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

Email articles to
office@eastcross.org

Mountain of Food

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring the annual
“Mountain of Food” beginning Sunday, October 14.
Last year East Cross set a record breaking year of collecting
\$21,310.73 to purchase cases of food for local agencies.
Order forms for your purchases will be available soon.

Sermon Series: BEING RICH IN WHAT MATTERS MOST

October 14

Good News, Bad News

1 Timothy 6:17-19
Ecclesiastes 5:19
Luke 18:24-45

October 21

Deceitfulness of Riches

Matthew 6:24
1 Timothy 6:17-18
Proverbs 15:16; 18:11

October 28

Rich Giver

2 Corinthians 9:7; 9:11
1 Timothy 6:18
Matthew 23:23

November 4

Rich in Good Deeds

1 Timothy 6:17-19
Ephesians 2:8-10
Acts 4:33-34; 10:38
Matthew 5:41
Hebrews 10:24-45

Communion and All Saints Day

November 11

Rich Toward God

Luke 12:16-12
1 Timothy 6:18

Consecration Sunday

All Church Celebration Meal
served today in the CLC

Another step in our journey...

CHARGE

CONFERENCE:

Saturday

October 13, 2018

10:00am – 4:00pm

First UMC

Claremore, OK

Charge Conference will look a little different this year. We will take a few minutes to handle business. The remainder of

the day will be spent with Jim Ozier, author of “Clip In: Risking Hospitality in Your Church.”

This workshop with Jim Ozier is called “Breaking Barriers to Growth.” This fast-paced, fun, interactive workshop will give us practical, hands on tools and techniques we can implement immediately in order to create a culture of growth. Jim will focus on some “best practices” to address

and meet the emerging needs and priorities of our church during this workshop.

Lunch is provided (\$10.00 donation for the provided lunch.)

Please call the church office to let us know if you will be attending so they have the right amount of food for lunch and workshop materials.

Pastor Jeff

Traditional Worship

Wow! It's hard to believe that it has already been a year since I have been in the role of traditional music director. This year has been an amazing journey as the choir has reflected on their role in the traditional worship service. The choir members are using their talents and gifts collectively to elevate the worship experience for those attending our service with carefully chosen songs that compliment the sermons and scriptures. We have evaluated our purpose for the choir in the church setting and have found

that our Wednesday night rehearsal is our much needed time to experience God's joy through the gift of singing. He meets us each week in the songs we rehearse to soothe our souls so we can come prepared on Sunday mornings to present our gifts of joy to allow others to meet Him. Because we have grown in our purpose, our music and skill have reflected growth, as well. Another exciting part of our journey is watching God present opportunities to bridge the traditional music of the first service with the contemporary music in the second service.

Zach Michel and I have worked together to provide some wonderful collaborations for both services. We are very excited to see what God has in store in the coming year.

P.S. As we begin planning for the Christmas services, we are looking for artificial Christmas trees to decorate the stage. If you have a tree you would like to lend or donate, contact the church office for drop-off details.

Margie Green,
Traditional Worship

From Pastor Chad...

There has been a verse that has been stuck in my mind for quite some time and it can be found in 1 Peter 4:9 (CEB) —“Open your homes to each other without complaining.” Other translations, like the NIV, say, “offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” Whichever version you use, the main idea of the passage is that we are to be hospitable and we are to do it with sincerity. In order for us to do this, especially without complaining, means that hospitality, a spirit of welcome, needs to be a core part of our identity. On September 9 here at East Cross, I saw this spirit come to life when we held our open house and welcomed over 300 people into our newly renovated spaces. We put into practice the

very definition of hospitality as each person who walked through the door was welcomed as if they were lifelong friends and we did it all without complaining — okay, I complained a little bit as I did not get to play on the inflatables.

From the beginning of the planning process for the open house, we made hospitality our main focus for this event. However, it seems to me that we are selective in when we offer hospitality as we sometimes reserve this welcoming spirit for those moments when we have a special event or a program happening in our lives and even in the life of the church. The truth is that we don't need a special reason to be hospitable. Instead we can offer it to anyone at any time. In fact, that is the challenge that the passage in 1 Peter is giving to the early church and this

is the challenge I want to give to you as well. I want to challenge all of us to live lives marked by radical hospitality — an overwhelming spirit of welcoming. Just as it was our focus for the open house last month, we need to make it our focus in our own lives until it becomes a core part of who we are. After all, we all can stand to be a little bit more hospitable to those we meet, because, as Hebrews 13:2 (NIV) tell us - “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” As you think about this, enjoy some of the pictures from that night.

Blessings!

Pastor Chad





Student Ministry

Happy October! We have been so busy already during our school year and we have more to come!

This October we have some amazing events and service opportunities for our Student body to serve! Our Kairos Cookie bagging service project is something I always look forward to because we get to help out an amazing ministry to help the hopeless find God.



Our annual Fall Bonfire is coming up on October 7! Children K-12th

C3 YOUTH MINISTRY
6TH-12TH GRADE

SUNDAY'S: 5PM-7PM
YOUTH WORSHIP,
MESSAGE, & GAMES!

WEDNESDAY'S:
5:30- FREE MEAL!
6:00PM-7:00PM- SMALL GROUPS

grades are invited to bring their families for a great Fall evening of hot dogs, football, Frisbee, and of course a Bonfire! Happy Fall everyone!

Evan Holmes,
Director of Youth Ministries

A little about Kairos Cookies:

Kairos Cookies is a Prison Ministry program that brings inmates (that sign up) to an event held in prisons to talk about God and give testimonies about God from current and former inmates. This is a great message that reminds us that God does not give up on you and it's never too late to turn your life around.



Contemporary Worship

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS TREE OWNERS!

We have been putting together plans for our Christmas Eve services and are in need of some Christmas tree donations! We are hoping to gather around 15-20 Christmas trees to decorate our stage area with, so if you have a spare green artificial Christmas tree (no matter what size) that is in decent shape, we would really love to use it throughout the entire

month of December! If you are in the market for a new Christmas tree (Black Friday shopping, anyone?), please consider donating your old one! If you need someone to come pick it up, please come find me at the church or give me a phone call: (580)-467-3469. If you would prefer to drop it off, there will be a specific date range for that soon! If you need your tree back after December, make sure to let us know and we will have it back to you in January!

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to all those who made our Open House a success! I know there were countless hours spent preparing for that evening, and everyone who contributed has my upmost gratitude! A special thank you to Margie Green, our Traditional Music Director, for collaborating with me on the music for that evening!

God Bless,

Zack Michel,
Contemporary Worship

EC Kids

Everything we have comes from God. He is faithful to provide what we need. And even more than what we own, God can also provide what we need to face whatever happens in our life. God has proven time and again, that we can trust Him no matter what. We can complain or become jealous of what others have, or we can choose to respond with contentment, knowing that God has a plan for our lives.

Wouldn't it be a lot easier to be content if the things you want

weren't always staring you in the face? Unfortunately, as we're headed towards Christmas, 'tis the season for kids to get the gimmes — between candy overload and ads for the latest and greatest everything.



A kid's day can feel like one big game show, where they always have to decide whether they can be okay with what they have. That's why we've got a game show theme for the month of October called, "More or Less?"

After all, choosing contentment can feel like you're up on stage with the lights shining bright and the audience cheering you on. Suddenly, you're on the spot and the choice is yours.

Aimee Hall, Director of Children's Ministries

TRUNK OR TREAT SCAVENGER HUNT

Yes, you read that right. East Cross is hosting a Trunk or Treat SCAVENGER HUNT!

Join us Halloween night for an adventure in the neighborhoods surrounding East Cross.

All ages are welcome!
More information can be found on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/eastcross/

TRUNK OR TREAT SCAVENGER HUNT

Halloween Night from 6pm - 8pm

Help us fill a need for this fun community event!

If you'd like to help, please donate *wrapped candy* by dropping them off at EC Kids before October 28th

CANDY DONATIONS

We are asking for help in making our Trunk or Treat Scavenger Hunt a fun success! We are in need of Halloween candy. Please make sure the candy is wrapped. If you'd like to help, donations can be left at the EC Kids Check In Desk or the main office! Thank you in advance for being so generous!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Ongoing, simple and easy fundraising that everyone can help with!

Recycle Inkjet – Reduce Pollution – Raise Funds

Most of us use inkjet printers at home or at work so next time you have an empty cartridge, don't throw it away! Just put it in its original box/ packaging OR in a zip-top baggie and bring it to us here at the East Cross Early Childhood Center! Our program has participated in this program for the past 13 years and we have added approximately \$1,121 to restock basic supplies, not to mention saving our landfills from numerous inkjet cartridges just "thrown away" which means, easy "fundraising" money!

Which Cartridges?

- ◇ *Undamaged* original cartridges with a print head; brands such as *Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Canon, Dell, Sharp*;
- ◇ Cartridges without print head do not qualify;
- ◇ If you cannot tell the difference, bring it in anyway!



What Are The Benefits?

- ◇ Our community *will* benefit by reducing pollution (*these don't decompose for 1,000+ years*), saves energy (*they can be reused*), and there is nothing to buy or sell!
- ◇ Our program can be paid up to \$1 - \$4 for *each cartridge* that is submitted!

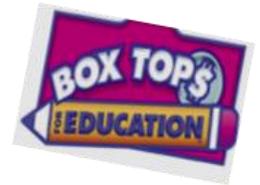
Where Should They Be Placed?

- ◇ The Collection basket on the Box Tops Bulletin board in the Early Childhood Center on the first floor;
- ◇ Bring them to us in the Early Childhood Center office;
- ◇ Place them in the Plexiglass holder located in the church's upstairs "copy room".

Another, Easy, Ongoing "Fundraiser"

General Mills "Box Tops" for Education is an ongoing opportunity we have participated in for the last 15 years and has brought in over \$3776 toward obtaining those "extra" classrooms needs many of the teachers request throughout the school-year.

Children too enjoy participating by either recognizing a "Box Top" on many products that you already purchase and, if age appropriate, they can actually clip/cut them out and either tape or glue them to the collection sheet!



So we gratefully ask that you *continue* clipping these very recognizable "Box Tops" and share these with our program. You may leave them in the Plexiglas tray in the upstairs Copy Room or place them in Coleen's mailbox (also in the Copy Room); or you are more than welcome to bring them to us downstairs our Early Childhood Center office!

EVERYONE CAN HELP – Thank You for Participating Throughout the Years!

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

Email: ecc@eastcross.org

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EAST CROSS NURSERY

As the air is getting cooler, and the excitement of fall fades into familiar routines, I would like to encourage you to make church part of your weekly rhythm. It is easy and tempting to fill our days to the brim, without leaving room for prayer and worship. But what we sometimes see as “Optional” are actually precious gifts from God, intended to help us live in ways that are healthy and meaningful.

Being part of a church family is an incredible gift in times of challenge, in seasons of great joy, and even in the hum-drum of our beloved busy-ness. We are here to remind one another what matters most is our relationship with God.

It's that time of year when all the lovely winter bugs are doing the rounds! Just a gentle reminder that if your child is really unwell, has a temperature or has been sick, please don't bring them into

the nursery. This is for the benefit of all children and staff.

The Nursery is looking for dedicated and responsible workers with a passion for sharing God's love with children. This is a paid or volunteer position. If you are interested, please stop by the office, email LizV@eastcross.org or call me at 918-214-3320. Background checks are required.

Liz VanDeVenter,
Nursery Director

Job Opportunity

East Cross Early Childhood Center Parent Day Out Classes

Work Days:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15am – 3:15pm

Part-time employment; typically following the public school calendar for closures.

Minimum Qualifications and General Duties:

- Experience working with young children (*Infants – 2 yrs of age*)
- Must be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
- Must be willing to increase knowledge in the field of early childhood education.
- Must be in excellent health; able to get up and down off the floor.
- Must be agile enough to perform job as a teacher of small children.

- Able to lift up to 35 pounds
- Willingness to undergo background check
- Willingness to become Pediatric CPR and First Aid certified
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Compassion and patience
- Responsible for planning scheduling and implementing age-appropriate enriching activities to include: physical, emotional, intellectual, social skills and abilities utilizing Weekly Themes
- Responsible for welfare, health and safety of the children in the class
- Maintain communication with parents.

If you or someone you know are interested, contact the Early Childhood Center office. We are also looking for persons with these basic qualifications to add our Sub List as well.

October Outreach News

Our visit from Fred Curry of Rice and Beans Ministry was a huge success. Good times, lots of good comments and lots of food. Thank you to everyone that entertained and provided food for Fred. Fred is very energized and moves as the spirit speaks to him.

MOUNTAIN OF FOOD

Ready for Mountain of Food? We will be collecting food from October 14 thru November 4. Homeland on Madison will be our food supplier this year. Our orders will be filled and delivered to the church each Saturday for the four weeks. Volunteers will be needed at the church to receive, carry and stack the food donations each Saturday. Sherry Smith, from Agape, will speak to us during worship on October 14 about this huge project.

Order forms will be available soon. If you want to purchase a case of all the items listed, the cost is \$250.52. Single cases will be listed with the price and you can choose a single case of a particular item if you prefer. Delivery will be made on Monday, November 12 to the three local agencies we are supporting. We had a record breaking year in 2017, hope we can come close this year.

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

The Angel Tree will be here before you know it! This ministry goes to DHS and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

It was suggested that anyone donating to our ministries might ask their employer if they would match their gift.



MUTUAL Tuesday House

MUTUAL Tuesday House is open Tuesday 8am-4pm and Saturday 9am-12noon. Donations are also taken at the back door of Tuesday House on Monday and Wednesday 8am-12noon. Tuesday House is located at 321 S Penn.

There will be a First Saturday Sale at the ANNEX on October 6 from 9am-12noon. This is in addition to the regular store being open. The ANNEX is located one door north of Tuesday House. Sales from MUTUAL Tuesday House exclusively benefits MUTUAL Girl's Club.

Volunteers are always needed! There are a number of positions that are available! Come down and pick up an application! We would love to see you!

GENEROSITY BOXES

Our local Outreach Mission that will be receiving the gifts in our **Generosity Boxes** during the month of October is **Concern Child Learning Center**. What a big difference to each of these children you are making by helping fill our Generosity Boxes with their needs.

Their needs this month are:

Diapers (size 4 to 6)
Pull-ups
Baby Wipes

They also mentioned they are in need of **new toys such as:**

Shape sorters
Push toys
Musical toys—
(such as drums and rhythm instruments)

While shopping, toss a few of these items in your cart. Bring them to church and load the Generosity Boxes located at each entrance to East Cross UMC. What a blessing your items will mean to these little children!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

All Church Celebration Meal
Sunday, November 11
Christian Life Center



Congratulations to...

SSG Jared and Kendra Seat on the birth of their daughter, Hayden Cole Seat born on September 2. Hayden weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sister Avery. Proud grandparents are Ken and Teresa Dietz and Aaron and Gynonne Seat. Congratulations to all!



<p>You Are Invited to The Journey Home ANNUAL COOKOUT & OPEN HOUSE Thursday, October 11 5pm—7pm 900 NE Washington Blvd. Food, fellowship, music, tour new guest rooms!</p>	<p>CONCERN cordially invites you to their Harvest Of Hope Fundraiser Sunday, October 28 1:00pm Father Lynch Hall 121 W 8th St. Sunday dinner will be served—Tickets \$50 Reservations: Marie Cabbage 918-397-3665</p>
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East Cross Church,

The Bartlesville Regional Chamber of Commerce sends a BIG THANK YOU! With members like you, we are able to provide a sustainable business community in Washington County as well as foster growth and be a catalyst for positive change. Only through your support can we continue to fund important community initiatives and lead the way for business. Thank you for all East Cross UMC does for our community—such a vibrant church!

Sherri Wilt, President/CEO

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

25TH Annual TU Wesley Golf Tournament

Battle Creek Golf Club

Thursday, October 11

12:30pm shotgun start

More information and to register online:

Wesleytu.org/support/golf

NEO Wesley Foundation Golf Tournament

Peoria Ridge Golf Course

Monday, October 15

9:00am shotgun start

More information call or text:

Donni Long 918-919-2080

PRAYER LIST

New Prayer Requests...

Rob Baughman, Janine Bonn (Janet Clark's friend), George Lennon, Isabella Sousa, Kermit Tanzey, Keith Wyrick (Erville Orndorff's nephew)

Vanna Baddley, Annie Bollinger (daughter of Charlie and LeAnne Christensen), Paul Broerman, Kathy Christian, Joan Collins (friend of Pam Knuth), Doris and Eddie Danford (Brenda Commons' parents), Dave Faust (Melda and Gary Howard's son-in-law), Muriel Faust (Dave Faust's mother), Don Fleming (Teresa Dietz' friend), Blaine Fraser (Bob Fraser's dad), Marcia Goode, Edna Harbison, Amy Kelton (Teresa Dietz' friend), Barry Knuth, James Kuntz, Louis and Emily Kuntz, Bob Murnan, Leslie Neff, Mike Paxson (brother-in-law of Coleen Williams), Marie Puckett, Euela Randall, Spence Rigdon, Lerene Schornick, Helen Shell, Jeana Smith (Tim Smith's sister), Joyce Taylor, Jeremy Waldorf, Glenna Wright (Steve Wright's mother), Allie Zoldoske

Condolences to...

H.C., Emily, Gracie, Eva and Caroline Call on the death of H.C.'s grandmother, Leona Call.

Don Cundiff, family and friends on the death of his wife, Linda Cundiff.

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

Please pray for 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 or 918-327-1226.

All East Cross men are invited to meet for breakfast and fellowship at Boomarang Diner on Saturday, October 6 at 8am!



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. 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
	1 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry	2	3 Connections 5:30p Meal 6p Small Groups	4	5 6:30p S.A.L.T. Fellowship	6 8a Men's Breakfast at Boomarang Diner
7 <i>Communion</i> 6p Children & Youth Bonfire	8 6:30p Young Adults 7p Miriam	9 7p Outreach	10 Connections 5:30p Meal 6p Small Groups	11 6:30p Children's Council	12 7p Church Bridge	13 10am—4pm District Charge Conference Claremore FUMC
14 MOUNTAIN OF FOOD begins today 5p PG Small Group	15 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry 7p Trustees	16 6p Piecemaker Quilters	17 No Connections Tonight	18 9:30a Rebecca FALL BREAK—NO SCHOOL	19	20
21	22 6:30p Young Adults	23	24 Connections 5:30p Meal 6p Small Groups	25	26	27
28 5p PG Small Group	29	30	31 6:30-8:30pm Trunk or Treat No Connections Tonight	October 2018		

Weekly Activities at East Cross

Sunday

8:30am Traditional Worship Service
9:45am Small Groups for all ages
11:00am Contemporary Worship Service
11:15am Children's Church
12:00pm S.A.L.T. Lunch
5:00pm C3 Youth Ministry

Monday

9:30am-3:00pm Early Childhood Center

Tuesday

4:00pm Prayer Group

Wednesday

9:30am-3:00pm Early Childhood Center
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir (not 10/31)
7:30pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday

Friday

9:30am-12:00Noon Early Childhood Center PreK
(not meeting on 9/19)

Saturday

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S.A.L.T (Single Adults Living Triumphantly)



S.A.L.T recently enjoyed a day trip to Har-Ber Village and Grand Lake near Grove, OK.