



CROSSROADS

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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

Sept 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley

September

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
27 Charlie Hoskins
30 Faye Wallace

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
25 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

**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.

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" or online here: [Bridge Over Troubled Water via CrossRoads](#). Thanks for your support in keeping this community resource up and running!

**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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Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Karen Blue

Gwen Rogers

Jake Carr

Sharon Hedrick

Sandy Drake

Lisa Kenslow

Gregg Drake

Stevie Hoskins

Bob Daniel

Faye Wallace

Cherrie Fleming

Adree Anderson

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 McNeill'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 Brightheaup'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 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)

Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)

Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)

Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeill's daughter)

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 Ministry

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

Our final focal point of our Vision Statement is Live. It is fitting that our topic falls on a fifth Sunday, a Fellowship Sunday. Our fellowship is a great expression of how we Live out our faith.

I have shared with you all that one of my favorite scriptures is "Faith without works is dead." from James. The essence is that if we are changed on the inside from our relationship with Jesus, there should be some external evidence.

How we Live out our faith should be that external evidence that marks us as followers of Jesus. Living out our salvation is how we draw closer in relationship with our Creator.

Our Vision Statement is depicted in a circular pattern and if we are intentional about our walk of faith I believe we will continue to revolve from one focal point to another.

As we wrap up this topic, I invite you to reflect again on our Mission, our Vision, and all the points in between.

Pastor Randy Kelly

August 30, 2026

LIVE
John 3:16-21

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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Wear Your Favorite Team Gear in August

Don't forget to wear your favorite team's gear on this last Sunday in August 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.

Silver Angels at Gladden Elementary

School is back in session, and our partnership with Gladden Elementary will soon be making a meaningful difference. Each week, our CrossRoads volunteers spend about an hour in classrooms, offering one-on-one help to students who need a little extra support. Teachers guide our volunteers on exactly what assistance is needed, making this a simple but deeply impactful way to bless children in our community.

We would love to grow our volunteer team for the new school year. If you can give one hour a week—we can help encourage a child, support a teacher, and strengthen our connection with Gladden Elementary.

Watch for sign-up info soon! Your time can make a lasting difference.

Potluck Dinner August 30

You're invited to join us for a joyful time of food and fellowship at our 5th Sunday Potluck Dinner **this Sunday**, 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!

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.

**CROSSROADS
PET FOOD DRIVE**
August Mission Project

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR DONATIONS**

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.

This is the final week for our Pet Food Drive. 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.

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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)

September Craft Day

Saturday, September 19, 10am to 5pm! Bring your favorite craft and join in the fun. Cost - \$5 per person. Proceeds go toward our Angel Tree Ministry. Please register below to reserve a spot or contact Tracy. Hope to see you there!

REGISTER HERE!

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.

Last Sunday's Service

08/23/26 CrossRoads Worship
CrossRoads UMC
LEARN
August 23, 2026
Watch on YouTube

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 28	NONE
Saturday, August 29	NONE
Sunday, August 30 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Potluck Dinner in the Multipurpose Room
Monday, August 31 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, September 1 10:00am-11:00am	Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
Wednesday, September 2	NONE
Thursday, September 3 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, September 4	NONE
Saturday, September 5 10:00am-11:00am	Bunco in the Multipurpose Room
Sunday, September 6 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Potluck Dinner in the Multipurpose Room

Upcoming Events
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, 1:00pm
UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Sept 14, 11:30am
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 15, 5:30pm, Room 103
Singalong with Kim, Friday, Sept 18, 6:00pm

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