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Sunday
Worship
Service
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room 105
9:00am Devotions with Randy
Room 208

Tuesday
Fellowship Class
10:00am

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SECURITY

Sept 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley

Sept 16th to 30th
Joe Matson

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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 Trutzet
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!

Don't forget your flu shot & vaccine & boosters!

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.

facebook

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. facebook.com/crossroadsbelton

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Allan Jones
Kathryn Moore
Karen Blue
Gwen Rogers
Kona Waller
Sharon Hedrick
Sandy Drake
Lisa Kenslow
Greg 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)
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 Brighthouse'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)

Paul Carr
Carol Creach
JoAnn Arnold
Holden Batchelder
Ron Spencer
Chris Harrelson

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

As we continue our journey through the Minor Prophets, this week we will be looking at Joel.

Joel

Chapters 1-2
Describes a locust plague and calls for repentance in the face of "The Day of the Lord."

Chapters 2-3
Shifts to God's promises of restoration, blessings for His people, and judgments on the nations.

Pastor Randy Kelly

September 13, 2026

JOEL
Joel 1:1-7

The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel.

Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors? Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten. Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail, all you drinkers of wine; wail because of the new wine, for it has been snatched from your lips. A nation has invaded my land, a mighty army without number; it has the teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness. It has laid waste my vines and ruined my fig trees. It has stripped off their bark and thrown it away, leaving their branches white.

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SEPTEMBER MISSION PROJECT

GLADDEN
Elementary
SUPPLY DRIVE

Let's bless our neighborhood school!

Help provide classroom essentials and caring support for students and teachers at Gladden Elementary.

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 for our 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.

Adult Small Groups

There currently are 2 adult Sunday School classes at CrossRoads. Devotions With Randy is located in Room #208 at 9:00am and the Explorers class, led by Kala Handley, is in Room #105 at 9:15am. Pam Ekey leads the Tuesday morning Fellowship Group at 10:00am. New members are always welcome, so feel free to check these small groups out.

September 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm

All ages welcome

FRIDAY NIGHT PRAISE JAM

We are going to sing a bunch of praise songs and hymns beginning at 6pm. This is not a rehearsal, this is not a concert, this is just a fun time of singing and playing with our friends.

Chords and lyrics will be on a screen for everybody to participate.

BRING A FRIEND, AN INSTRUMENT, OR JUST COME AND SING ALONG

Text Kim @ 816-535-6944 to RSVP and request any favorite songs

Music for Sunday

Kim and Melody will performed this song for us during our offering last week, and it will be our opening hymn on Sunday,

Sept 13 & Sept 20. If you'd like, please click below to listen & learn so you can sing along with them on the 13th and the 20th:

[Goodness of God](#)

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.

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 11
Patriot Day

Saturday, September 12
NONE

Sunday, September 13
9:00am-9:30am
9:30am-11:00am
10:00am-11:00am
Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 14
9:00am-10:00am
9:00am-4:00pm
11:30am-12:30pm
6:30pm-7:30pm
"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village
Creation Station in Room #205
UWV Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room
Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, September 15
10:00am-11:00am
5:30pm-6:30pm
7:00pm-9:00pm
Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
Staff Meeting in Room #105
Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, September 16
5:30pm-6:15pm
6:15pm-7:00pm
CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, September 17
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 18
6:00pm-7:00pm
Friday Night Praise Jam in the Multipurpose Room

Saturday, September 19
10:00am-6:15pm
9am Sat 9/19 thru 9am Sun 9/20
CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room
Scout Cardboard Campout on the Church Grounds (outdoors)

Sunday, September 20
9:00am-9:30am
9:15am-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

UWV Lunch Bunch, Monday, Sept 14, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 15, 5:30pm, Room 103
Friday Feet Walking Jam, Friday, Sept 18, 6:00pm, Multipurpose Room
CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, Sept 19, 10am, Multipurpose Room
UWV Joy Group, Thursday, Oct 8, 2:00pm