



# eReminder

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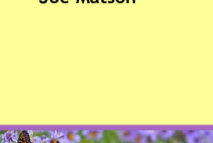
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- Sunday Worship Service**  
10:00 am
- Adult Sunday School**  
9:15am Explorers Room105  
9:00am Devotions with Randy Room 208
- Tuesday Fellowship Class**  
10:00am

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**SECURITY**  
May 16th to 31st  
Joe Matson



- 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](http://donateonlinehere.com). 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!

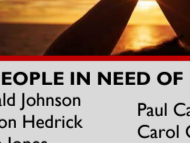
**Scrip Gift Cards**

**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](http://website.com) or email Cindy at [cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto: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.

**facebook**

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](http://facebook.com/crossroadsbelton)

**Prayers**



**PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER**

- Gerald Johnson
- Sharon Hedrick
- Allan Jones
- Stevie Hoskins
- Penny Kelly
- Bob Daniel
- Cherrie Fleming
- Ron Spencer
- Joey Kormanec (Angie's husband)
- Dave & Diana Blum (Joe Matson's family)
- Doug Adams (Cherrie Fleming's son-in-law)
- Louiss (father of Drake's granddaughter Cassie)
- Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)
- Gary DeMar (Lisa Sallee's brother)
- Gene Wright (Dick Brighaupt'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)
- Cindy Lester (Pam Ekey's friend)
- Chris Medlin (Alissa Sallee's friend)
- 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)
- Janyce Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)
- Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
- Michelle (Dick Brighaupt'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

## Reflections

From Pastor Randy

As we continue looking at our sermon series from Resurrection to Pentecost, this Sunday we close out the Gospel of Luke and the Ascension of Jesus.

In Luke's gospel we do not get the details of what happened on Jesus first appearing to the disciples and his ascension into heaven. In the Book of Acts we are told that over forty days Jesus appeared to many of the believers.

Since Luke was not an eyewitness to these events, he relied on the followers of Jesus to retell the event of the ascension.

For our reflection this week, what questions would you ask of those who did witness Jesus taken up into heaven? What would you emphasize in your gospel that would help new believers to understand the importance of this event?

**Pastor Randy Kelly**

**May 17, 2026**

**Luke 24:45-53**



*Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.*

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**Brunch & Munch — May 31**

**"37 Seconds is Not Enough!"**



We've heard you. You want more time to visit with old friends, get acquainted with new friends, and—let's be honest—you miss our potlucks. So here's your chance.

**Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 31,** and join us for our very first **Brunch & Munch**. It's a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering designed for good food, good company, and plenty of conversation.

To help spark ideas, we've provided several food categories to get you thinking about what you might like to bring and share. If you're feeling adventurous, pick up one of the Crockpot recipes available on the sign-up table and try something new.

**Sign up at church or online** (<https://form.jotform.com/250646204957158> or at the link below) and let us know what you plan to bring. All are welcome whether you are able to bring an item or not! Let's fill the tables and fill the room with laughter, connection, and the joy of being together.

**Sign Up Here**

**May Mission Project: Clothing Drive to Bless Our Community**

Our May clothing donations collected last week were taken to Eagles Community Outreach in Raymore. Please bring your items to church through the end of May and place them in the shopping cart. Donations will be delivered to those organizations that serve neighbors in need.



Thank you for helping us bless our community with your generosity.

**Honoring Those Saints Who Have Gone On Before Us**

During the month of May, we will honor those CrossRoads 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.

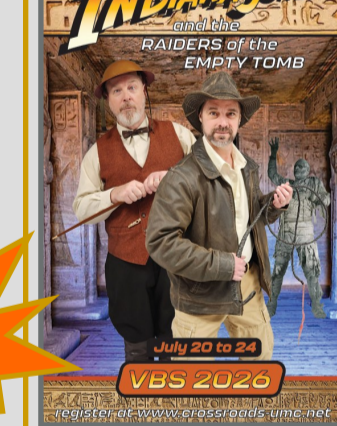


We will carefully mount each photo on cardstock using photo corners—no adhesive will be placed on the actual photo—to ensure your memories are preserved with care.

A collection box will be available through May 24 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**

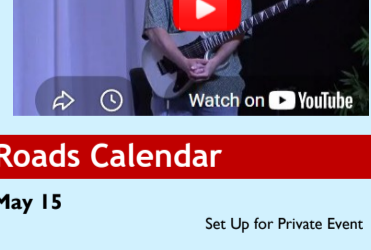
We are also looking for adult volunteers to assist at VBS. Please contact [Cindy](mailto:Cindy) if you would like to help at VBS this year!

**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)



**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](mailto:Cindy) know to record your attendance.

**CrossRoads Calendar**

Day	Event
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	Set Up for Private Event
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	PRIVATE EVENT
<b>Sunday, May 17</b>	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
<b>Monday, May 18</b>	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Staff Meeting in Room #105 Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Friday, May 22</b>	NONE
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>	NONE
<b>Sunday, May 24</b>	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Reception for Jessica and Merrick

**Upcoming Events**

- Staff Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 5:30pm, Room #103
- Pentecost, Sunday, May 24
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
- Brunch, Sunday, May 31, Following Worship
- Bunco, June 6, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room
- MO Annual Conference, June 5-7
- UWF Sunday, June 7, 10:00am

Submit Prayer Requests Here

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