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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

Aug 1st to 15th
Mark Polk



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

10 JoAnn Arnold
15 Carol Creach
17 Jane Spencer
24 Vickie Lawrence
26 Susie McClain
27 Charlie Hoskins
30 Faye Wallace

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/15 Bob & Donna Ridgley
8/20 Chet & Vickie Trutzel
8/23 Jim & Kathy Joy

Communion Sunday

blood pressure checks
1st Sunday each month

Crossroads UMC

Carnegie Village Worship

For those of you who are residents at Carnegie Village, Pastor Randy will be providing the message for worship in the Chapel on **Sunday, Aug 2 and Aug 16 at 4:30pm.** Hope you are able to attend!

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!

Scrap Gift Cards

Some gift 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.

Best Choice Bar Code Labels

Please keep collecting your Best Choice Bar Code Labels and place them in the glass jar on the welcome table in the sanctuary or in the plastic container in the reception area. Proceeds go to our Pirate Pantry Ministry. Thanks for your support to help students in the Belton School District!



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.
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PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sandy Drake	Paul Carr
Lisa Kenslow	Carol Wallace
Gregg Drake	Faye Creach
Stevie Hoskins	JoAnn Arnold
Bob Daniel	Chris Harrelson
Kendra Martin	Holden Batchelder
Cherrie Fleming	
Ron Spencer	
Pastor Sid Robbins	
Adree Anderson	
Duke Johns (Annalou Strieff's son-in-law)	
Emalee Mikel (Nancy Joneff's cousin)	
Whitney Stephenson (Vickie L's daughter-in-law)	
Joey Kormanec (Sandy's husband)	
Vincent Saulmon (Cherrie's friend)	
Dave & Diana Blum! (Joe Matson's friend)	
Doug Adams (Cherrie Fleming's son-in-law)	
Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)	
Gene Wright (Dick Brichtauf's cousin)	
Alicia Halfmann (sister of Vickie Lawrence's friend)	
Ruth Alvord (father of Vickie Lawrence's friend)	
Dana Sowerby (Randy's SLP friend)	
Lisa Phipps (Brough's wife)	
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)	
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)	
Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)	
Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)	
Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)	
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)	
Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)	
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)	
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

For the month of August we are going to be looking at our Mission, or our Great Commission. We will also be looking at our Vision, and what is different about our vision from our mission.

And then we will take the following Sundays to look individually at our three vision focal points, Love, Learn, and Live.

When Pastor Erika was with us at CrossRoads, she brought up our Vision Statement with the Leadership Team. Was it time to re-visit our vision? What does it mean to the congregation? Is it still relevant?

So I wanted to take some time to look at how we are living out our Mission and our Vision. We do a lot of great things at CrossRoads, and sometimes we don't even see all the good we do. My hope is to highlight what we do well, so that maybe from there we can find even more ways to be a blessing to our community and draw others into a relationship with Christ. So for our reflection this week, what does our Mission mean to you?

Pastor Randy Kelly

August 2, 2026

MISSION
Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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VBS 2026 "Indiana Jones & the Raiders of the Empty Tomb"

Thank You, VBS Volunteers! We are celebrating a wonderful week of VBS at CrossRoads! Our volunteers made it all possible—from greeting families to leading skits, missions, crafts, games, music, science, and serving meals. This year we welcomed **39 children** into our church for five evenings of learning, laughter, music, crafts, science, and games. None of it would have been possible without our incredible volunteers.

Thank you to each and every person who gave their time, energy, and love to create a safe, joyful, and Christ-centered experience to the kiddos at VBS. Because of your kindness, patience, and enthusiasm, our young visitors experienced a week of learning, friendship, and faith they will carry with them. Your service made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful.

Shepherds Age 4 and 5	Shepherds Age 6 & 7	Shepherds Age 8 & 9	Shepherds Age 10 & up
Susie McClain	Roberta Maxwell	Chuck McClain	Cheryl Ashbaugh
Ashleigh King	Penny Kelly	Linda Grindstaff	Amy Brown
Billie Jean Hoskins	Kona Waller	Gary Gooderl	Kim Swift
Macy Batchelder	Joyce Johnston	Silvy Batchelder	Barb Jones
	Rex Kelly	Dawson Batchelder	
Registration	Kitchen/Meal	Crafts	Games
Helen Thompson	Donna Shoemaker	Donna Carr	Jada Middaugh
Kala Handley	Donna Ridgley	Pam Eaton	Brody Brown
Vicki Miller	Nancy Jones	Paul Carr	Parker King
Cindy Jones	Pam Ekey	Mark Polk	Darren Rogers
Skits		Music	Science
Randy Kelly	Cathy Parks	Karen McLaughlin	Annalou Streiff
Sid Robbins	A/V	Brandy Austin	Charlie Hoskins
Rex Kelly	Gary Handley	Missions	Amy Brown
Karen McLaughlin	Parker King	Lyn Polk	Skits Creator
Darren Rogers	Darren Rogers	A/V-Joe Matson	Sid Robbins

CROSSROADS PET FOOD DRIVE

August Mission Project

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Tuesday Fellowship Class

A new video study on the roles Methodists played leading up to and after the Declaration of Independence was signed 250 years ago, will begin **Tuesday, August 4th at 10 a.m. in room 105.** The Fellowship study group will be looking at the formation of our nation and the establishment of the Methodist denomination. They will be using a video series developed by the General Commission on Archives and History and the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. **All are welcome to attend this eight-week study.**

Explorers Sunday School

The Explorers Sunday School Class meets Sunday morning from **9:15am to 9:45am in room #105** (through the double doors at the back of the sanctuary). A **new book study** will begin **Sunday, August 2nd** and you are invited to join them. A limited supply of the books **"Sermon on the Mount"** are already available to use.

Music Dept Concessions & Bake Sale

The music department will be selling sandwich boxes and baked goods during the **August quilt show** to be held here at CrossRoads on **Friday, August 21 & 22.** They are requesting donations of baked goods and other food items. Items that are sealed and last longer may be brought to church on **Sunday, August 16th.** Items that could spoil easier should be brought to church on **Wednesday, August 19th by 5pm** so that we can prepare the sandwich boxes.

If you are able to help by donating items to sell or by volunteering to help work the table, please **click on the link below to sign up.** You will be able to review the available items and slots on the online form. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4EA8AF2CA3FC1-64809374-music>

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)

Support Needed for the BOTW Food Pantry Bus Repair

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry Bus, a crucial resource for families and seniors in our area, recently suffered a major mechanical failure while serving at a stop in Peculiar. The repair is significant, with an estimated cost of **\$4,325.84**—an unexpected burden for this important ministry.

This bus is more than a vehicle. For many, it is access to groceries they otherwise could not reach. It is encouragement for parents doing their best. It is a steady reminder that our community shows up for one another. The BOTW Bus delivers food, but it also delivers **hope, compassion, and dignity.**

An anonymous donor has generously offered to match every donation dollar for dollar, up to \$2,000. That means every gift made now will have twice the impact in helping them get the bus back on the road. While repairs are underway, the need for food assistance continues. If you feel led to help, donations can be made online through CrossRoads at:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5N0/campaign/C-16F1A>

You may also give through the Sunday offering by noting **BOTW** on your check or envelope. Thank you CrossRoads for helping us keep this lifeline moving forward.

Last Sunday's Service

07/26/26 CrossRoads Worship

July 26 2026

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

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, July 31	NONE
Saturday, August 1	NONE
Sunday, August 2 9:00am-9:30am 9:30am-11:00am 10:00am-11:00am	Devotions Adult Sunday School in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Monday, August 3 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, August 4 10:00am-11:00am	Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
Wednesday, August 5 5:30pm-6:30pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, August 6 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, August 7	NONE
Saturday, August 8	NONE
Sunday, August 9 9:00am-9:30am 9:30am-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	
Tuesday Fellowship Meeting Resumes, Tues, Aug 4, 10:00am, Room #105	
UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Aug 10, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room	
Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, Aug 11, 5:30pm	
UWF Joy Group Luncheon, Greenwood Tearoom, Thursday, Aug 13, 11:30am	
CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, Saturday, Aug 15, 10:00am	
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, Aug 18, 5:30pm	
Raymore Quilt Guild Quilt Show at CrossRoads, Aug 21-22, 11am-6pm	

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