



CROSSROADS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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LOVE God and Others **LEARN** & Grow in Faith **LIVE** Your Faith by Serving

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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

May 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley

— MAY SERMON SERIES —

From Resurrection to Pentecost

The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:25-35
Jesus Appears to the Disciples	Luke 24:36-44
The Ascension of Jesus	Luke 24:45-53
The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost	Acts 2:1-13
Peter Addresses the Crowd	Acts 2:14-37

Join us Sundays in May!

May Sermon Series: From Resurrection to Pentecost

Pastor Randy sends his heartfelt thanks once again to our guest speakers who faithfully filled the pulpit during his absence while Penny continued her recovery from surgery after Easter. We are deeply grateful to Pastor Bob Daniel, Mark Polk, and Lyn Polk for bringing the message during the final three Sundays of April, and to Rev. Pam Ekey for leading the remainder of the service for two of those weeks. Their willingness to step in and serve has been a true blessing to our congregation.

As we move into the month of May, Pastor Randy will begin a new sermon series drawn from Luke's Gospel and the Book of Acts, guiding us through the powerful events that unfold between the Resurrection and Pentecost. Each week invites us to reflect on the risen Christ, the birth of the early church, and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

We hope you will join us throughout May as we journey together through these foundational stories of faith, leading us toward the celebration of Pentecost. May these messages strengthen our walk with Christ and deepen our understanding of the Spirit's work among us.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Ari Frank
- 7 Jessica Frank
- 10 Cindy Keen
- 13 Cherrie Fleming
- 16 Steve Anderson
- 17 Henry Maxwell
- 18 Cathy Parks
- 21 Macy Batchelder
- 24 Dana Pearis
- 31 Joe Matson
- 31 Sandy Harrelson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/7 Parker & Ashleigh King
- 5/31 Chris & Sandy Harrelson

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!

Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry Bus

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many people in our community. Due to costs, they have made the decision save money by leaving their brick and mortar building and focus solely on their mobile ministry with their bus. 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!

Scrip Gift Cards

Don't forget...we have a new Olive Garden in Belton! The same scrip gift card that can be used at Longhorn is also good for Olive Garden. Some cards are in stock and available for purchase each Sunday. See Cindy to purchase, or you can also order gift cards on our [website](#) or email Cindy at cjones@crossroads-umc.net to place an order. Cards that you order will be available for pickup the following Sunday, if ordered on Sunday. We can also get printed gift certificates for many merchants, available on the same day you place your order, that can be emailed to you or printed for you to pick up.

Pastor Randy Kelly

May 3, 2026
Luke 24:25-35



He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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MAY MISSION PROJECT CLOTHING DRIVE

Donate Gently Used SUMMER CLOTHES

- Drop off donations in the Church Foyer.
- Bless a Neighbor in Need.
- Supports Heart 'n Hand Thrift Store & Local Charities.

Share God's Love This May!

May Mission Project: Clothing Drive to Bless Our Community

As we step into the warmer months, our May Mission Project invites us to share God's love in a simple but meaningful way. Throughout the month of May, CrossRoads will be collecting gently used summer clothing for individuals and families in our community who could use a little extra support.

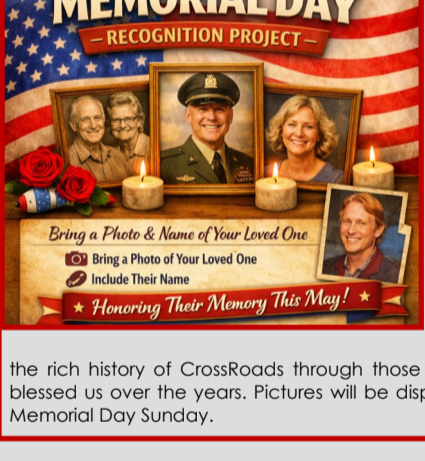
All donated items will be delivered to the Heart 'n Hand Thrift Store, with the possibility of sharing with other local organizations as needs arise. These ministries serve neighbors right here in Belton and the surrounding area—people who are facing financial challenges, unexpected hardships, or simply trying to make ends meet.

If you have clean, gently used summer clothing you no longer need, please bring your items to church and place them in the shopping cart in the foyer. Every shirt, pair of shorts, or set of children's clothes helps lighten someone's load and reminds them they are seen and cared for. Such a good reason to clean out those closets!

Thank you for being a church that gives generously and serves joyfully. Your kindness continues to bless our community in ways that matter.

Honoring Those Saints Who Have Gone On Before Us

During the month of May, we will honor those saints who have gone on before us by displaying photos in our worship area. You are invited to bring in photos of family and friends who have passed away to be included in this special display.



We will carefully mount each photo on cardstock using photo corners—no adhesive will be placed on the actual photo—to ensure your memories are preserved with care.

A collection box will be available from May 3 through May 17 for you to place your photos. Please include the name of the person pictured. Pictures will be added each week as they come in.

Thank you in advance for your participation as we remember the rich history of CrossRoads through those from our church family who have blessed us over the years. Pictures will be displayed in our worship area through Memorial Day Sunday.



VBS 2026 is Coming to CrossRoads!

VBS 2026 "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb" is coming to CrossRoads this summer!! After enjoying a kid-friendly meal, children are treated to a fun skit at our opening assembly. Then it's time for fun activities as the children rotate between crafts, games, music, and our science sessions. At the end of the evening, the children gather for the closing assembly. On Friday evening, following the regular activities, the children will present a short musical program for parents and families at 7:30pm. Invite your family and neighbors to register below:

[Register Here](#)

We are also looking for adult volunteers to assist at VBS. Please contact [Cindy](#) if you would like to help at VBS this year!

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)
- [Amazon gift list items](#) (delivered directly to HnH)

Prayers



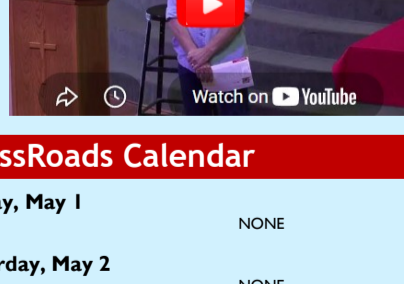
PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Gerald Johnson
- Kona Waller
- Allan Jones
- Stevie Hoskins
- Penny Kelly
- Bob Daniel
- Cherrie Fleming
- Ron Spencer
- Doug Adams (Cherrie Fleming's son-in-law)
- Louis (father of Drake's granddaughter Cassie)
- Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)
- Gary DeMar (Lisa Kenslow's brother)
- Gene Wright (Dick Brighthaupt's cousin)
- Alicia Halfmann (sister of Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Rick Alvord (father of Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Dana Sowerby (Randy's SLP friend)
- Lisa Phipps (Brough's wife)
- Stetson Gaunt (Linda Grindstaff's great grandson)
- Cindy Lester (Pam Ekey's friend)
- Chris Medlin (Alissa Sallee's friend)
- Peter (Polk's neighbor's father)
- Guy Johnston (Father of Angel Tree recipient)
- Leighton Estopare (Joe Matson's friend)
- Kelly Isabel (Karen McLaughlin's niece)
- Dana Johnston (Joyce's husband)
- Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son)
- Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)
- Chelsea (Lawrence family friend)
- Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family)
- John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)
- Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
- Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)
- Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
- Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend)
- Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)
- Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)
- 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

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, May 1	NONE
Saturday, May 2	NONE
Sunday, May 3	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Monday, May 4	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, May 5	Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
Wednesday, May 6	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, May 7	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room
Friday, May 8	NONE
Saturday, May 9	NONE
Sunday, May 10	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

- Happy Mother's Day, May 10**
- UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, May 11, 11:30am**
- Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 5:30pm**
- UWF Joy Group, Thursday, May 14, 2:00pm**
- Staff Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 5:30pm**
- Pentecost, Sunday, May 24**
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25**
- Brunch, Sunday, May 31, Following Worship**

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)