



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
Tuesday Fellowship Class 10:00am

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SECURITY
June 1st to 15th Mark Polk
June 16th to 30th Parker King



- 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

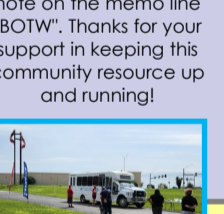
Pirate Pantry Ministry
We are currently raising funds for the Pirate Pantry to help students in the Belton School District who need food assistance. Please consider donating today to provide proper nutrition so these young people can focus on their educational needs.

Adult helpers needed for VBS Sign Up Here

Scrip Gift Cards
Some cards are in stock and available for purchase each Sunday. See Cindy to purchase. You can also order gift cards on our website or email Cindy at ciones@crossroads-umc.net to place an order.

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!



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Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page! Visit often and tag CrossRoads in your posts when possible.

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER
Hailey Duncan
Joyce Johnston
Gregg Drake
Stevie Hoskins
Bob Daniel
Cherrie Fleming
Ron Spencer
Pastor Sid Robbins
Tom Smith
Joey Kormanec
Dave & Diana Blum
Donnie Deal
Gary DeMar
Gena Wright
Alicia Halfmond
Rick Alvord
Dana Sowerby
Lisa Shipp
Cindy Lester
Chris Medlin
Guy Johnston
Leighton Estopare
Kelly Isabel
Dana Johnston
Dusti Lawrence
Chelsea
Rice Family
John Jerls
Mary Jane Malmgren
Janice Wilson
Patty LeCompte
Michelle
Ronna Buchannon
Ruthie Weil
Vera Glenn
Lorna Stinchfield
Tessa
Daniel Hood
Denise Wyatt
Linda Evans
Joyce Noah
Kim Kirschling

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

In May we wrapped up our sermon series from the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, as we looked scriptures from Resurrection to Pentecost. Last week we celebrated United Women of Faith as I was away at Annual Conference. So this Sunday I want to take the liberty to really put a bow on our previous series.

We will be looking at the end of Acts chapter 2 and the fellowship of the believers. It is a short section, but I do believe there is something there that we can learn from.

I truly value the fellowship at CrossRoads, and I hope you do too. I appreciate the love we have for one another, and the support we show to those in need. I most appreciate the fact that fellowship means we don't have to face life's challenges alone. We don't have to figure it out on our own.

For our reflection this week, I would ask that we take a little time to think about and recognize all of the good things we do at CrossRoads. Maybe you will be moved to send a note of appreciation to someone for their efforts, or just for being who they are.

I have often said that a problem shared is cut in half, and a blessing shared is multiplied. Let us continue to be a blessing to those we meet.

Pastor Randy Kelly
June 14, 2026
Acts 2:42-47



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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Clothing Collection Extended



Due to popular demand, we will keep the shopping cart out on Sunday mornings for the next couple of months. We've discovered that the need is great so we will continue collecting gently used clothing from those of you who are still sorting through closets and gathering items. Please bring your items to church and place them in the shopping cart as a blessing for our neighbors. Donations will be delivered to organizations that serve our local community. Thanks for your generosity!

June Mission Project: Supporting Our 2026 VBS "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb"

Pastor Randy and our VBS team are hard at work planning this summer's Vacation Bible School, Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb, coming July 20-24. Each evening will begin with a free meal for the children at 5:30pm, followed by activities from 6-8pm. With original skits written by Pastor Sid Robbins and a full week of Bible stories, crafts, games, and science rotations, we hope to welcome 50-60 children and help them grow in their daily walk with Jesus.

Providing this experience is a joyful ministry—and also a significant one. Our largest expense each year is the free daily meal we provide for all children and volunteers. We also supply all craft materials, game and science supplies, and purchase décor items that can't be created in-house. Every gift helps us offer a safe, welcoming, Christ-centered week for the children of our community.

For that reason, our June Mission Project is the collection of monetary donations to support this year's VBS program. If you feel led to give, you may place your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday in June (please note "VBS" on your check or envelope). Online giving is also available at crossroads-umc.net—simply click the red GIVE NOW button and select the file labeled VBS Food & Supplies. Or click below to navigate directly to that file to make a donation:

VBS Food & Supply Donations

Thank you for helping us share the love of Jesus with children and families in our community. Your generosity makes this ministry possible and helps plant seeds of faith that will last a lifetime.



Angel Tree Ministry Baskets

The Angel Tree Team is busy preparing for our annual craft fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, June 27. In the past we have provided a quilt to help raise funds and displayed it a few Sundays prior in the sanctuary. This allows the congregation to participate by purchasing tickets. Instead, this year we will be displaying a few donated baskets filled with various items. We plan to have them on display and sell tickets on Sunday, June 14th and Sunday, June 21st. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawings will be held during the fundraiser. If a church member's ticket is drawn and they are not at the fundraiser, they will be notified Sunday, June 28th. All proceeds raised will go toward our Angel Tree Ministry to assure needs are met in our community during the Holidays. If you're interested in attending the fundraiser, please talk with Tracy, Angie, Penny or Vickie ASAP as time is near to wrap up the planning.

Nurses Notes from Lyn Polk

I have some fond memories of the years we lived in Texas. (As they used to say, "Texas is a whole other country!") But I am definitely NOT fond of the Lone Star Tick. I wish it had stayed in Texas.



I'm sure you've heard about the Alpha-Gal Syndrome (AGS) caused by the bite of this tiny interloper. The Centers for Disease Control & Management (CDC) estimates that 450,000 people in the US may already be affected by it. Alpha-gal is not a reportable disease, meaning physicians do not have to report cases. So estimates are all we have at this point. But experts all agree the condition is burgeoning in the south and central US. At least two members of our CrossRoads family are suffering the effects of a Lone Star tick bite. They will testify to the miseries the tiny critter causes. So let's learn more about it.

Alphagalactose is a molecule found in most mammals such as cows and pigs, but not in humans. AGS is a potentially life-threatening allergy to alpha-gal that can develop after the bite of an infested tick—a very tiny tick as you can see. The one pictured above is on a blade of grass! The white spot marks the Lone Star tick you want to avoid.

People with AGS can have life-threatening allergic reactions after eating red meat or being exposed to products containing alpha-gal. They must carry epi-pens to be prepared to treat anaphylactic shock should it happen. This is a very serious situation.

Your best protection: avoid tick bites. Ticks live in grassy, brushy, wooded areas—possibly even your own yard. What can you do to keep yourself safe?

- Try to keep fence lines clear of leaf litter, taller grass and bushy plants.
Use EPA-approved insect repellants.
Protect your pets if they go outside. Check them daily for their safety and yours.

Let's continue to enjoy this summer, CrossRoadians, but be aware of that little vagrant tick among us!

Vacation Bible School 2026 — Registration Now Open! "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb"

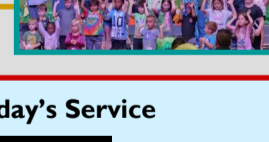


Our 2026 VBS program, Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb, will take children on an exciting journey into the stories of Jesus—filled with discovery, friendship, and the joy of God's love.

We would love for our CrossRoads family to help spread the word. Please introduce your family and grandchildren of your family and friends to join us for this unforgettable week. Registration is now open at crossroads-umc.net or click below to register a child now:

Register Here

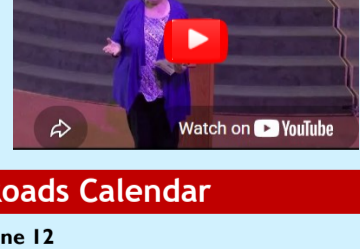
Thank you for helping us introduce more children to the love, hope, and adventure found in Jesus.



Prayers



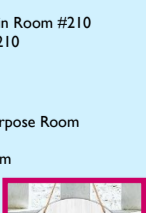
Last Sunday's Service



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

Calendar table with dates from Friday, June 12 to Sunday, June 21, listing various church events and meetings.



Upcoming Events
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 5:30pm
Happy Father's Day, Sunday, June 21
Pastor Randy at Carnegie Village Service, Sunday, June 21, 4:30pm
Craft Fundraiser, Saturday, June 27, 9:00am
Happy Independence Day, Saturday, July 4
UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, July 13, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 5:30pm
VBS, Mon-Fri, July 20-24, 5:30pm Meal & 6-8pm Activities

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