

# East Cross News

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## **Guest Pastor Wendee Perceful Speaking on Mother's Day—May 13 8:30 & 11:00 services**

This Mother's Day, Rev. Wendelyn Perceful, Pastor Chad's mom and grandmother to Riley and Cameron, will be bringing the message "The Mother Of Methodism". Wendee is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and serves with her husband, Rev. Dr. Ron Perceful, at St. Matthew UMC in Midwest City as the associate pastor and children's director.

Wendee is the mother of four kids, Josh, Chad, Jennie, and Gary and is grandmother to eight wonderful grandchildren with one more on the way. Wendee grew up in Oklahoma City and is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University with a Master's Degree in Management, and of Asbury Theological Seminary. She worked over twenty years as an insurance claims adjuster and manager until answering her call to ministry in 2009. She was ordained an Elder in Full Connection in The United Methodist Church in June, 2016. Her ministry includes congregational care and development, she is a Stephen Ministry Leader, and helps lead the house praise band, Witness, in St. Matthew's contemporary worship service. Her hobbies include genealogy, quilting, and spending time with the grandchildren.



## **Meet Traci Barnes...**

**Traci is employed in our Early Childhood Center as a teacher and nursery worker and has recently been hired to our Custodial Staff. She has two children; daughter, Reagan, and son, Olen. The next time you see Traci, tell her thank you and what a great job she is doing!**

## Another step in our journey...

### Why Christians Should Give

**G**iving is an important part of being a Christian. There are many reasons to give and the following will help people understand the importance of giving:

1. Giving acknowledges God's ownership. God has created and still owns all things. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). We are the managers of all that God entrusts to us. When we give, we are merely returning a portion of what God has already given to us (1 Corinthians 4:7).

2. Giving expresses our gratitude and thanksgiving to God. King David wrote, "Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as

generously as this? Everything comes from you and we have given you only what comes from your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:13-15). David understood God's awesome love and generosity. David saw the joy that his people had in responding to God's love and care by giving to the building of the temple. It was his prayer that their commitment and generous giving to the Lord would continue forever.

3. Giving demonstrates our faith and obedience. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15). In 1 Corinthians 16:2 we read, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income." God's Word is clear that we are expected to give on a regular basis in accordance with our blessings. Through faith, God strengthens us so we can give generously.

4. Giving is an act of worship. God is glorified when we faithfully give him our first and best. Proverbs 3:9 reads, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." When we make giving a priority, we honor God. If we give God our leftovers, we dishonor him.

5. Giving helps break the power that money can have over us. By nature, we are selfish people, and money can become overly important to us. Jesus warns us in Luke 12:15: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." We are to possess our possessions rather than let them possess us. Through our faithful giving, we are empowered by God to overcome our desire to hoard what he has given to us.

*Pastor Jeff*

## Traditional Worship

**D**on't you love the beginning of spring? Of course, Oklahoma has a sense of humor when it comes to the temperature, but once you start seeing the first signs of grass greening up and the flowers starting to open there is an unspoken surge of hope.

I shared a short devotion with the choir a couple of weeks ago about a lady who started her morning with a negative attitude and bad outlook on the day ahead of her. As she pulled her car out the garage, she caught sight of a robin on the grass who was quickly

joined by two other robins all singing together. The lady was captured by the birds who seemed to be singing to her directly to "cheer up!" The lady immediately raised her eyes and heart to the Lord to offer thanks and asked for forgiveness for her attitude.

Like the lady in this illustration, I often start the day with a less-than-sunny-demeanor. Sometimes our negative attitudes can be comparable to the gray, chilly weather not cooperating with the spring season. However, even in the colder weather, there are still glimmering signs of God's

promises outside! The beautiful hymn "Hymn of Promise" says, In a bulb there is a flower; in a seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. Today, go outside and look at all the signs of spring and let your attitude be a reflection of your heart - a heart rejoicing and giving thanks to God for His promises revealed all around you.

*Margie Green,*  
**Traditional Worship**

## From Pastor Chad...

**A**s I sit here at my son's baseball practice watching all these youngsters throw and catch, I know what they are all thinking, because I have been there. Each one of them is thinking of that moment when they step to the plate, swing with all their might and watch that white ball with red stitching sail over the fence to the cheers of the home crowd as they round the bases sealing the win. They are all waiting for that big moment, but to get there, they first have to do the work necessary to grow as a baseball player by attending to the small things. They have to gain a deeper understanding of how the game is played. They have to work on throwing to a target. They have to learn how to play their position. They have to spend time just fielding balls. They have to learn

the signals. They have to learn how to run the bases. Then, finally after they have learned how to play defense, they have to take batting practice. If they don't do these things, they will be unprepared when the coach puts them in the lineup.

I think the same is true for us as disciples of Christ. We need to grow in our relationship with God. 2 Peter 3:18 (CEB) encourages us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ." In order to grow, we need to practice. Not that we need to run the bases and take batting practice, but we have to attend to the small things that will help us grow into the women and men God needs us to be. We need to develop a better understanding of what God is calling us to do. We have to spend time

reading the Word of God. We have to make our prayer time a priority. We have to take time to worship God both corporately and personally. We need to do life together in small groups where we can care for and strengthen each other. These practices draw us into the presence of the living God, bringing us to a state of attentiveness and openness to all that God has for us (His grace, love, mercy, compassion, and wisdom) and prepares us for the moments when God calls our name. What are you doing for your spiritual practice? What are you doing to be a better follower of Jesus?

Blessings on the journey!

*Pastor Chad*

## Contemporary Worship

**W**orship music speaks to me when it tells my story. In fact, I find that most of us are moved by the things we can internalize and apply to our lives. One of the songs we've recently started using in worship is "Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury. This song has had a profound impact on me as I hope it has for you as well. Below are some of the lyrics to the song. I think they tell the story of all our journeys with Christ, and I hope they help you to internalize God's love for you in a new, refreshing way.

*Before I spoke a word,  
You were singing over me,  
You have been so, so good to me  
Before I took a breath,  
You breathed Your life in me,  
You have been so, so kind to me*

*Oh, the overwhelming,  
never-ending, reckless love of God  
Oh, it chases me down,  
fights 'til I'm found,  
leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it,  
and I don't deserve it, still,  
You give Yourself away  
Oh, the overwhelming,  
never-ending, reckless love of God*

*When I was Your foe,  
still Your love fought for me,  
You have been so, so good to me  
When I felt no worth,  
You paid it all for me,  
You have been so, so kind to me*

*There's no shadow  
You won't light up,  
Mountain You won't climb up,  
Coming after me  
There's no wall  
You won't kick down,  
Lie You won't tear down,  
Coming after me*

God Bless,  
*Zack Michel,*  
Contemporary Worship



## C3 Student Ministry

### Young Christians Weekend

**A**t the beginning of April, nineteen students and five leaders took a trip to Branson for a weekend of roller coasters, speakers, and worship! It's a trip that is made possible because of donors in our church that want to supply the lodging for the weekend so that our youth can make a trip and experience a weekend with other young believers.

The weather was quite cold this year. It was so cold, in fact, that it snowed the first night we were there! You would think with weather like that, people would be complaining the whole trip. That wasn't the case for our group. We all knew the reason we were there. We were there to glorify God and ride some rides while we do it. It was like everyone refused to let a little cold weather ruin a weekend of fellowship.



This trip is very special to me because we get to support students that don't come from a church background. I have students bring a friend who loves roller coasters and little do they know, the best part of the weekend is going to a workshop about who Jesus is in our lives. I loved the worship on Sunday morning because students were invited to come to the front and get a little cross to remember what they had committed to that weekend. Some of my students

even had their Young Christian Weekend tickets from last year in their wallet because the trip meant so much to them! God is constantly moving in our youth and it's weekends like this that I get to see God move in their hearts. Thank you for supporting our youth and making these opportunities to grow possible!

Blessings,

***Evan Holmes, Director of Youth Ministries***

## Graduating High School Seniors

Senior Sunday is May 20, 2018. We want to celebrate ALL graduating high school seniors during worship and at a breakfast that morning honoring graduating seniors and their families.

Please submit pictures of your high school senior to be included in a video presentation at the breakfast that morning by emailing to [evanh@eastcross.org](mailto:evanh@eastcross.org) before Thursday, May 11.

Invitations to the breakfast will be mailed soon. Contact Evan Homes with questions or for more information.

## EC Kids

**B**ehind all your favorite websites and search engines you'll find a group of programmers who sit at their computer screens and type in letters, numbers, and symbols that might seem like complete gibberish to the unknowing eye. But all those characters, in the correct sequence, give us access to the world, make it possible to edit digital photos, and stream our favorite YouTube® videos. But when one of those characters is out of place, when the source code lacks integrity, the site crashes and no one has time for that!



The same is true of our life. We have a source code for how we interact with the world built on honesty and integrity. How we

live our life matters. That's why as we talk about what it means to live with honesty, we're taking kids on a coding adventure where they can realize a life built upon what God wants will help keep them from making mistakes that could cost them.

### CIA – Gardening

Our next CIA (Christians In Action) mission project will be on Sunday, May 6 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 at our EC Kids Check In Desk!

CIA is for mission minded children in 2nd-5th grades who want to serve God by sharing His love.

Thank you, Lisa Myers for coordinating this event! Hope to see your child on May 6!

### DINE AND SHINE

One of our FAVORITE annual events is coming up! Our DINE AND SHINE Talent Show!

Join us on Wednesday, May 16 with dinner starting at 5:30pm then a fantastic talent show at 6:00pm. Youth and children are invited to take part in the performance either as a solo act or as a group.

If your child would like to perform, a sign up sheet will be at the EC Kids Check-In Desk, or email [aimeeb@eastcross.org](mailto:aimeeb@eastcross.org).

### EC KIDS LEAD WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 6, EC Kids will be leading worship again! We will be singing "Only Jesus" by Austin Stone Worship at the end of first service and the beginning of second service. Please have your child to church no later than 8:45am!

*Aimee Hall, Director of Children's Ministries*

## VBS AMPED! June 4-8 // 6-8pm

**A**ttention all students! If you will be entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, you will not want to miss out on this free event!

Jesus wants us to live fully alive because we can believe that what He says is true! This June, join us for a week that you are sure not to forget any time soon. We want kids to know that

- God is with you.
- God has a plan for you.
- Jesus is alive!
- You are part of a bigger story.

We have a jam-packed VBS scheduled June 4-6 from 6-8pm.

Join us this summer as we learn to live fully alive!

To register: <https://eastcrossumc.breezechms.com/form/AMPEDVBS>



## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

**M**any thanks and blessings to each of these wonderful teachers who shared their love, time and compassion with each one of the children in their classes for our recent school-year session! *Most* have been part of our program for *many years* and we are thankful that *most are returning* once again for our next school-year session!

- ~ *Infant Class*, Whitney Brown and Lacey Robertson
- ~ *Toddler Class*, Liz VanDeVenter and Nancy Banks
- ~ *Two's Class*, Traci Barnes and Heather Thomison
- ~ *Young Three's Class*, Colleen Buck and Shirley Kintner
- ~ *3-Year Old Preschool Classes*: Christy Hanks and Lindsay Batchelder  
Valerie Wall / Gloria Goheen  
Melissa Yardley and Tasha Schaper
- ~ *4-Year Old Preschool Classes*: Jennifer McKinney and Genna Adkins  
Sonia Davis & Genna Adkins
- ~ Nora Wegener, Dir's Assistant



### Preschool Program

May will be the end of another school-year session and we'll again host our annual "**Preschool Program**" for the 49 children in our four Preschool classes! Each class will share several of their favorite classroom songs with family and friends at 11:00am on Friday, May 11 in our Christian Life Center (aka, "the gym"). The children in our 4-year-old Preschool class will be part of a brief graduation recognition at the conclusion of the program as well.

### Scholastic Book Fair

*Again* we have recently held *another* very successful **Scholastic Book Fair** in April, 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 providing this opportunity within our program (*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!* Thank you too for the *many church families* that also participated and purchased books that were offered!

### Summer Session

Our **Summer Session** class enrollment is still open for several ages (even though a couple classes are already full) and our 2018/19 **School-Year Session** classes are quickly filling up as well. Please contact our office for enrollment forms or if more information is needed!

### Thank you too....

For helping with our **on-going collection of Box-Tops for Education and Used Ink-Jet Cartridges** and feel free to continue placing these in the (labeled) plexiglass container on the wall *OR* in the "Early Childhood Center's Mailbox" in the upstairs, church office copy room!

~ *Colleen Williams,*  
**Director @ East Cross  
Early Childhood Center**

*Preschool Program*

*Friday, May 11*

*11:00am*

*Christian Life Center*

## EAST CROSS NURSERY

**M**ay 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 reason; 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.

This month the 3 year old PreK class will talk about being brave. They are enjoying weekly lessons, scripture memorization and worship. Dine and Shine will be on May 16 and we are already practicing our song for it.

*Liz VanDeVenter,*  
**Nursery Director**

## National Day of Prayer

**Oklahoma Wesleyan University**  
**National Day of Prayer**  
**Thursday, May 3, 2018**  
**Noon to 1:00pm**  
**2201 Silverlake Road**

Oklahoma Wesleyan University will host the annual local prayer event for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3, from noon to 1:00pm at the Chapel on Silverlake Road. Families are encouraged to attend this special time of prayer for our nation, state and community. The theme for the 2018 National Day of Prayer observation is "Unity" from Ephesians 4:3.

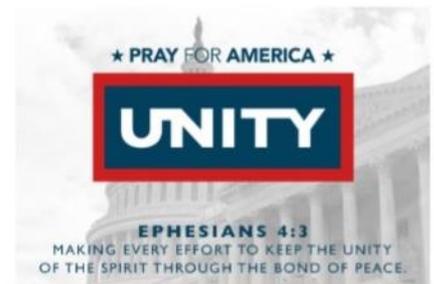
A local interdenominational committee is organizing the Bartlesville event again this year. Local ministers, ministry leaders and community leaders will be participating in the service.

As our nation struggles with foreign and domestic threats, economic insecurity, cultural tensions, and continue challenges to basic constitutional rights, citizens of the United States are preparing to heed the call by our elected leaders to exercise one of their most precious freedoms – the right to gather, turn to God, and pray. In response, millions will assemble at thousands of local events across the nation, where they will take time out of their daily schedules to intercede on behalf of their community, their nation, and their leaders.

The National Day of Prayer is not just a vital part of American's heritage, but is as relevant and critical today as it was at the first call by our Continental Congress in 1775. Established in public law by a joint resolution of Congress

signed by President Truman in 1952, then amended to designate the day under the 100<sup>th</sup> Congress and President Reagan in 1988, it states that "The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge and no reservations are necessary.



## May Outreach News

### **G**enerosity Boxes Concern Center Pantry will be the

beneficiary of your caring donations to our Generosity Boxes during the month of May. In a conversation with the director, she told us that the following items are most needed now: canned meat such as SPAM (no tuna), Powdered Milk, and Jiffy Mix such as Corn Muffin / Corn Bread mix. While doing your shopping this month, would you drop a couple of these items into your shopping cart and place them in one of the Generosity Boxes located at each entrance to ECUMC? You have no idea how much this simple effort will mean to many of our local families!

### **Tuesday House**

Tuesday House continues to be like a beehive. Busy, Busy! New items all the time! Open Tuesday 8am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 12pm. Located at 321 SW Penn.

### **DHS Foster Care Easter Buckets**

Another gold star for our East Cross family...104 children, ages newborn to 18, received overflowing buckets full of goodies. So proud of our church

family as they are the most generous people around. Thank you for another great experience that carries on a Grace Epworth tradition.

### **Cardinal Singers**

A good evening of great music from the Red Bird Mission youth singers. Everyone enjoys seeing and hearing youth sharing God's loving messages.

A huge Thank You to all that opened their homes to these visitors. Also a big Thank You for your monetary love gifts.

### **Red Bird Mission**

We have thirteen VIM members going to the Red Bird facility, in Kentucky, July 21-28, 2018. We pray for a safe trip and their sharing of God's love.

The Red Bird Craft Show raised over \$4,000 for work of this mission.

### **Ray of Hope**

Bob Fraser reported they can see 'light at the end of tunnel' on the renovation of the Grace Epworth building. Plumbing, electrical, windows and walls up. Paint to be applied the week of April 15 and flooring to follow.

### **Kairos Prison Ministry**

POSTPONED —not cancelled. The four day prison ministry at Dick Connor Correctional Center has been re-scheduled for October 4-7, 2018, due to a Chaplain shortage. Baking and bagging for this ministry will be announced closer to the event in October. If you baked and froze cookies, Garry Gunter can distribute to four other prison locations, if you would like to get them out of your freezer. Thank You for supporting the Kairos prison ministry. *"I was in prison and you came to visit me."* Matthew 25:36.

### **New Day Camp**

Cross Point Camp In Oklahoma City will host this fun time for ages 8-11, June 10-15 and ages 12-14, July 15-20, 2018. Adults can be involved by enrolling children, counseling, etc. If you would like more information go to the internet link [cjamm.org](http://cjamm.org).

### **Rice an Beans Ministry**

Fred Curry, from Costa Rica, will be at East Cross on August 19.

REMEMBER: We are learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!!

### **Want to Sponsor a Youth for Church Camp?**

\$290 can sponsor a youth to go to camp this summer! If you'd like to sponsor please contact Evan Holmes at the church (918-333-0810) or email [evanh@eastcross.org](mailto:evanh@eastcross.org).

### **Fundraiser Enchilada Dinner Ochelata UMC**

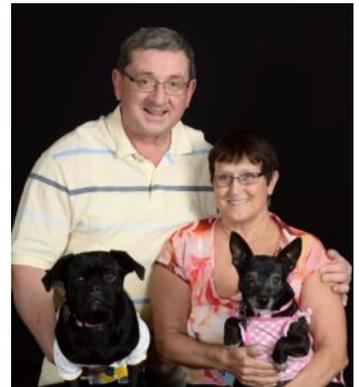
Friday, May 4, 4:00-7:00pm / Dine-In or Carry-Out  
Adults \$7 / Under 12 is \$4

Menu: Beef Enchiladas, Rice, Refried Beans,  
Chips & Salsa, Dessert & Drink

Proceeds used to defray church insurance costs



Noel and Debbie Dagenette transferred their membership from Disciples Christian Church to East Cross on Sunday, April 8 during the 11:00am service. They attend Love One Another Sunday morning small group and have been regular worshippers at East Cross for many years. They are pictured with their two girls, Willa Nae and Annie Bella. Welcome, Noel and Debbie to our East Cross family!

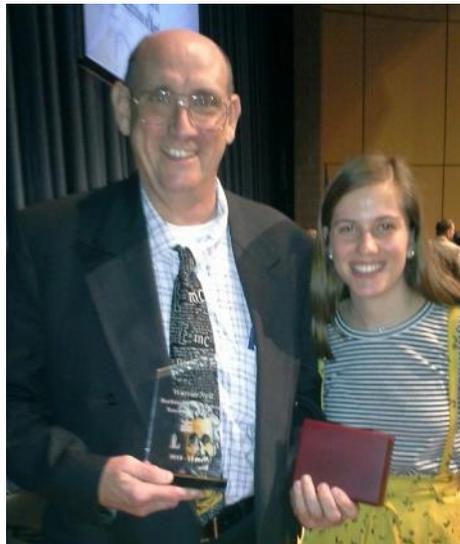


### Congratulations to...

East Cross Member Warren Neff —  
Bartlesville Public School District's  
2018 Teacher of the Year!

Warren has taught in the school district for 15 years. He teaches AP Physics, Inquiry Physics and an advanced math applications course at Bartlesville High School .

BHS Senior and East Cross member Addie Deffenbaugh introduced Mr. Neff as BHS teacher of the year prior to the surprise announcement



that he was also the district's teacher of the year.

Addie said Mr. Neff was her Algebra II teacher in 10th grade and that he made a huge difference in her life, not only at school, but also at church. She commented, "What makes Mr. Neff such a successful teacher is how much he wants all of his students to have a deep understanding of the subject matter."

Congratulations, Warren, on this well deserved honor!



East Cross Family,

Jerry and Shirley Kintner wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the cards, prayers, and expressions of love and concern following the passing of Jerry's mother. We are blessed to be a member of such a loving and caring Church.

Thank you,  
*Jerry and Shirley*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donations of sheets, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other items. Our residents appreciate your thoughtfulness and our staff is encouraged by your generosity.

Blessings!  
*Linda Radaker,*  
Lighthouse Outreach Center

Dear East Cross,

Thank you for your \$225.00 donation from your chili cook off.

May God Bless,  
*Dick Albro,* Treasurer  
New Hope Indian UMC

Dear East Cross,

Thank you for the MUTUAL remembrance and all the support through the plans and beautiful service.

Blessings,  
*Rene Scott*  
*Charles & Marilee Scott's*  
*daughter*

Dear East Cross Family,

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, cards, and calls for my family and me as Tamra, my lovely daughter (in-law), ended her suffering and pain into the precious arms of Jesus.

*Bonnie Rohlving and Family*

## PRAYER LIST

### New Prayer Requests...

Robert & Whitney Doye (Heidi Petty's friends), Randy Lawrence, Hailey Nichols (Heidi Petty's friend), Joe Smith (Anita Spencer's brother-in-law), Gordon and Glenna Wright (Steve's parents)

Joe Belden (Jan Waldorf's brother), Richard Blasdel, Annie Bollinger (Charlie and LeAnne Christensen's daughter), Gary Brown, Al Bunge, Richard Burress (Jeff's brother), Geoffery Christensen (Eileen Christensen Perrin's son), Kathy Christian, Joan Collins (friend of Pam Knuth), Eddie Danford (father of Brenda Commons), Stan DeFehr, Marcia Goode, Jason Hall, Edna Harbison, Vera Hibbard, Janice Holt (Emmalene Lennon's daughter), Gertrude Hughey, Amy Kelton (Teresa Dietz' friend), Barry Knuth, James Kuntz, Louis and Emily Kuntz, Laverne Lindblom, Bob Murnan, Susan Neff (Warren's sister-in-law), Mike Paxson (brother-in-law of Coleen Williams), Doug Pichler, Marie Puckett, Euela Randall, Spence Rigdon, Jeana Smith (Tim Smith's sister), Carol Stithem, Kermit Tanzey, Jeremy Waldorf, Amy Wivel (Becke Rakes sister), Terri Woods, Harold Yelton

### Condolences to...

James Fernandez on the death of his grandfather on March 28.

Bonnie Rohlfing on the death of her daughter-in-law, Tamra Rohlfing.

Becke Rakes and family on the death of her mother, Susan Walker on April 13.

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

## Pray for our Military

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|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| * PFC Luis Balli    | MAJ Todd Abshire | LCDR Eric Rolfs   |
| * Esn. Lisa Freeman | LTC Darrin Cox   | CPT Daniel Smith  |
| * SSG Gary Mabry    | Mark Hathaway    | CDR Robert Staten |
| * SSG Jared Seat    | Robbie Lawson    | SFC Clifton White |
| * CPT Derek Smith   |                  |                   |

All persons serving in the military and their families.

We have five \* deployed service members from our church family.



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.

**All East Cross men are invited to meet for breakfast and fellowship at IHop on Saturday, May 5th at 8am!**  
**Breakfast this month is Gary's treat!**



## Church Women United—May Friendship Day

Friday, May 4, 11:00am  
St James Catholic Church  
5500 Douglas Lane

## Sunday Morning Van Ministry



Call the church office at 918-333-0810 and **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.

**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.

learning to follow Jesus,  
inviting others to join the journey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 2018</b>		1	2	3	4	5
			Connections 5:30p Meal 6:00p Small Groups	6:30p Children's Council	6:30p S.A.L.T. Fellowship	8a Men's Breakfast at IHop (Gary's treat!)
6 <i>Communion</i> 3pm CIA— Gardening 5p PG Small Group	7 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry	8 7p Outreach	9 Connections 5:30p Meal 6:00p Small Groups	10	11 11a Preschool Program 7p Church Bridge	12 4p VBS Volunteer Mtg
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> Rev. Wendee Perceful Speaking	14 6:30p Young Adults 7p Miriam Circle	15 6p Piecemaker Quilters	16 Connections 5:30p Meal 6:00p Dine & Shine	17 9:30a Rebecca	18	19
20 <i>HS Graduation Sunday</i> 9:30a HS Senior Breakfast 5p PG Small Group	21 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry 7p Trustees	22	23	24	25 Bartlesville High School Graduation	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day Holiday</i>	29	30	31		
		Annual Conference—OCU and St. Luke's UMC				
			Last Day School for Elementary & MHS	Last Day School for Bartlesville High School		

**Weekly Activities at East Cross**

**Sunday**

8:30am  
9:45am  
11:00am  
12:00pm  
5:00pm

Traditional Worship Service  
Small Groups for all ages  
Contemporary Worship Service  
S.A.L.T. Lunch  
Youth

**Wednesday**

9:30am-3:00pm  
7:00pm  
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Early Childhood Center  
(May 2 & 9)  
Sanctuary Choir— not on May 2  
Praise Band Practice

**Thursday**

**Monday**

9:30am-3:00pm Early Childhood Center (May 7)

**Friday**

9:30am-12Noon

Early Childhood Center  
(May 4 & 11)

**Tuesday**

4:00pm

Prayer Group

**Saturday**

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**Holy Thursday Service—*The Last Supper***  
*Members of East Cross re-enacted Da Vinci's Last Supper during our Holy Thursday Service on March 29, 2018*

