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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

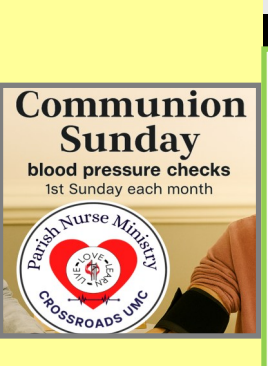
Sept 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 Hailey Duncan
8 Penny Kelly
9 Mary Roberts
12 Nancy Jones
14 Sandy Drake
15 Brenda Gooderl
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

Click here to donate online

Collecting for Current School Year Now!

We are raising funds for the Pirate Pantry to help students in the Belton School District who need food & clothing 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!

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!

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.

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Reflections

From Pastor Randy

For the next twelve weeks, leading up to Advent, we are going to be looking at the 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. Each week we will take a high-level view and summarize one of the Minor Prophets.

For our Reflections during this time, I will be providing a snapshot of the Prophet we will cover for the upcoming Sunday. I will be pulling extracts from a Bible Study Guides book that Annalou Streiff gifted me. I am hoping that these extracts might interest you into reading about one or all the Minor Prophets as we continue to grow in God's Word.

Hosea

Chapters 1-3
Hosea's marriage to Gomer serves as a living parable of God's relationship with Israel. Gomer's unfaithfulness reflects Israel's spiritual adultery, and Hosea's pursuit of her mirrors God's relentless love for His people.

Chapters 4-14
A series of prophetic messages detailing Israel's sins, idolatry, injustice, warnings of judgment, and eventual promises of restoration if they return to God.

Pastor Randy Kelly

September 6, 2026

HOSEA
Hosea 1: 1-11

The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the reign of Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel: When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord." So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel, because I will soon punish the house of Jehu for the massacre at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of Israel. In that day I will break Israel's bow in the Valley of Jezreel." Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means "not loved"), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them." After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the Lord said, "Call him Lo-Ammi (which means "not my people"), for you are not my people, and I am not your God. "Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the living God.' The people of Judah and the people of Israel will come together; they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

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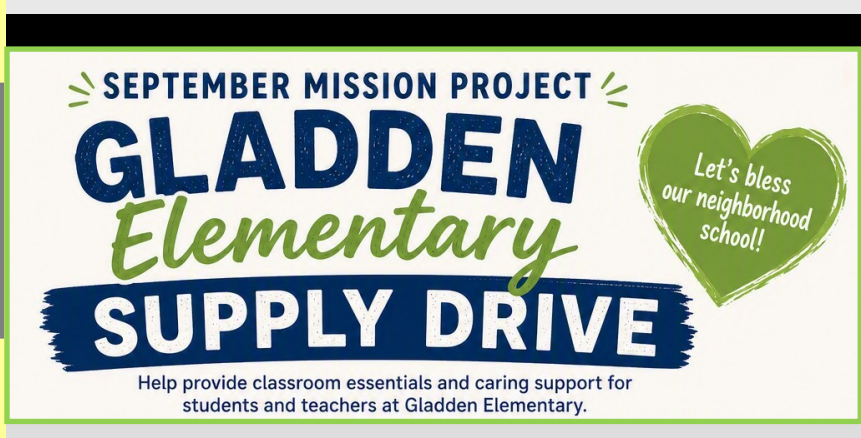


Helping Our Neighborhood School: September Mission Project

Gladden Elementary is a place where our church's love makes a real difference. This September, we're gathering supplies their teachers and staff rely on every day—along with clothing for little ones who need a change during the school day.

Requested items:
- Tissues
- Antibacterial wipes
- Dry erase markers
- Boys and girls clothing sizes 5–6 and 7–8 (shirts, sweats, undies, socks)

Our shopping cart will be available every Sunday morning. Thank you for blessing our community with generosity and care.

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—you 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.

Music for Sunday

Kim and Melody will perform this song for us this Sunday, Sept. 6, during our offering, and it will be our opening hymn on Sunday, Sept 13 & Sept 27. If you'd like, please click below to listen & learn so you can sing along with them on the 13th and the 27th:

Goodness of God

https://youtu.be/n0FBb6hnwTo?si=Woyre-95Ie3tQFCC

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!

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!

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)

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.

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Karen Blue
Gwen Rogers
Kona Waller
Sharon Hedrick
Sandy Drake
Lisa Kenslow
Gregg Drake
Stevie Hoskins
Bob Daniel
Faye Wallace
Cherrie Fleming
Adree Anderson
Paul Carr
Carol Creach
JoAnn Arnold
Holden Batchelder
Ron Spencer
Chris Harrelson
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)
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)
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 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

PEACE & COMFORT

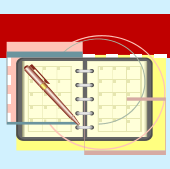
Family & Friends of Leslie Karlan
(Pam Ekey's cousin)

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, September 4
NONE

Saturday, September 5
NONE

Sunday, September 6
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, September 7 — **Labor Day**
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, September 8
10:00am-11:00am Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
5:00pm-7:00pm Creative Stitchers in Room #201
5:30pm-6:30pm Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105
6:00pm-7:30pm Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, September 9
5:30pm-6:15pm CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
6:15pm-7:00pm Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, September 10
8:45am-10:30am TOPS Meeting in Room #201
10:30am-11:00am Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room
11:00am-4:00pm Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
1:00am-3:00pm UWF Joy Group in Room #105
6:30pm-9:00pm Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, September 11 — **Patriot Day**

Saturday, September 12
NONE

Sunday, September 13
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

Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 8, 5:30pm, Room 105
UWF Joy Group Meeting, Thursday, Sept 10, 1:00pm, Room 105
UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Sept 14, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 15, 5:30pm, Room 103
Friday Night Praise Jam, Friday, Sept 18, 6:00pm, Multipurpose Room
CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, Sept 19, 10am, Multipurpose Room

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