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**Sunday
Worship
Service**
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room#105
9:00am Devotions with Randy
Room 208

**Tuesday
Fellowship Class**
10:00am

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SECURITY

Jan 16th to 31st
Joe Matson



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Grindstaff
5 Jazmin Huntington
6 Gerald Johnson
13 Ella Jane Anderson
13 Toni Wiseman
13 Walter Waugh
15 Pam Ekey
19 Cindy Jones
20 Byron Swift
24 Rex Kelly

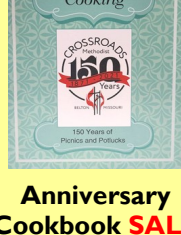
Bridge Over Troubled Water Pantry

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many people in our community. They provide a food pantry, supermarket style, which allows families to choose the foods their family prefers.

If you would like to make a donation to Bridge Over Troubled Water through CrossRoads, please make your check out to CrossRoads UMC and note on the memo line "BOTW". Thanks for your support in keeping this community resource up and running!

Pirate Pantry Ministry

We are currently raising funds for the Pirate Pantry to help students in the Belton School District who need food assistance. Please consider donating today to provide proper nutrition so these young people can focus on their educational needs. Drop your check in the offering plate and note in the memo line that it is for Pirate Pantry or [donate online here](#). Thanks for your support!



Anniversary Cookbook SALE

We have cookbooks!! We are selling our \$10 **(NOW \$5)** anniversary cookbooks at half price. There are giving envelopes by the cookbooks on display. Place your payment in one and drop it in the offering plate. Thanks for your support!

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Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page! Visit often and tag CrossRoads in your posts when possible. Help us show others how we **Love** people, **Learn** together, and **Live** in service to God at CrossRoads. facebook.com/crossroadsbelton

Prayers



PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Maxine Johnson	JoAnn Arnold
Annalou Streiff	Chris Harrelson
Sharon Hedrick	Holden Batchelder
Bob Ridgley	Phil Gronemeyer
Penny Kelly	Faye Wallace
Ron Spencer	Dolores Martin
Paul Carr	
Carol Creach	
Dana Johnston (Joyce's husband)	
Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son)	
Mark Lindsay (Lisa Kenslow's brother-in-law)	
Renee Eubanks (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)	
Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)	
Avis Wolfe (Snow removal contractor Steve's wife)	
Ryan (Carol Creach's friend's husband)	
Chelsea (Lawrence family friend)	
Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family)	
Guy (father of Angel Tree family recipient)	
Dave Reed (Angie Kormanec's friend)	
Julie McGill (Pastor Randy's friend)	
John Jerlis (Cindy Keen's nephew)	
JR Alvarez (Angie Kormanec's family friend)	
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)	
Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's sister)	
Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)	
Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)	
Michelle (Dick Brighthead's friend)	
Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)	
Ruthie Vweil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)	
Alissa Sallee (Jade's cousin)	
Vera Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)	
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)	
Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)	
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)	
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)	
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)	
Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)	
Joyce Noah (TOPS)	
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)	

GROUPS

Gladden Staff & Students
Silver Angels
Health Care Workers
First Responders
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210
USA and United States Military

Submit Prayer Requests Here

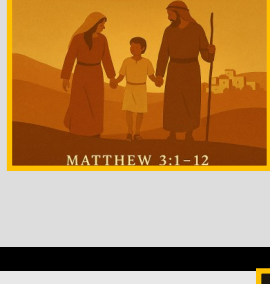
Reflections

From Pastor Randy

Often times we tend to go straight from the manger to the cross, and we don't really give much thought to the fact that Jesus had a life before his public ministry.

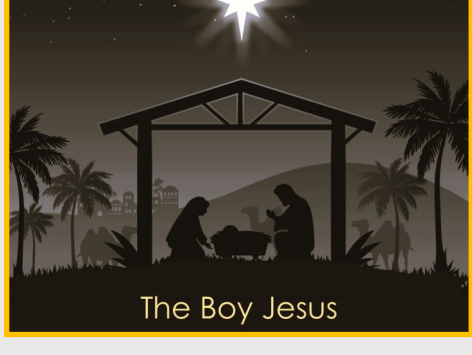
Our scriptures don't tell us a lot about Jesus as a child, but we do get a glimpse.

Let's take some time this week to reflect on what it must have been like for Jesus to grow up in the world that he entered into.



This week we will be spending some time to let Jesus be a little kid.

Let's have some fun this Sunday.



After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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Carnegie Village Worship Service

For those of you who are residents at Carnegie Village, Pastor Randy will be providing the message for worship in the Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 4:30pm. Hope you are able to attend!

January Mission Project: Diaper Drive for Local Families

As Pastor Randy shared on Sunday, we are beginning the new year with a mission that meets a very real and often overlooked need in our community. Throughout the month of January, we will be collecting diapers—both disposable diapers and monetary gifts—to support families who are struggling to afford this essential resource.

Two Ways to Give

1. Donate Disposable Diapers

All sizes are welcome. Diapers collected will be delivered to **Bridge Over Troubled Water**, where they will be distributed to local families in need. Please place packages of diapers in the shopping cart located at church anytime during January.

2. Give a Monetary Donation

If you prefer to give financially, **your donation will be sent to Happy Bottoms**, a local agency dedicated to providing diapers to families across our metropolitan area. Because of their purchasing partnerships, Happy Bottoms can stretch every dollar—saving 30–50% off retail prices. Your **\$20 gift can provide up to \$40 worth of diapers**, doubling your impact and helping even more children. Monetary gifts may be placed in the offering plate (envelope or check clearly marked "diapers") or donate online at crossroads-umc.net on our giving page or click here:

Happy Bottoms Fund

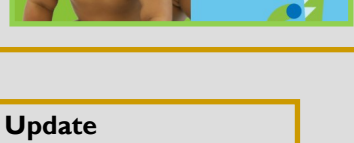
Why This Mission Matters

The need is greater than many realize:

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, or WIC.
- An estimated 21,000 children in our metropolitan area need diaper assistance (U.S. Census 2020).
- Families experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they lack the required number of diapers for daycare—impacting employment, stability, and wellbeing.

Thank You for Being the Church

Your generosity helps ensure that babies in our community stay clean, dry, and healthy—and that parents can work, provide, and care for their families with dignity. Thank you for supporting this ministry and for being a church that responds with compassion where the need is great.



ZOE Empowers Update

Just a reminder that you have the opportunity to make a **one-time gift** to ZOE Empowers at any time. You can give by writing "ZOE" on the memo line of your check to CrossRoads and dropping it in the offering plate, or by giving online through our church website here:

ZOE Donations

This ministry will allow us to be a blessing in the lives of these young people—and we, in turn, will be blessed as we watch their courage, growth, and transformation unfold. **Thank you, CrossRoads family, for stepping into this work with such generosity and hope.**



Security Info

For those who missed this earlier, we are beginning to experience more members of the homeless population moving on and around the Church property. If you experience seeing, or are approached by a homeless person(s), do not engage with them but do report the incident. Either give Cindy the information or call or text Mark at 816-868-3605. If you feel threatened, call 911 before any other calls.

Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations Needed:

- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments
- Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)
- Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)
- Gloves and hand warmers
- [Amazon gift list items](#) (delivered directly to HnH)

Heart n Hand Thrift Store - 305 N. Scott

- 100% of proceeds from the HNH Thrift Store support the work at Heart N Hand. You can always donate clothing, housewares, home décor, sporting goods, functioning electronics, art, jewelry, and some furniture to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses, bed frames, child safety seats, dirty or ripped clothing or electronics that "just need a little help". Please deliver these items to the thrift store yourself.

Thrift Store Donation Acceptance Hours: Tues thru Sat 11:00am - 3:00pm

Inclement Weather Policy

During the winter months, not only heavy snow, but also icy conditions, extreme cold, or a power failure can cause a cancellation. If it is necessary to cancel, the information will be posted on the home page of our website at crossroads-umc.net and on our [Facebook page](#). An email and text message will be sent to all attendees, **so please be sure we have your current email address and mobile phone # on file**. Email your info to cjones@crossroads-umc.net **Stay warm and be safe!**

Last Sunday's Service



If you watch our service online either on Facebook or on YouTube, please either comment on the video to let us know or let [Cindy](#) know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, January 16

NONE

Saturday, January 17

10:00am-7:00pm

CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, January 18

9:00am-9:30am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am
11:15am-2:15pm
4:30pm-5:30pm

Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Music Vision Planning Meeting in Room #105
Pastor Randy Preaching at Carnegie Village

Monday, January 19

9:00am-10:00am
9:00am-4:00pm
6:30pm-7:30pm

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village
Creation Station in Room #205
Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, January 20

10:30am-11:00am
5:30pm-6:30pm
7:00pm-9:00pm

Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
Staff Meeting in Room #105
Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, January 21

5:30pm-6:15pm
6:15pm-7:00pm

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, January 22

8:45am-10:30am
10:30am-11:00am
11:00am-4:00pm
6:30pm-9:00pm

TOPS Meeting in Room #201
Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room
Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, January 23

NONE

Saturday, January 24

NONE

Sunday, January 25

9:00am-9:30am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am

Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Music Vision Meeting, Sun, Jan 18, 11:15am
Pastor Randy at Carnegie Village Worship Service, Sun, Jan 18, 4:30pm
Fellowship Hymn Resumes, Tues, Jan 20, 5:30pm, Room #105
Staff Meeting, Tues, Jan 20, 5:30pm, Room #103
Kim's Bunco Group, Mon, Jan 26, 6:00pm, Room #201
Scouts Pinewood Derby, Sat, Feb 7, 8:00am-1:00pm, Multipurpose Room
Penny's Bunco Group, Sat, Feb 7, 10am, Room #201

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
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