



eReminder

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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 Room105
9:00am Devotions with Randy Room 206
Tuesday Fellowship Class 10:00am

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SECURITY
May 16th to 31st
Joe Matson



MAY BIRTHDAYS
21 Macy Batchelder
24 Dana Pearis
31 Joe Matson
31 Sandy Harrelson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES
5/31 Chris & Sandy Harrelson

JUNE BIRTHDAYS
6 Sandy McNeil
11 Karen Blue
12 Bob Daniel
13 Jim Joy
17 Jeanne Allen
20 Vicki Smith
22 Steve Worstell
24 Bill Richards

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES
2 Linda & Ray Grindstaff
11 Margie & Allan Jones
18 Roberta & Henry Maxwell
19 Angie & Joey Kormanec
19 Donna & Bob Shoemaker
22 Gary & Kala Handley
26 Larry & Helen Thompson

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. CrossRoads will host the bus in our parking lot on Wed, June 3.

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
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 cjoness@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.

Adult helpers needed for VBS, Email Cindy

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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

- Gregg Drake
Gerald Johnson
Allan Jones
Stevie Hoskins
Penny Kelly
Bob Daniel
Cherrie Fleming
Ron Spencer
Paul Carr
Carol Creach
Faye Wallace
JoAnn Arnold
Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder
Joey Kormanec (Angie's husband)
Dave & Diana Bluml (Cherrie's friend)
Doug Adams (Cherrie's son-in-law)
Louis (father of Drake's granddaughter Cassie)
Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)
Gary DeMar (Lisa Kenschow'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 (Cherrie's friend)
Dana Johnston (Joey's husband)
Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)
Chelsee (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 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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

On this Pentecost Sunday we will be looking at the scriptures from the Book of Acts. For most of us, this is the same scripture that we have heard over the years on Pentecost Sunday. But maybe we will can look at it from a slightly different perspective this year.

Luke, the author of Acts, would not have been present with the disciples on the day the Holy Spirit came. Therefore, Luke would be dependent on interviews of eyewitnesses, or by researching documents from those who were there.

It would be difficult to explain the events of Pentecost. How would one explain the sounds, the power, and the speaking in different languages? What feelings would have come over those present?

For our reflection this week, let us think about how we might express the Holy Spirit in our lives to a non-believer. How has God worked in a unique way, in a supernatural way in your life?

Pastor Randy Kelly
May 24, 2026
Acts 2: 1-13



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean? Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

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Pentecost Sunday at CrossRoads
Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, who came upon the disciples like a rushing wind and "tongues of fire" (Acts 2). It marks the birth of the Christian Church and reminds us that God's Spirit still empowers, guides, and sends us out in love today.
At CrossRoads, we have a joyful tradition of wearing red on Pentecost — a color that symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. We invite everyone to join in this simple, fun way of celebrating together as we give thanks for the Spirit's presence in our lives and in our church family.

Brunch & Munch — May 31
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

All are welcome to celebrate!
JESSICA And MERRICK
We're serving up delicious pies and big smiles to toast the newly married O'Devlins.
May 24, 2026
after church 11:45 am
Please RSVP to Kim by May 23 to be sure we have enough pie
Text 816 535 6944 or kimcarsonswift@gmail.com

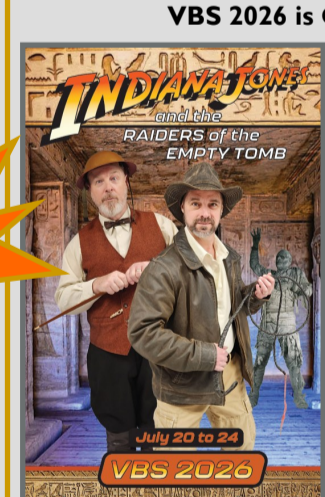
May Mission Project: Clothing Drive to Bless Our Community
Our May clothing donations collected last week were taken by Mary Roberts to Coldwater in Lee's Summit. (Thanks Mary!) Please bring your items to church through the end of May and place them in the shopping cart. Donations will be delivered to those organizations that serve our 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 are honoring 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. Bring your photos by this coming Sunday, May 24, or you may email your photo to Cindy at cjoness@crossroads-umc.net.
Photos will remain on display through Sunday, May 31. We will carefully mount each photo to ensure your memories are preserved with care.
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.



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!



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, as well as in this ZOE Empowers Group Video Update 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.



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

Table with columns for date and service details. Includes entries for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 29.

Questions or comments? Email us at cjoness@crossroads-umc.net To remove your name from our mailing list, please click here