
Our Purpose...

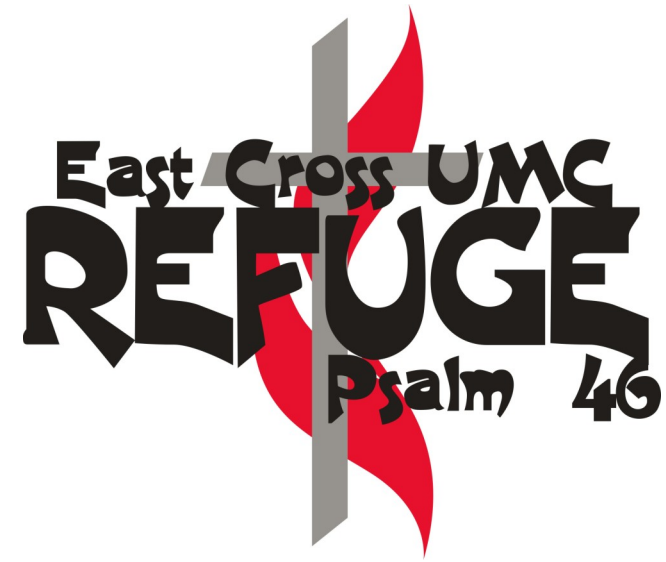
Our goal is for every student that we encounter to have a personal relationship with God, to grow deeper in that relationship, and to connect with and develop a strong support system of Christian friends.

All students are different. Some are athletic; some are intellectual; some are talented in music; while others feel they are just average and unimportant. Some are shy and some are outgoing. Just as students are different in personality and ability, they also have different levels of spiritual commitment. We exist to help them discover their value personally and within the Body of Christ.

Our Minister To Students...

Scott McCrary has served as the Assistant Pastor and Minister to Students at East Cross since June 2002. Scott is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Ministry-Youth Emphasis and a minor in Church Recreation. Scott also played soccer at OBU.

Scott's wife, Rexanne, a graduate of Oklahoma State University, teaches English at the Bartlesville Mid-High School. The McCrary's have one daughter, Kailee, 9, and one son Camden, 6. The McCrarys also have a German Shepherd dog named Max.



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OUR MINISTRIES...



“Breakout”

(Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Youth Chapel)

The primary purpose of “Breakout” is discipleship through learning about God’s Word. The youth all meet together in the Youth Chapel for a time of announcements, then “Breakout” into Jr. High and Sr. High Groups.



Youth Drama

(Sundays 4:00-5:00 p.m.)

Our youth drama team is our newest ministry. Under the direction of Bob and Mary Shell, the youth drama team rehearses and performs short skits and full length plays in our worship services. In 2009, the youth drama team performed “The Lower Room” as the Maundy Thursday Worship Service during Holy Week.

“Prime Time”

(Sundays [September-May] 5:00-6:45 p.m.)

On Sunday nights during the school year, our youth meet downstairs in the Christian Life Center. We have group games that enable the youth to communicate together and work with each other to achieve a common goal. We then split into Jr. High and Sr. High age groups. While the Jr. High eats dinner (prepared by parents from our youth ministry) the Sr. High have worship and a message. Then the Sr. High eat dinner, while the Jr. High have their worship and a message.

“SURGE”

(Wednesdays [September-May] 6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Significant Unwavering Relationships built through Godly Encounters. We want students to be known for and cared for by other students and adults. We want to give youth an opportunity to form deep, authentic, relationships with peers and adults. We want students to know what it means to follow Christ. We want youth to see adults who love Jesus.

A power **SURGE** occurs when there is a spike or burst of power. Our hope is that our Wednesday night small group ministry, **SURGE**, provides a Spiritual spike in the lives of our youth.

SURGE groups meet September-May.

This Spring we will have four small groups. There will be two middle school (6th-8th grade) groups (one male, one female) and two high school small groups (9th-12th; one male, one female)

The Middle School boys and girls groups will be using the “Guy Talk/Girl Talk” series. Each week the guys and girls will discuss how their gender encounters and relates to the topic of the night. The ten topics they will discuss are making decisions, emotions, expectations, family, dealing with fears, the opposite gender, internet safety, understanding the truth about love and romance, using their talents, and dealing with temptation.

The 9th-12th grade boys and girls group will be dealing with topics that are relevant to them. Our youth ministry will be “adopting” the Francis



OUR SERVICE PROJECT



Willard home in Tulsa as our main service project for 2010. This is a Circle of Care ministry and a place that we can make a difference. At least once a month we will go down to Tulsa to serve in whatever capacity we are needed. This is all about serving God by serving others!



OUR SPRING EVENTS...



“Mid Winter Bash”

(Saturday January 30th)

This is a district event at FUMC Claremore. During the day youth and adults will attend “coolshops” to learn about leadership and how to make a difference in their community. After the “coolshops,” the youth will do a service project in the Claremore community. The day will conclude with a youth worship service. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch and dinner.

“Spring Break San Antonio”

(March 15th-19th)

Spring Break should be exactly that, a break from the stress of school, so that is exactly what we are going to do. We will be going to Sea World, Fiesta Texas, and the world famous Riverwalk in San Antonio. On our way back to Oklahoma, we will stop in Dallas for a Stars hockey game. Cost is \$200 which includes tickets and lunch vouchers to Sea World and Fiesta Texas, lodging, and transportation. Kids will need money for a few additional meals.

“Youth Sponsored All Church Golf Tournament”

(Late Spring Date TBD)

Our first annual youth sponsored golf tournament was a tremendous success so we want to do it again. We raised over \$1,500 to help send kids to summer camp. This is a fundraiser to help defray the cost of our summer camps. It is open to anyone who would like to play whether they attend East Cross or not. It will be a time of fun and fellowship for all who participate and of course prizes for the winners!

***For more information on our youth ministry, please check the youth ministry page on our church website at www.eastcross.org**