

# East Cross News

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of East Cross United  
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**Daylight Saving  
Time ends  
Sunday,  
November 3.  
Set your clocks  
back one hour  
before going to  
bed on Saturday,  
November 2.**



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

Email articles to  
linda@eastcross.org

## ***“Day of Prayer and Praise”*** **Sunday, October 20th**

**Since we are called first to worship God, that will be the theme of our Prayer and Praise services on October 20. We will sing songs of praise, read scriptures that praise God, share stories of God’s blessings, and have a healing service with the anointing of oil. Don’t miss it. When we praise God, we always receive more than we give.**

**Mark your calendar for our East Cross Annual Bonfire  
Sunday, October 6 at 6:30pm!**

Youth, children, and their families—held on J and Jessica Butler’s land.  
*Read page 4 for more information.*



## Another step in our journey...

### WHO ARE WE?

**W**hat should we be doing as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and more specifically, East Cross United Methodist Church?

When we become members of a United Methodist Church, we pledge to support the church with our prayer (without prayer we can't function properly), presence (if you're in town and not sick, show up for worship and other activities, sometimes you need others, sometimes others need you), gifts (each of us have different gifts to offer the church family, and God calls us to always be moving toward a tithe), service (find a group in the church doing some mission local or abroad and join them),

and witness (each of us, upon beginning a relationship with Jesus Christ is called to share the Good News, besides, we all have a story to tell).

As members of East Cross, we have direction for our journey together, a strategic plan to follow. Worship God is the first thing we are called to do. It's impossible to be Christian and not worship God. As we worship together with our church family, we need to join a small group, whether on Sunday mornings or at another time. Small groups are where we learn so much about following Jesus, make our best friends in the church, and share one another's joys and concerns. Small groups are really where we grow in Christ.

Being part of a small group will give us opportunities to do mission, or to serve others. Our most effective small groups serve in mission many times throughout the year. It's in mission that we show our commitment to Christ and his words. Finally, as we worship God together, grow together, and serve together, we'll find many opportunities to invite others to join us on our journey together and share our stories with others.

Where are you on this journey of learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey?

*Pastor Jeff*

## Traditional Worship

**I**would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, and food! I would have never expected to have three herniated discs of all things. For me, I have a very busy schedule with my school calendar, music at church, and being a mom, so this has been a humbling experience having to be still and heal! I am

optimistic I will be up and running again soon, but I am taking this opportunity to take care of myself and heal completely. God truly cares about our every need and holds us in the palm of His hand during our toughest struggles!

*Margie Green,*  
**Traditional Worship**

*"But as for me,  
I shall sing of Your strength;  
Yes, I shall joyfully sing  
of Your loving kindness  
in the morning,  
for You have been my  
stronghold and a refuge  
in the day of my distress.  
Psalms 59:16*

## From Pastor Chad...

**D**uring the last month and half, the youth have been journeying with the Apostle Paul through the book of Galatians in a series entitled Goals. In this series, we talked about some of the goals of the Christian life. We started with the goal of freedom and how we can find true freedom when we embrace a life lived in Christ. We talked about the goal of living life rooted in the approval of God versus living for the approval of others. We talked about the goal of living with the end in mind and how the decisions we make today can affect our future. We talked about the difficult goal of loving people, instead of judging them. Then we ended our series with the statement “the goal is to grow”.

I will tell you that this last one really hit home with me when I asked these questions of the youth, “How did you spend your time this week?” and “Of all the things you did with your time, what did you do to grow as a person?” The truthful answer is I spent the week going through the normal routine. It was in that moment of realization that I was reminded that if I am not making the daily decision to grow into the person that I want to be, then I run the risk of becoming someone I don’t want to be. For me, I want to be the kind of person whose life is rooted in the Spirit of God as evident by the fruits that I produce. You know them. They are found in Galatians 5:22-23 (CEB): *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,*

*kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.* If I want these things to grow in my life, then I need to nurture them. I need to spend time and energy on them. So I ask you, where and on what are you spending your time and energy? Is your life bearing positive life-giving fruit? How are you growing as a person? After all, the goal is to grow.

One of the best things we can do to ensure that we are growing in the right direction is to make sure that we are walking with God. After all, God is the only one who can help us meet that goal.

Blessings to you all,

*Chad*

## Contemporary Worship

**W**e are truly blessed at East Cross! When I sit and think about how much change this church has gone through, even in the past two to three years since I have been leading worship in the contemporary services, I can’t help but marvel at how incredibly generous the people of our church are. Our congregation truly lives out God’s call to *be* the church, not just attend the church. Through your giving, our worship ministry has been able to continue to minister to those inside and outside our church walls, allowing us

to live out the Great Commission in ways that were not possible even just a few short years ago. I want to say a special “thank you!” to those who have selflessly given to make this possible not only through your tithing, but going beyond what God has called us to give! May God bless you in so many ways, knowing that His riches will abound in you when you are faithful to His calling!

*Zack Michel,*  
**Contemporary Worship**

## EC Kids

**P**erforming on stage.  
Storms. Mean dogs.  
Public speaking.  
Spiders. Or maybe a  
dark room without a night light.  
Everyone is afraid of *something*.

Fear can hold us back from doing what we know is right. We might be afraid of what might happen, or afraid of what other people will think.

Throughout our lives, God may ask us to take risks or do something we may not feel prepared

to do. But God will also give us the courage we need to face that challenge. We see this as Jesus faced death on the cross. He chose to be brave and follow through on God's plan. When we have to face our fears, that's when we can lean on God to give us courage. He makes us brave. He makes us strong. He helps us do what we *should* do, even when we're afraid.

This month we'll explore the lives of Moses, Joshua and Caleb and

discover how they displayed courage and trust in God in the most unlikely of times. Following the crowd can be all too easy, especially when it comes to fear. But that doesn't have to be the way. We hope that kids leave this month trusting God a little bit more and seeing how they can be an example to others by the way they have courage.

*Aimee Hall, Director of Children's Ministries*

### EC ANNUAL BONFIRE

Mark your calendars for our EC Annual Bonfire – Sunday, October 6 at 6:30pm!

This Youth and Children event is for seniors all the way down to our babies and everyone in between. The event will be at J & Jess Butler's land once again and we cannot thank them enough for hosting this for us! There will be flyers at church with the address for those who are attending for the first year.

Please plan to bring hotdogs and buns for your family. The church will provide water, chips and s'mores! Also, don't forget to bring chairs, sticks for roasting and bug spray! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Aimee or Chad.

### CIA – COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Our next CIA is coming up FAST! Join us October 13 for our Community Clean Up! Come ready for fun, fellowship and help make our community a cleaner place! We will meet at East Cross in the Children's Worship Area for a short devotion before loading up on the van to head out to our destination. Sign up at the EC Kids Check In Desk.



### TRUNK OR TREAT BLOCK PARTY

Yes, you read that right. East Cross is hosting a Trunk or Treat Block Party! Join us Halloween night and enjoy a fun, candy-filled night at East Cross. All ages are welcome!

If you are interested in hosting, decorating and manning a Trunk, please get in touch with Aimee.



### CANDY DONATIONS

We are asking for help in making our Trunk or Treat Block Party 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

If a survey were conducted of church based early childhood programs and it asked respondents to choose from a provided list of characteristics that makes for an effective program, would ours possess these? We feel so!

Here are the TOP TEN survey answers:

1. One that is **Christ centered**.
2. It has **good, age-appropriate curriculum**.
3. It has **dedicated, quality teachers**.
4. It is **undergirded by prayer**.
5. It shows **hospitality to newcomers**.
6. Demonstrates **care and concern** for the children, families and each other.
7. It is known for its **warm fellowship**.
8. It receives **pastoral (and congregational) support**.
9. It provides good **teacher training and support**.
10. It grows through **personal invitation**.



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Believe it or not the month of October is one of the busiest months in our school year!

### Parent Day Out Classes

Weekly themes introduced via songs, crafts, stories and games are: Fire Safety; Colors and Shapes; Fall Leaves; Pumpkins; and of course Halloween.

### Preschool Classes

- Will begin their monthly chapel time with Ms Christy (*one of our 3-Year Old Preschool lead teachers*) who shares Bible based stories and scripture such as:  
God Is Good!  
*"Give Thanks to the Lord for He is good!"*  
*Psalm 107:1*  
Bible Story: Jesus is resurrected!
- Preschool classes will enjoy a day off for Fall Break on Friday, October 18.
- ALL Preschool families will be welcomed on Friday, October 25 to spend a brief, scheduled time with their child's teacher in a one-on-one setting so that both have an opportunity to sit down together to discuss the *early progress* of each child. This is done in a very quiet and uninterrupted setting during our Parent / Teacher Conferences.

All classes will participate in the ever-popular Halloween trick-or-treating of the offices in the church building. The children really enjoy this and we know church staff persons upstairs enjoy seeing them parade in their masks or costumes to hear that never-forgotten phrase, "Trick-or-Treat" *and especially* "Thank you"!

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

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## EAST CROSS NURSERY

**T**he East Cross Nursery has two priorities: teaching your child the love of Christ, and keeping your child safe. We provide a variety of approaches to learning because every child is different. We involve the following areas of learning to teach our little ones biblical truths:

Senses, Curiosity, Satisfaction, Relationships,  
Hand-on Learning, Play, Imitation, Repetition

We believe that the discipleship process begins very early. Children need to know that church is a place where they are loved.

During the next seven weeks, the 3 year old—  
PreK class will be learning about the Book of 1st  
Samuel. Repeatedly, Samuel, then David, works

to obey God, obey their families, and keep their promises. Choosing correct actions always have a higher reward. We will learn this difficult lesson through several different situations. It is good to love God, and He rewards devotion to Him. WE can show that we love the Lord, and can listen to Him, and our Moms and Dads, too. We can obey and wonderful things can happen.

Please remember to sign your child in and out, and, with flu season approaching, let's remember to get our flu shot and wash our hands often.

*Liz VanDeVenter,*  
**Childcare/Nursery Director**

### CONCERN FUND RAISER

Sunday, October 6  
HARVEST of HOPE Luncheon  
Father Lynch Hall  
Doors open at 12:30pm  
Lunch at 1:00pm

Entertainment: John the Blessed  
and special guests!

Tickets on sale thru October 3  
Reservations \$50 each

Make check to:  
Concern c/o Marie Cubbage  
400 Valley View Court  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
or online [www.concerncares.com](http://www.concerncares.com)

Would be nice if East Cross  
could fill a couple of tables.  
Want to join in?

### The Journey Home Fall Cookout and Celebration!

Thursday, October 3  
Arvest Bank,  
Eastside Branch  
4225 SE Adams Rd

The annual hamburger and  
hot dog feed is a fundraiser  
supporting  
The Journey Home.

Come enjoy a hamburger or  
hot dog, chips, bottled water,  
homemade cookies and  
dessert for a \$5 donation.

### TU Wesley's Annual Fund Drive & Golf Tournament

Thursday, October 24  
Battle Creek Golf Club  
12:30pm Shotgun Start

Scramble format  
Dinner and prizes

Consider supporting/sponsoring  
and/or playing in the tournament.

Give online or the old-fashioned  
way; support us with prayers,  
in-kind gifts, student referrals,  
and be a church advocate  
for TU Wesley.

Sponsorship:  
Student player \$100

## October Outreach News

### GENEROSITY BOXES

While visiting with Jenny Pollard, the new Concern Center Director, she mentioned their pantry was in great need of personal care items such as: **TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, BAR SOAP, ETC.** There is also a need for **SIZE 4 – 5 DIAPERS.** She said their supply of **CANNED VEGETABLES** was short. Many of their clients are delighted when they are able to receive personal care items along with the food they are given as their food stamps cannot be used for these items. Will you help us put smiles on the faces of some members of our community by placing a few of these items in your shopping cart, bringing those items to church and dropping them in the Generosity Boxes located at each entrance to East Cross?

### MUTUAL—PURSEusing Purpose Fundraiser

Thursday, October 24  
6:30—8:00pm

3401 Price Road  
(new MUTUAL building)

Girlfriends night out with mock tails and dessert.

Designer Purse Silent Auction PLUS a Grand Prize drawing for an exclusive designer bag.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at Mutual or [mutualbartlesville.org](http://mutualbartlesville.org).



MUTUAL is continuing to expand after school Gold programs and upcoming women's programs.

### Tuesday House

There are lots of changes going on focusing on better ways to serve our customers.

Come check us out Saturday, October 5 for our "Fall Festival Customer Appreciation" at Tuesday House. Your total purchase will get 25% off!

More volunteers are needed! You can set your own hours or days on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday between 9am-12pm or Tuesday 8am-4pm. Any help would be appreciated. Just come in and talk to Elaine or Mickey.

### ANGEL TREE

Tags will be available soon. The children's names are provided by Big Brothers and Big Sisters and DHS. Please continue to pray and invite others to join our journey!

### LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE UPDATE

Much of what is being reported from the border between the U.S. and Mexico is disturbing and sad. We all yearn to be part of the solution! Thankfully, the United Methodist Church through Lydia Patterson Institute is making a real positive difference in the Borderland and beyond.

Our Class of 2019 graduated 71 seniors and all are enrolled to attend college/university in the Fall. The class earned 1.3 million dollars worth of scholarship to their chosen college/university—many are going

to United Methodist schools. What an excellent return on your investment. These students will soon be productive and responsible citizens of the U.S., Mexico or whichever county they choose to live in.

We give thanks to God for this ministry of Lydia Patterson Institute and for your commitment to the school.

Grace and Peace,  
*Richard Hearne, Director of Development*

## Mountain of Food 2019

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring the annual "Mountain of Food" drive which begins Sunday, October 13 through November 3. The food will be distributed locally to Concern Food Pantry, Agape, and Lighthouse Outreach Mission before Thanksgiving. East Cross has always been responsive to Jesus's call to Feed My Sheep (John 21: 17) and help local people in need. Last year we collected over \$17,000 to purchase 932 cases of food.

To donate complete the form and **make your check payable to East Cross Church** noting "Acct # 41014" on the memo line. Items are listed by case quantity (number in one case) and price per case. You may place your order in the collection plate on Sunday, mail to the church or drop it by the church office through Sunday, November 3.

Small groups will be sorting the food from Homeland on Saturday mornings at 10:30 at the church. If you would like to volunteer please contact Kay Ruehlen at 918-815-3564. Prepare to be blessed.

*Kay Ruehlen, Outreach Committee*

ITEMS TO BUY	ITEMS ORDERED TO DATE	CASE QUANTITY	PRICE PER CASE	NUMBER OF CASES	TOTAL COST
Meat Stew		12	\$38.28		
Ravioli		24	\$22.32		
Chili w/beans		12	\$16.44		
Spaghetti-O's		24	\$16.56		
Fruit Cocktail		24	\$35.76		
Sliced Peaches		24	\$40.56		
Green Beans		24	\$13.20		
Corn		24	\$13.20		
Canned Potatoes		24	\$18.96		
Macaroni & Cheese		24	\$ 8.40		
Tuna		48	\$47.52		
Luncheon Meat (Spam)		12	\$21.48		
Peanut Butter		12	\$23.88		
Jelly		12	\$15.48		
Flavored Gelatin		48	\$23.52		
Instant Pudding		44	\$25.96		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>				No. Cases:	\$

1 case of each item = \$381.52

**Your Name (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You to Homeland on Madison for their assistance  
and Thank You for Your Support!



*Thank  
You*

Dear East Cross Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely lunch served to the Charlotte Middleton family. It is a wonderful service provided to the families who are saying good bye to their loved ones. The food was great and time together as a family will not be forgotten.

*The Middleton Family*

East Cross,

Thank you so much for considering and choosing me for the Frank Shell, Vinsant, and Tolin Scholarships. It is truly a blessing and relieves me of great financial burden. Again, thank you for thinking of me.

*Love, Hadley Davis*

## CHANGING....

Hello everyone. It is with much prayer and lots of tears that I have made a decision to change my career path. I love all my church family and co-workers here at East Cross and this hasn't been an easy choice.

I am so thankful and blessed to have been here the last 4 1/2 years! I have met so many kind people and made so many wonderful friends. I will always hold each and every one of you in my thoughts and prayers as I venture on with my new job. I will be working at Grand Lake Mental Health as an FSP (Family Support Person). I feel the Lord has led me to this ministry. Please keep me in your prayers on this new adventure!

Blessing and love to all, *Linda Thornton, East Cross Treasurer-Membership*



## All Saint's Day Sunday, November 3

8:30am and 11:00am Worship Services

We will celebrate and remember the lives of church members and loved ones who have passed away over the past year.

*Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3.  
Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2.*

## PRAYER LIST

### New Request....

James and Stephanie Fernandez, Bill Henning, Steve McAllaster (Joyce Taylor's brother), Betty Shiers

Chris Ambler (Scott and Martha Ambler's son), Alan Beckworth (Diana Trammel's cousin), Annie Bollinger (Charlie and LeAnne Christensen's daughter), Amelia and Kate Callaway (Drew and Debbie Coffee's granddaughters), Erna Chamley (Heidi Petty's mother), Kathy Christian, Glenda Driskill, Dave Faust (Melda and Gary Howard's son-in-law), Muriel Faust (Dave Faust's mother), Summer Flenniken (Diana Trammel's granddaughter), Marcia Goode, Linda Harjo, Bruce Holt (Emmalene Lennon's son-in-law), Don Keeler, Amy Kelton (Teresa Dietz' friend), Pauline Kenton, Barry Knuth, Emily Kuntz, James Kuntz, Virginia Messick, Barbara Nissan (friend of Teresa Dietz), Colleen Oldfather, Corinne Pichler (Nancy Pichler's granddaughter), Jack Randall, Deb Richardson, Spence Rigdon, Jeana Smith (Tim Smith's sister), Greg Spears (Charlene's son), Joyce Taylor, Jeremy Waldorf, Chris Watson (Chad Perceful's aunt), David Whitaker, Beth Wiley (long-time missionary out of East Cross), Michele Willoughby, Allie Zoldoske

### Condolences to...

Russell Williamson on the death of his wife, Nancy, on August 31.

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

* <i>Deployed</i>	SPC Luis Balli	LCDR Eric Rolfs
* SSG Gary Mabry	LTC Darrin Cox	CPT Daniel Smith
* SSG Jared Seat	LTJG Lisa Freeman	CDR Robert Staten
MAJ Derek Smith	Mark Hathaway	SFC Clifton White

MAJ Derek D Smith and his young family are no longer in Japan but have moved to NYC where he is working on his Masters at Columbia University, courtesy of the U.S. Army. After graduation, he will be assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Japan.



As of October 1, Melda Howard will assume chairmanship of the Wall of Honor Committee. Please relay any changes, updates, and/or additions to Melda at 918-327-9416 or email her at [gmagdathoward@gmail.com](mailto:gmagdathoward@gmail.com).

Please keep our active duty military and our veterans in your prayers.

**All East Cross men are invited to meet for breakfast and fellowship at Boomerang Diner on Saturday, October 5 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](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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>October 2019</b>		1	2 10a Stewardship Team Connections 5:30p Meal 6p Small Groups	3	4 6p S.A.L.T. Fellowship	5 8a Men's Breakfast at Boomerang Diner
6 <i>Communion</i> 6:30p Children & Youth Bonfire	7 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry	8 7p Outreach	9 Connections 5:30p Meal 6p Small Groups	10 6:30p Children's Council	11 6:30p Church Bridge	12
13 <i>Mountain of Food Begins</i> 3p CIA 5p PG Small Group	14 6:30p Young Adults 7p Miriam	15 6p Piecemaker Quilters	16 NO Connections Tonight	17 9:30a Rebecca	FALL BREAK	
20 <i>Mountain of Food</i>	21 6:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry 7p Trustees	22	23 Connections 5:30p Meal 6p Small Groups	24	25 9a ECECC Parent/Teacher Conferences	26
27 <i>Mountain of Food</i> 5p PG Small Group	28 6:30p Young Adults	29	30 Connections 5:30p Meal 6p Small Groups	31 6:30p Trunk or Treat Block Party		

### 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 Youth

**Wednesday**

9:30am-3:00pm Early Childhood Center  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir  
7:30pm Praise Band Practice

**Thursday**

**Monday**

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

**Friday**

9:30am-12:00Noon Early Childhood Center PreK  
(Not on October 18)

**Tuesday**

4:00pm Prayer Group

**Saturday**

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Rev. Jeff Burress  
*Pastor*

Chad Perceful  
*Pastor*

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*Traditional Worship Director*

Jan Watt, *Pianist*

Zack Michel  
*Contemporary Worship Director*

Charles Binau  
*Coordinator Audio Equipment/Volunteers*

Jon Colliver  
*Building & Maintenance Coordinator*

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## Mountain of Food

"Feed My Sheep" John 21:17 reminds us that God has commanded us to care for others who are in need. Our annual Mountain Of Food drive 2018 raised over \$17,000 and we donated 932 cases of food to our three local agencies Agape, Concern Food Pantry, and the Lighthouse Outreach Mission.

**Our dates for this years Mountain Of Food are October 13—November 3.**

**You will find an order form enclosed in this newsletter on page 8 and in the weekly service bulletins.**

The price list from Homeland has been updated. As most of you know prices go up and we expect that. Something that has changed since last year is that some of the case quantities have increased from 12 to 24/case. This makes it appear that our prices have dramatically increased over last year. When comparing the prices using similar quantities from last year to this year the price for one case of each has only gone up about \$50.00. Be aware of this when you are looking over your form and prayerfully consider what you would like to contribute. If you would prefer to donate a set amount and not choose anything specific on the list, we will choose what we think is most needed.

To donate, complete the form and **make your check payable to East Cross Church noting "Account # 41014"** on the memo line. Items are listed by case quantity (number in one case) and price per case. You may place your order in the collection plate on Sunday, mail to the church or drop it by the church office through Sunday, November 3.

Small groups will be unloading the food from Homeland on Saturday mornings at 10:30am at the church. The first Saturday delivery will be October 19. The manager at Homeland and a couple of his employees will deliver our order each week to the church which makes the job so much easier. The more volunteers, the faster it goes. The total commitment for volunteers is usually less than an hour. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kay Ruehlen at 918-815-3564. There are sign-up sheets in each small group notebook, but you do not have to sign up to participate, you can just show up and be blessed.

Our tentative delivery date for our three receiving agencies is set for Monday, November 11.

*Matthew 25:40 says, "Whatever you do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you do for me."*