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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 16th to 31st**  
**Parker King**



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

24 Vickie Lawrence  
26 Susie McClain  
27 Charlie Hoskins  
30 Faye Wallace

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

8/20 Chet & Vickie Trutzel  
8/23 Jim & Kathy Joy

**SEPTEMBER**

7 Hailey Duncan  
8 Penny Kelly  
9 Mary Roberts  
12 Nancy Jones  
14 Sandy Drake  
15 Brenda Goodert  
15 Melody Burns  
17 Phil Duncan  
18 Vickie Trutzel  
21 Billie Jean Hoskins  
23 Dolores Martin  
25 Kim Carson-Swift  
26 Vicki Miller  
28 Doug Creach  
29 Kala Handley  
29 Lloyd Cunningham

**SEPT ANNIVERSARIES**

9/21 Darren & Gwen Rogers  
9/29 Lloyd & Laura Cunningham

**FROM OUR SECURITY TEAM**

**A quick safety note:** when you're here for worship or events, please lock your vehicle and secure personal items. We appreciate everyone doing their part.

**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](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.

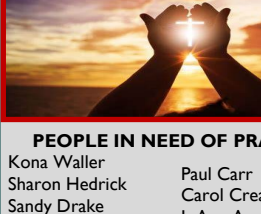
**Best Choice Bar Code Labels**

*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!*

**facebook**

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## Prayers



**PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER**

|                                                      |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Kona Waller                                          | Paul Carr         |
| Sharon Hedrick                                       | Carol Creach      |
| Sandy Drake                                          | JoAnn Arnold      |
| Lisa Kenslow                                         | Holden Batchelder |
| Gregg Drake                                          | Ron Spencer       |
| Steve Hoskins                                        | Chris Harrelson   |
| Bob Daniel                                           |                   |
| Faye Wallace                                         |                   |
| Cherrie Fleming                                      |                   |
| Adree Anderson                                       |                   |
| Jake Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's son)                  |                   |
| Jocelyn Martin (Pam Ekey's friend)                   |                   |
| Mike Berning (Dick Brough'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 Blum! (Joe Matson's family)             |                   |
| Doug Adams (Cherrie Fleming's son-in-law)            |                   |
| Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)                 |                   |
| Gene Wright (Dick Brough'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)                          |                   |
| Leighton Estopore (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)                     |                   |
| Mary Jane Malmgren (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)                      |                   |
| 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**

Our focus this week, regarding our Vision Statement, is Learn.

All my life I have heard people say, "You never stop learning." or "I learn something new everyday." As your Pastor, I can honestly say that I continue to learn something new everyday too. I have been so blessed to get into the Word and learn as I prepare the message for Sundays.

We are blessed as a church to have Reverend Pam lead our Tuesday morning classes. We have the Devotions class and Sunday School on Sunday mornings. So we have some ways to continue learning, but we can always learn more.

There is a saying, Time plus Experience equals Wisdom. I believe the more we get into God's Word, the more He reveals himself to us. And the most powerful learning is when we do it together.

Let us reflect on ways we can continue to Learn at Crossroads.

*At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

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**Wear Your Favorite Team Gear in August**

We're adding a little fun to our Sundays this month! For the 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.**

**CROSSROADS PET FOOD DRIVE**

**August Mission Project**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS**

**BOTW Pop Up Pantry**

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry Bus should be ready for service again soon. We have a **Pop-Up Pantry scheduled for CrossRoads on Tuesday, August 25, from 10am to 12pm.** If you know of someone needing assistance, please pass on the invitation to join us.

If you feel led to help support Bridge Over Troubled Water and their efforts to provide nourishment, dignity, and care to those in our community, donations can be made online through CrossRoads at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-75N0/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.

**Potluck Dinner August 30**

You're invited to join us for a joyful time of food and fellowship on 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.

**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 HH)

**Give a Book, Get a Book, Grow Our Savings**

Our Book Donation program is a simple way to turn the books we love into blessings for others. Throughout the year, you're invited to donate gently used books of all kinds—fiction, nonfiction, children's books, devotionals, and more. **Each donated book is then made available for purchase for just 50 cents each.**

It's a beautiful cycle of generosity: you can give books you're no longer using, discover new reads for yourself, and know that every dollar you spend on books goes directly to rebuild a prudent reserve in our Foundation account. This financial security will allow CrossRoads to continue our ministry in practical, meaningful ways.

Whether you donate, shop, or both, you're helping our church make a difference one book at a time. Thank you for supporting this ongoing ministry.

**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, and we, in turn, will be blessed to see their courage, growth, and transformation unfold. **Thank you, CrossRoads family, for stepping into this work with such generosity and hope.**

## Last Sunday's Service

**08/16/26 CrossRoads Worship**

**LOVE**

August 16, 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

|                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
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| <b>Friday, August 21</b><br>10:00am-5:00pm                                                                           | Quilt Show in the Multipurpose Room                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>Saturday, August 22</b><br>10:00am-5:00pm                                                                         | Quilt Show in the Multipurpose Room                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>Sunday, August 23</b><br>9:00am-9:30am<br>9:15am-9:45am<br>10:00am-11:00am                                        | Devotions With Randy in Room #208<br>Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105<br>Worship Service in the Sanctuary                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>Monday, August 24</b><br>9:00am-10:30am<br>9:00am-4:00pm<br>6:30pm-7:30pm                                         | "The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village<br>Creation Station in Room #205<br>Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room                                                                                        |  |
| <b>Tuesday, August 25</b><br>10:00am-12:00pm<br>10:00am-11:00am<br>10:00am-12:00pm<br>5:30pm-6:30pm<br>7:00pm-9:00pm | Bridge Over Troubled Water Pop-Up Pantry<br>Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105<br>Quilt Peeps in Room #201<br>Nominating Committee Meeting in Room #105<br>Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room |  |
| <b>Wednesday, August 26</b><br>5:30pm-6:15pm<br>6:15pm-7:00pm                                                        | CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210<br>Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210                                                                                                                     |  |
| <b>Thursday, August 27</b><br>8:45am-10:30am<br>10:30am-11:00am<br>11:00am-4:00pm<br>6:30pm-9:00pm                   | TOPS Meeting in Room #201<br>Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room<br>Creation Station Quilters in Room #205<br>Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room                                                   |  |
| <b>Friday, August 28</b>                                                                                             | NONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>Saturday, August 29</b>                                                                                           | NONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>Sunday, August 30</b><br>9:00am-9:30am<br>9:15am-9:45am<br>10:00am-11:00am<br>11:00am-12:00pm                     | Devotions With Randy in Room #208<br>Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105<br>Worship Service in the Sanctuary<br>Potluck Dinner in the Multipurpose Room                                                         |  |

**Upcoming Events**

**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**

**Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 8, 5:30pm, Room 105**

**UWF Joy Group Meeting, Thursday, Sept 10, 12:00pm**

**UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Sept 14, 11:30am**

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