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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

Aug 16th to 31st
Parker King

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

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 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!

Scrip 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!

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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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Reflections

From Pastor Randy

The first of our Vision Statement that we will be looking at is Love. And we could probably spend several weeks on that topic alone, but we will compress it into one Sunday.

Love is an action. It is evident in our congregation that love is abundant. Our fellowship time together is a reflection of the love of Christ. The way we engage in caring for one another, the way we embrace helping our community in need, and the way we support our church are all signs of love in action.

Of the three focal points on our Vision Statement, I would say Love stand above the others. If we Learn and Live without Love, well I honestly don't see how that would benefit anyone.

Let us reflect on all of the ways we see and experience love at Crossroads. And let's make love contagious.

Pastor Randy Kelly

August 16, 2026

LOVE
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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Wear Your Favorite Team Gear in August

We're adding a little fun to our Sundays this month! For the next three Sundays in August, everyone is invited to wear their favorite team's gear as we follow along with Pastor Randy's football and scripture analogies in his Mission & Vision sermon series.

Whether you cheer for the Chiefs, Royals, your favorite college, high school, basketball, or soccer team, come dressed to represent. It's a lighthearted way to celebrate community, enjoy the season, and lean into the sports themes woven through our worship this month.

And remember—no matter which team colors you wear, we all play on God's team.

Charlie's Baptism
August 2, 2026

August Mission Project: Pet Food Drive

Many families in our local community are struggling to feed their families—and sometimes that includes a beloved pet. Throughout August, we are collecting pet food to support our neighbors in need.

Our shopping cart will be available each week for your donations. Items will be delivered to local organizations that provide meals for both people and pets. Thank you for blessing our neighbors and their furry friends with your generosity.

Potluck Dinner August 30

You're invited to join us for a joyful time of food and fellowship at our 5th Sunday Potluck Dinner on August 30, immediately following worship. This is one of our favorite rhythms of congregational life—a chance to sit together, share a meal, and strengthen the bonds that make CrossRoads such a caring church family. To help us prepare, please sign up online and let us know what dish you'd like to bring and how many will be in your party:

SIGN UP HERE!

A paper sign-up sheet will also be available on the information table each Sunday. Whether you bring a dish or simply come to enjoy the meal, all are welcome at the table. Your presence is the greatest gift.

As part of our 5th Sunday fellowship gatherings, we will also have an optional monetary donation bucket available to support our CrossRoads MO United Methodist Foundation (MUMF) account. This investment account serves as our long-term savings—providing resources for future needs, unexpected emergencies, and the ongoing work of living out our missional goals in the local community and around the world.

If you prefer to give in other ways, you may note "MUMF" on your check or envelope and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Online gifts may also be made here:

Foundation Account Donations

Thank you for supporting the ministries of CrossRoads and for helping us continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a hurting world. We hope you'll join us for this special day of food, fellowship, and faithful generosity.

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

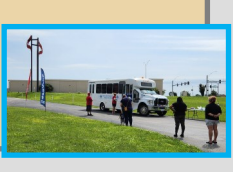
Support Needed for the BOTW Food Pantry Bus Repair

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.**

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.



Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sharon Hedrick
Sandy Drake
Lisa Kenslow
Gregg Drake
Stevie Hoskins
Bob Daniel
Cherrie Fleming
Kendra Martin
Adree Anderson
Paul Carr
Faye Wallace
Carol Creach
JoAnn Arnold
Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder
Ron Spencer
Jake Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's son)
Jocelyn Martin (Pam Ekey's friend)
Mike Berning (Pam Ekey's brother-in-law)
Duke Johns (Annalou Strieff's son-in-law)
Emalee Mikel (Nancy Jones' cousin)
Whitney Stephenson (Vickie L's daughter-in-law)
Joey Kormanec (Angie's husband)
Vincent Saulmon (Sandy McNeil's friend)
Dave & Diana Bluml (Joe Matson's family)
Doug Adams (Cherrie Fleming's son-in-law)
Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)
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)
Chris Medlin (Alissa Sallee's friend)
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

Last Sunday's Service

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, August 14
NONE

Saturday, August 15
10:00am-6:00pm — CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, August 16
9:00am-9:30am — Devotions With Randy in Room #208
9:15am-9:45am — Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
10:00am-11:00am — Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, August 17
9:00am-10:00am — "The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village
9:00am-4:00pm — Creation Station in Room #205
6:30pm-7:30pm — Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, August 18
10:00am-11:00am — Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
5:30pm-6:30pm — Staff Meeting in Room #105
7:00pm-9:00pm — Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, August 19
5:30pm-6:15pm — CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
6:15pm-7:00pm — Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, August 20
8:45am-10:30am — TOPS Meeting in Room #201
9:00am-5:00pm — Quilt Show Set-Up in the Multipurpose Room
10:30am-11:00am — Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room
11:00am-4:00pm — Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
6:30pm-9:00pm — Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, August 21
10:00am-5:00pm — Quilt Show in the Multipurpose Room

Saturday, August 22
10:00am-5:00pm — Quilt Show in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, August 23
9:00am-9:30am — Devotions With Randy in Room #208
9:15am-9:45am — Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
10:00am-11:00am — Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

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, 10am-5pm
Nominating Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Aug 25, 5:30pm, Room 105
Potluck Dinner, Sunday, August 30, 11:00am, Multipurpose Room
Bunco, Saturday, Sept 5, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room
September 7, LABOR DAY

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