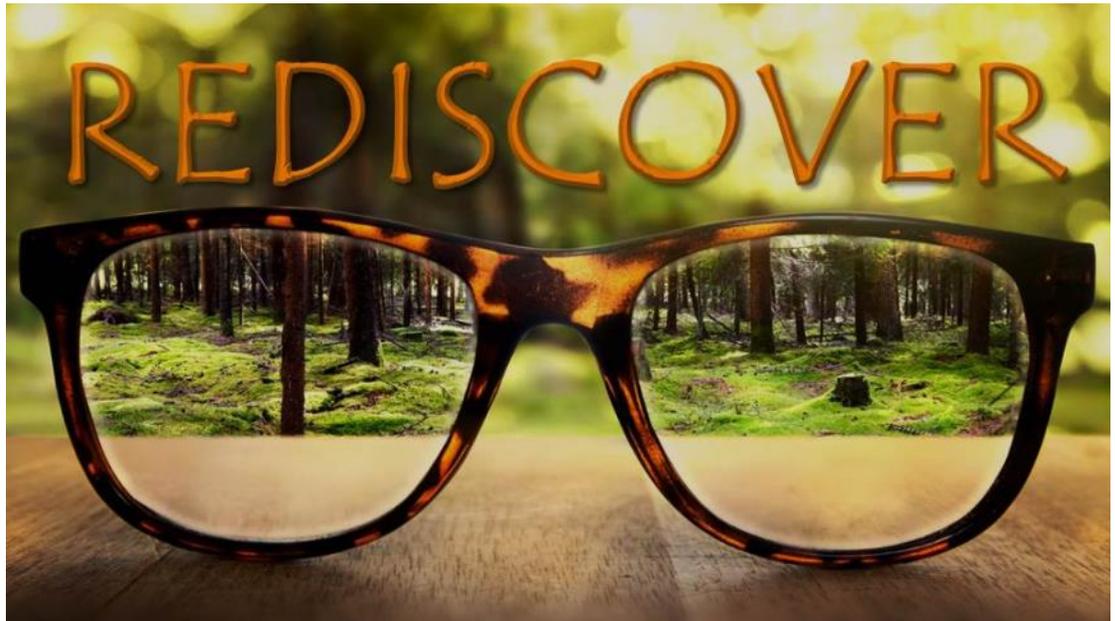
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## Sunday Worship Information

### Sunday, April 30

REDISCOVER: Rediscover Humility  
*Scripture: Ephensians 5:1-2*  
*Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders*

### Sunday, May 7

REDISCOVER: Rediscover Faith  
*Scripture: James 2:13-18*  
*Communion*

### Sunday, May 14

REDISCOVER: Rediscover Hope  
*Scripture: Romans 8:24-25*  
*Mother's Day*

### Sunday, May 21

REDISCOVER: Rediscover Your Future  
*Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34*  
*High School Graduation Sunday*

### Sunday, May 28

REDISCOVER: Rediscover Your Heritage  
*Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2*



Newsletter  
articles for the  
next issue are due  
in the church office  
by noon on  
Saturday,  
May 20th.

Email articles to  
[office@eastcross.org](mailto:office@eastcross.org)

## ***ANOTHER STEP IN OUR JOURNEY...***

So many of us at East Cross are leaders in our community, our schools, our places of work, and even in retirement. It's great to be a part of a congregation where there are leaders because you offer good leadership to Small Groups, Ministry and Administrative Teams, as well as making sure special projects, such as our building remodel, are successful. Almost every ministry in town to children, youth and those in need have East Cross members on their boards and leadership teams. For you who are gifted leaders, I take my hat off to you as you guide our church and community into a bright future.

In a leadership seminar I attended a few years ago, one of the speakers spent his whole lecture time talking about a single phrase that he had put on the screens behind him. The phrase was, "those who are sought, seldom seek." It sounded odd until he skillfully unpacked this phrase. Let me try to quickly unpack this for those of us who are leaders.

When we are a leader, people find us, want to befriend us (for numerous reasons), and it seems that someone always wants some of our time. As a result, when we get time, we often and many times should take some time for ourselves. The issue this speaker brought up, and that we have at East Cross, is that we believe that a part of living out our faith is reaching out to others, you know, "inviting others to join the journey." If people are always looking for us, we seldom look for others to invite to join us in our faith journey.

I believe that reaching out and inviting are extremely important parts of our faith journey. Jesus modeled that for us even though people were clawing at him continuously. How will you find the time and a way to see someone who needs Jesus and invite them to join the journey?

*Pastor Jeff*

### ***From the Choir Loft...***

He Lives! I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter Sunday with friends and family. I believe that our Easter services were full of joy as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! I would like to thank all of the people involved in making Holy Week such a meaningful experience for all of us.

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you a bit of news. As some of you may have already heard, May 28 will be my last Sunday as Music Director at East Cross. I am truly grateful for all of the love and support this congregation has shown me for the past seven years. My family and I have been very much blessed by this church. I would also like to ask for prayers as I begin a new stage in my career as an educator. I have accepted the position of assistant principal at Central Middle School where I currently teach vocal music. I have been in the classroom for fifteen years and eight of those have been in Bartlesville. This will be a new and exciting challenge for me!

Again, thank you so much for letting me share the love of God through music with all of you. My life is forever changed because of my time as your Music Director.

Peace and Love,

***Ariel Ortega, Traditional Worship Director***

## *From Pastor Chad...*

Each Sunday, we ask the question, “Why are we here?”, and the congregation answers, “We’re learning to follow Jesus and inviting others to join the journey.” Recently this statement was reinforced within me as it was such a joy to watch ten of our young people be baptized or confirmed the Sunday after Easter. However, it was taking this journey with them that really made that Sunday even more special. This is one of the reasons that our mission statement is so wonderful, because we all are on a journey. I can tell you that the journey for me is richer when it is done in community, especially in the community of faith.

I have heard many people say that, “I don’t need to come to church to worship God.” To be honest you don’t. You can, and should, worship God with every breath and in every season of life wherever you might find yourself. However, church is a place where we all share in this journey of following Jesus together. Church is the place where people from all walks of life come together to grow together in faith and to support each other through each season of life. Church is the place where young people can connect and commit their lives to God. Church is the place where our more mature members can share their wisdom with those just starting on the journey. Church is the place where we might not always choose to agree, but we can choose to love as we have been loved. Church is more than a building—it is the people. So I challenge you to keep church a priority as the busyness of life takes over.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (CEB): “And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.”

Blessings!

*Pastor Chad*

## **Contemporary Worship...**

Spring is here! It’s a time of refreshing and new beginnings. Last month, our worship team and pastors had a great opportunity to attend the Night of Worship event in Tulsa. I showed up completely expecting a “concert” environment and performances from Chris Tomlin, Phil Wickham, Big Daddy Weave, Zach Williams, and others. What the night really ended up being was exactly what was advertised. It wasn’t a performance, but a night of collective WORSHIP. As a worship leader, I can’t express how refreshing it was to be led in worship that night. I didn’t have to worry about what chords to play on my guitar or if I got all the words right. I got to focus on my heart and get refreshed in what I consider a foundation of my relationship with God. It was a truly refreshing moment, and a great start to my Spring! I hope our team had the same experience that night, and that together we are able to lead others to a similar experience at our own church moving forward!

“Let’s know, let’s press on to know the Lord; whose appearing is as certain as the dawn; who will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that give drink to the earth.” Hosea 6:3 (CEB)

God Bless,

*Zack Michel, Contemporary Worship Director*

## EC Kids...

Our focus for the month of May is **DETERMINATION**. And with the end of the school year looming over us and for those kids in the middle of spring sports, this is a great word to focus on!

### **Determination is a response of the character of God.**

Throughout Scripture, we can discover that God has been faithful to His people. He rescued them from slavery in Egypt. He sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin. He remained faithful to the early church as they spread the message of Jesus throughout the world. When we see how God gave His people what they needed to continue following Him, we can respond with determination believing that God will give us what we need to finish what we start.

### **Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us have determination.**

When Jesus gave His disciples the incredible mission of spreading the message of the Gospel throughout the world, He didn't make them do it alone. Instead, He sent the Holy Spirit to empower them to show faith and determination in the face of whatever might happen along the way. When we put our faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit empowers us to finish what we start.

We think it's important for us to help our kids and families discover more about determination—deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.

### **Christians In Action**

Our next CIA mission project will be on Sunday, May 7 from 3:00-5:00pm at East Cross. We will meet on the patio near the back entrance to the church. The kiddos will be digging in the dirt, planting flowers, and spreading mulch to give our gardens a fresh new look! Sign-up on our Facebook page or at our Check In Desk!

### **Dine and Shine**

EC Kids presents our annual Dine & Shine event on May 17! It is always a great night to see our kids and youth showcase their talents. This will be the last night of Connections until after summer. We will have dinner and then the talent show will begin at 6pm in the CLC. We have had a variety of acts the last couple of years including: magic show, comedy, dance, singing, gymnastics, poems, and piano playing. Our sign-up sheet is at our Check In Desk!

### **VBS**

Vacation Bible School registration is LIVE! We have already had dozens of kids sign up for our VBS this summer. We will need lots of loving hands to help out! If you would like to get involved and help volunteer, please visit with Aimee Hall or email [aimeeb@eastcross.org](mailto:aimeeb@eastcross.org).

*Aimee Hall, Director of Children's Ministries*

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**NEWS FROM THE NURSERY...**

- May has crept up on us, and this month we celebrate three special occasions.
- On Mother's day we take the opportunity to give our love and attention to all Mothers. Some of us share the day with our mother, giving her thanks and appreciation for what she has done for us. Some of us spend time in remembrance of our mother, and some of us get to celebrate being a mom.
- Graduation is another occasion. Many of us will celebrate a graduate or two over the next few weeks. We give the graduates our praise for completing a sought after diploma or degree.
- Memorial Day is another important occasion in our country because it is a day set apart to remember those who sacrificed themselves in the line of duty in our armed services.
- All of these special occasions are celebrated for great reasons, but they are specific times to praise and honor people. Our Lord deserves praise every day, all day! Please remember to give Him praise above all things. Our God is amazing and His blessings are better than our biggest dreams.

*Liz VanDeVenter, Nursery Director*

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER..

As we complete our 32<sup>nd</sup> year of this ministry within our church, we are constantly amazed at how fast each and every school-year goes by! This month will be the end of our current school-year session and we'll again host our annual "**Preschool Program**" for 48 children in our four separate preschool classes! Each class shares several of their favorite classroom songs and one of our 3-year old preschool classes will lead everyone in the "Pledge of Allegiance" through American Sign Language! The children in our 4-year-old preschool classes will have a brief "graduation" recognition at the conclusion of the program.

Again we have recently held *another* successful **Scholastic Book Fair** allowing families opportunities to purchase age-appropriate books for their own children's home libraries in addition to fulfilling our nine classroom's "Wish List" books! Thank you and we are SO appreciative that after 26 times of providing this event (*twice a year since 2004*), it is always nice to see how many people continue to *value and understand the importance of early literacy and getting good quality books into young children's hands!*

**Lifetouch** photographs of individual children and of each of our classrooms are currently being distributed! Even though we offer this optional opportunity for families once a year, it is always very well received by all the families – often times it is their child's first "school picture"!

Our **Summer Session** class enrollment is still open for several ages (*although the 3's class is FULL*) and our 2017/18 School-Year Session classes are quickly filling up. Last November the Examiner-Enterprise's "Best Of..." named our Preschool "The Best" so this may be an additional reason these particular classes are showing very good enrollment numbers!

We continue our **on-going collection of Box-Tops for Education & used ink-jet cartridges** and we welcome everyone to help us with these simple "fundraisers". There is a (labeled) collection container on the wall in the church's copy room, so feel free to drop-off whatever you have!

The **search continues for hiring additional classroom personnel** (*18 years of age and older*) for our next school-year session who will care for and lead children 6 months of age through 2 year-olds. We are a **part-day program** and typically follow the Bartlesville public school calendar. This is often a great way for families to supplement their income while getting a chance to play with, care for, and enjoy the wonderful growth of young children. We are looking for persons that are respectful, open-minded, cooperative, and flexible; can feel comfortable communicating with children, parents, and other staff; have high moral standards, and have a *genuine love of children and their safety!* If this is you or someone you know, please contact Coleen (ecc@eastross.org or 918-333-3814).

### **Many thanks and blessings from:**

- ~ Ms Liz VanDeventer & Ms Whitney Brown, *Infant Class*
- ~ Ms Colleen Buck & Ms Kira Carey, *Toddler Class*
- ~ Ms Christina Hand & Ms Shelly Butler, *Two's Class*
- ~ Ms Christy Hanks & Ms Shirley Kintner, *Young Three's Class*
- ~ *3-Year Old Preschool:*
  - ~ Ms Jeannine Lee & Ms Nancy Banks
  - ~ Ms Valerie Wall & Ms Gloria Goheen
  - ~ Ms Melissa Yardley & Ms Tasha Schaper
- ~ *4-Year Old Preschool:*
  - ~ Ms Jennifer McKinney & Ms Genna Adkins
  - ~ Ms Sonia Davis & Ms Kriti Balasubramanian
- ~ Ms Nora Wegener, Director's Assistant
- ~ *Coleen Williams, Director @ East Cross Early Childhood Center*



### **C3—Student Ministry — Young Christians Weekend**

The students had requested to get up extra early on the Sunday of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I figured it would be a battle to get everyone up and around. When the early morning came and I was getting up and around, the students were up before I could even grab any cold water... They were more excited to get up and worship than I was! I was amazed at how God worked in our students lives at Young Christians Weekend.

Young Christians Weekend is an event that Silver Dollar City puts on once a year or so that invites Christian bands and speakers to their park to speak to young Christians from around the country. Lauren Daigle, the Grammy Award winning artist, was leading worship on Sunday morning! Our students were excited to ride the rides but I was excited to hear that they enjoyed the Christian speaker workshops that were held throughout the day on Saturday.



My favorite memory will be that our students included two things. The first was naming our groups into the following: Middle School Boys - “Gold Team”, Middle School Girls - “Platinum Team”, High School Girls - “Silver Team”. The students had their teams and they were constantly trying to show how their team was better than the others. The second being how they enjoyed talking about Jesus and how God plays a huge role in their lives. I’ll never forget helping Colton Green get over his fear of Roller Coasters and how God worked in all the lives of the students present. Here is a link to a video that our Senior student made from the trip! <https://youtu.be/9-CP9ybeo-Q>

*Evan Holmes, Director of Youth Ministries*

### **Food Bags for Costa Rica!**

We have food bags for sale for our Rice and Beans Mission Trip to Costa Rica.

*Each bag costs \$12.00*

What you are buying: Each bag that is bought goes directly to Rice and Beans Ministries and supplies all the food that will go into the bag to feed a family of four.

Food items include: 1 gallon worth of powdered milk. Bag of Rice. Bag of Beans. Etc.

NOTE: You are welcome and encouraged to draw or write on the bags as the families that receive them will re-use the bags for every day activities.

For more details, contact Evan Holmes

## May Outreach News

### KAIROS

Thanks to East Cross and Bartlesville area churches for baking and bagging 982 dozen cookies for the Kairos 4-day ministry event at Dick Conner Correctional Center in Hominy, OK held Thursday March 30 to Sunday April 2.

Youth volunteers from East Cross and First Presbyterian held a “cookie bagging party” in the CLC and bagged about 870 dozen cookies for distribution inside the prison. The remainder of the cookies were used for snacks and treats for participants during the Kairos program. The Youth were fast! They bagged all the cookies (and made 11 posters as well) in about 75 minutes! Another 15 minutes to clean up and we were done!

The Kairos event ministered to 36 prison inmates who completed the Kairos program. Plus, we were able to minister to an additional 26 inmates who were previous graduates of the Kairos program who helped out by serving food, setting up equipment, and cleanup.

Here are a couple of reflections on the Kairos experience as expressed by inmates who completed the program:

“Being from Texas, I have felt all alone here in Oklahoma. I have no family or friends here. It has been lonely for me these past 17 months or so. Coming to Kairos and spending the days I did with my fellow participants and volunteers has shown me that I am not alone. I understand the passage in the Bible when Jesus said, “I was in prison and you visited me.” I had a great week following my Kairos weekend and expect my last 18 months here to be a positive experience. Thank you.” – John

“When they brought the chain of names of people who were praying for us and it encompassed the whole room, people responded with surprise at how strangers could care for us. But to me it was much deeper, it felt like the arms of God Himself were wrapping around us (me) in pure love! Sincerely, respectfully,” – David

### The 25th Annual Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive Saturday, May 13, 2017

The Postal Letter Carriers will pick up canned food you would like to donate to help feed the needy of the Bartlesville area on Saturday, May 13. Please put your donation in a plastic bag next to your mailbox. All food is taken to the downtown post office where it is picked up by volunteers with trucks and transported to CONCERN where the food is distributed to the needy. This is always a big boost to CONCERN’s pantry. Volunteers are needed on May 13 and the following week to help. CONCERN can use a couple of pickups beginning around noon on Saturday, May 13. They need shift workers for two hours all afternoon. Some volunteers with or without trucks are needed on May 13 to help load, unload and transport the food. The following week they need help to sort and shelve the canned food. Please call CONCERN if you or your small group are willing to volunteer some time to help them out. Contact Concern at 918-336-4693 or email Kay Martin [director@concerncares.com](mailto:director@concerncares.com).

### May Generosity Boxes

The Lighthouse will be our local outreach mission for the month of May. The director told us that they can use just about anything you can use in your own household. Their greatest needs are Soap, Shampoo, Disposable Razors, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Feminine Products, and Men's Socks. Please bring items to East Cross and put them in Generosity Boxes located at each entrance. You are a tremendous blessing to so many people in our community. Thank you!

### May Mission Prayer Needs

Native American Ministries – The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference for God’s guidance and wisdom  
Costa Rica VIM team and the Rice and Bean ministries  
Missionaries in the Middle East  
The Oklahoma VIM Conference staff

## LETTER TO...

Green Country Clergy and Laity:

In every community where I have served as a pastor, I have found myself spending a lot of my time helping persons who were not members of the church, and individuals who were members but not very active. I believed that this was what God wanted me to do and I gave it my best. I would often tell these persons that I (and the church) did want to be as helpful as we could be but one part of what we offered was the church. Activities such as worship, Sunday School, and other programs as well as the fellowship with other believers could help them in ways that I could not if all I provided was me trying to help them one on one. Also, this gave them an opportunity to be a blessing to others.

I am finding myself in a similar position as a District Superintendent. I want to help every church and every clergy person. Sometimes clergy and individual churches are interested in my personal help but don't take advantage of opportunities for all of us to come together to learn, grow, plan, and to help each other. The Book of Discipline now refers to the District Superintendent as the "chief missional strategist". A part of how I do this is by trying to help several churches and clergy at once and to facilitate them helping each other.

The Discipleship Pathway Conference at Claremore FUMC on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 pm is an important event. I have invited two persons from the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS to help us work on Discipleship Pathways. I have asked each clergy person in Green Country District to attend and to bring a team from their church.

For a flyer about it, go to this link: [http://www.greencountrydistrict.org/pdf/2017\\_Discipleship\\_Conference.pdf](http://www.greencountrydistrict.org/pdf/2017_Discipleship_Conference.pdf)  
To register go to this link: <https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/DiscipleshipPathwayConference>

If you have ever thought, "I wish the District Superintendent, the District, the Conference ... would help more" ... please know that I am trying. Come to the event.

God bless,  
Emery Mason

**Operating Budget Update:** In their March meeting the Church Council approved the operating budget for 2017. The amounts approved, shown with the actual receipts and expenditures for 2016, are as follows (all amounts in \$000):

	Budget <u>for 2017</u>	Actual <u>for 2016</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Contributions/Receipts	\$865.0	\$848.2	\$16.8
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Trustees	\$161.4	\$154.2	\$ 7.2
Staff Parish	\$492.7	\$482.6	\$10.1
Apportionments	\$125.9	\$131.9	\$ (6.0) Note 1
Programs	\$ 78.0	\$ 69.9	\$ 8.1
Office Adm.	<u>\$ 7.0</u>	<u>\$ 7.0</u>	<u>\$ 0.0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$865.0	\$845.6	\$ 19.4
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 0.0	\$ 2.6	\$ (2.6)

Praise be to God that the financial commitments made by the church body is going to allow us to expand our programs/work by a little more than \$19 thousand.

[Note 1: The Staff Parish Budget also includes Conference and District Apportionments relating to Health Insurance and Pensions. These amounts increased by \$4.2 thousand. Therefore, the net decrease relating to Apportionments is \$1.8 thousand.]

For the January through March time frame (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter actuals) our receipts total \$186.8 while our expenditures total \$202.5; 21.6% and 23.4% of the respective annual budget totals.

## Our growing East Cross family...

Congratulations to Bryan and Rachel Clump on the arrival of their son, Wesley Allen, born on Monday, April 3. Wesley weighed 8 lbs 12 oz and was 22" in length. He is welcomed home by "soon to be 2 year old" big brother, Andrew.



## Congratulations to...

Christian and Nicole Green on the baptism of their infant daughter, Clara Paige. Clara was baptized on Sunday, April 9 during the 1st service. Pictured with Clara are older sister, Natalie, and parents Christian and Nicole.



# Thank You!

Dear East Cross,

Thank you so much for your love and care as I had and recover from knee surgery. A special thank you to Pastors Jeff, Chad and Evan who visited us and to my Tuesday Study group and Sunday school class who so graciously provided meals and rides to therapy. Thank you to everyone that prayed for us, lent equipment, called and sent cards and flowers. Pastor Jeff is right when he says you need to be a part of a small group – it really does help! I am glad this experience is behind us, but I am so grateful for all those who traveled with us. Now, I am praying God's blessings to fill your lives.

Blessings, *Rita Neff (Warren and Leslie, also)*

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Because of your generosity eighty-eight Washington county DHS Foster children received an overflowing bucket of candy and goodies for Easter. I am so proud to have such a wonderful church family that cares so much and I'm proud to be a part of East Cross Church.

God Bless all of you for giving to others less fortunate.

*Diana Trammel (Outreach Committee)*



## PRAYER LIST

### New Prayer Requests...

Jerry Cox, Debbie Dagenette, Richard Herman, John Hron (father of Kermit and Mary Lou Tanzey's son-in-law), Sophia Lookout (Rachel Sweeden's mother-in-law), Paul McQuillen, Harold Meade (Evelyn's brother), Marc Nagele, Piersall family, Mike Sullivan (Ruth Montgomery's friend)

Norita Akers, Alida (Maebeth Furrow's sister), Ann Allen (Lola Norfleet's granddaughter), Alan Beckworth, Alden Beckworth, Leon Brammer, Michelle Burr, Geoffery Christensen (Eileen Christensen Perrin's son), Kathy Christian, Bryant Collier, Myrna Collier, Joan Collins (friend of Pam Knuth), Val Cottle, Emma Lou Cox, Stan Defehr, Kim Dilbeck (Linda Thorn-ton's friend), Marcia Goode, Edna Harbison, Gertrude Hughey, Judy Johnson (Margie Green's mother), Barry Knuth, James Kuntz, Louis & Emily Kuntz, Joe LaFerry, Curtis McLaughlin, Bob Murnan, Mike Paxson (brother-in-law of Coleen Williams), Debbie Potter, Marie Puckett, Euela Randall, Spence Rigdon, Earnest & Cathe Riggs, Ken Salmay (Tootsie Bryan's nephew), Sandy Shaw, Harriett Smith, Carol Stithem, Nita Wakeley, Jeremy Waldorf, Keith Webb, Raymond White, Jr., Bill & Allie Zoldoske

### Condolences to...

Maebeth Furrow and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Bob Cromwell.

Jon Colliver and family on the death of his grandfather, James Johnson on Monday, April 3.

Family and friends of Alice Doyle who passed away on Saturday, April 14.

Bruce and Debbie Potter and family on the death of Bruce's mom, Thelma Potter on Sunday, April 16.

Marc and Nancy Nagele and family on the death of their son, Austin on Thursday, April 20.

If you know someone that needs to be added or removed from the Prayer List, call the church office at 918-333-0810.

## Upper Room Daily Devotionals For May—June

Available on the Information Desk Outside the Sanctuary  
\$1.00 each for large or regular print

## MUTUAL Tuesday House Resale Shop

Sorting at Tuesday House Resale Shop — Monday & Wednesday 9am-12pm  
Tuesday House Resale Shop OPEN to Public — Tuesday 8am-4pm  
Tuesday House Resale Shop OPEN to Public — Saturday 9am-12pm

## Pray for our Military

MAJ Todd Abshire	LTC Darrin Cox	LCDR Eric Rolfs
SSG Gary Mabry	SSG Jared Seat	CPT Derek Smith
CDR Robert Staten	CPT Neil Gorham	Robbie Lawson
Mark Hathaway	CPT Daniel Smith	SFC Clifton White

All persons serving in the military and their families.



If you have a loved one or a friend currently on active duty in the military and would like them added to our Wall of Honor, please contact Charlie and LeAnne Christensen at [chasleanne@gmail.com](mailto:chasleanne@gmail.com) or 918-327-1226.

## Sunday Morning Van Ministry

Call the church office at 918-333-0810 if you need a ride to church. Leave a message on extension 105 **before 7:30am** on Sunday mornings. You may also have a "standing" request to be picked up each week.



All East Cross men are invited to meet for breakfast and fellowship at Weeze's on Saturday, May 1st at 8am!



**ONLINE GIVING...** You can give electronically by going to our website [www.eastcross.org](http://www.eastcross.org). Click the menu tab on top of the Welcome page and click on "Give Online" OR scroll to the bottom of our Welcome page and click on "Give". Funds can also be withdrawn automatically weekly or monthly by completing a request form available in the treasurer's office.



East Cross also offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Simply scan the image to the left using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 7:00pm SPRC	3	4 6:30p Children's Council 6:30p National Day of Prayer, VOM	5	6 8:00a Men's breakfast at Weeze's 4:00p VBS Volunteer Mtg
7 Communion 3p CIA 3p Worship Team	8 5:30p Run the Streets Party 5:30 Evangelism 6:30p Young Adults	9 7:00p Outreach	10 6p Dine & Shine Dress Rehearsal	11	12 11:00a ECC Preschool Program 7:00p Church Bridge	13
14 Mother's Day	15 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00p Trustees	16 6p Piecemaker Quilters	17 5:30p Meal 6p Dine & Shine	18	19 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal	20 5:00p Wedding
21 High School Graduation Sunday 9:45am Senior Breakfast	22 6:30p Young Adults	23	24	25 Last Day of Bartlesville Public School	26 Bartlesville High School Graduation	27
28 Reception for Ariel Ortega	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30 Annual Conference Oklahoma City	31 University, OKC	<b>MAY 2017</b>		

## Weekly Activities at East Cross

### Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship Service  
9:45am Small Groups for all ages  
11:00am Contemporary Worship Service  
5:00pm Youth

### Monday

9:30am-3:00pm Early Childhood Center  
(May 1 & May 8)

### Tuesday

4:00pm Prayer Group

### Wednesday

9:30am-3:00pm  
5:30pm  
6:00pm  
7:00pm  
7:30pm

(\*May 3 & May 10)

\*Early Childhood Center  
Connections Meal  
\*Small Groups for all ages  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Praise Band Practice

### Thursday

### Friday

9:30am-12Noon

Early Childhood Center  
(May 5 & May 12)

### Saturday

**Postmaster: Send address changes to:**

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Rev. Jeff Burress  
*Pastor*  
Chad Perceful  
*Pastor*

Evan Holmes  
*Director of Youth Ministries*  
Aimee Hall  
*Director of Children's Ministries*  
Linda Smith  
*Ministerial Coordinator*  
Linda Thornton  
*Treasurer-Membership*  
Coleen Williams  
*Early Childhood Center Director*  
Liz VanDeVenter  
*Nursery and Childcare Director*  
Ariel Ortega  
*Traditional Music Director*  
Margie Green  
*Pianist/Organist*  
Zack Michel  
*Contemporary Music Director*  
Seth Weimer  
*Sound Tech*  
Jon Colliver  
*Building & Maintenance Coordinator*

*learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey*

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**



Bottom Left to Right: Zack Waddell, Ryann Barham, Sora Gillman, Emilyn Rainbolt, Riley Perceful, Halle Dugan  
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