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Parker King
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Christmas Eve Service

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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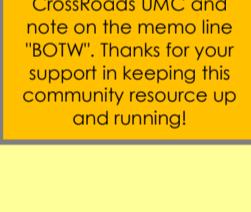
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SECURITY

Dec 16th to 31st
Parker King

December



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

27 Esco McCann
29 Steven Hoskins
30 Marge Jones
31 Stacy McCann
31 Mike Resch

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Grindstaff
5 Jazmin Huntington
6 Gerald Johnson
13 Ella Jane Anderson
13 Toni Wiseman
13 Walter Waugh
15 Pam Ekey
19 Cindy Jones
20 Byron Swift
24 Rex Kelly

Bridge Over Troubled Water Pantry

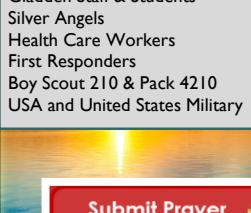
The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many people in our community. They provide a food pantry, supermarket style, which allows families to choose the foods their family prefers.

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". Thanks for your support in keeping this community resource up and running!

Scrip Gift Cards
There are many local and national retailers who participate in our scrip gift card program. Some are 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 will be available for pickup the following Sunday.

facebook
Be sure to "like" our Facebook page! Visit often and tag CrossRoads in your posts to show others how we love people, Learn together, and Live in service to God at CrossRoads.

Prayers



Sharon Hedrick, Tanisha Ray

Bob Ridgley, JoAnn Arnold

Bob Daniel, Holden Barretson

Dick Brightaupt, Phil Gromann

Ron Spangler, Phil Walzemeyer

Paul Carr, Dolores Martin

Debby Zamany (Sharon Hedrick's sister)

Mark Lindsay (Lisa Kendow's brother-in-law)

Renita Lubwants (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)

Kyle Drake (Angie Tree's son's friend)

Juli Reed (Angie Tree's friend)

John McNeil (Cindy Kornman's friend)

JR Alvarez (Angie Kornman's friend)

Mary Jane McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's sister)

Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)

Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)

Ronnie Buchannon (Mandy Carroll's friend)

Alissa Sallee (Jade McNeil's friend)

Vera McNeil (Sandy McNeil's friend)

Lorna Stinchfield (Cherie Fleming's sister)

Daniel Hood (Cherie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)

Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)

Dennis Wyatt (Vanda Carroll's friend)

Linda Evans (Suzie McClain's sister)

Kim Kirschling (Ofer's friend)

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Gladden Staff & Students

Health Care Workers

Boy Scouts 210 & Pack 4210

USA and United States Military

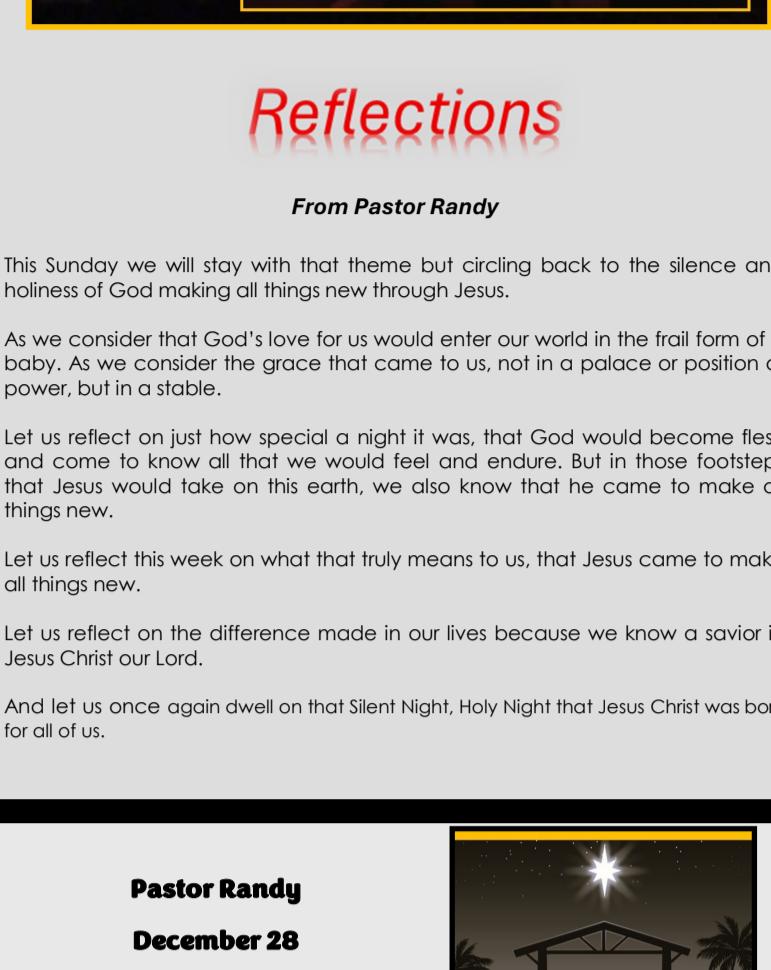
Upcoming Events

Submit Prayer Requests Here

LOVE God and Others LEARN & Grow in Faith LIVE Your Faith by Serving

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Reflections

From Pastor Randy

This Sunday we will stay with that theme but circling back to the silence and holiness of God making all things new through Jesus.

As we consider that God's love for us would enter our world in the frail form of a baby. As we consider the grace that came to us, not in a palace or position of power, but in a stable.

Let us reflect on just how special a night it was, that God would become flesh and come to know all that we would feel and endure. But in those footprints that Jesus would take on this earth, we also know that he came to make all things new.

Let us reflect this week on what that truly means to us, that Jesus came to make all things new.

Let us reflect on the difference made in our lives because we know a savior in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And let us once again dwell on that Silent Night, Holy Night that Jesus Christ was born for all of us.

Pastor Randy

December 28

All Things New

John 1:1-18



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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CrossRoads Missions Update

Sharing Warmth with Our Neighbors! Collecting thru Sunday, December 28

This December, we are collecting coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to bless our neighbors in need. Donations will be delivered to **Bridge Over Troubled Water** and **Heart 'N Hand Ministries**. **Final week to donate at CrossRoads is Dec. 28!**

We are so grateful for your generous response! We have delivered our second load to Heart n Hand Ministry. The shopping cart will be available to collect your gifts through this coming Sunday. Thank you for supporting this vital mission project. Your kindness is making a real difference in the lives of those we serve. Be on the lookout for our next mission collection project in January!

ZOE Empowerment

Help transform the lives of orphaned children in Africa or India through ZOE's 3-year program of education and mentoring. A matching grant means your gift goes twice as far! Just \$10/month (or more if you're able) can change a child's future. In case you missed Lyn's video last Sunday, you can view it here: [Lyn with ZOE Empowers](#)

Pledge forms will be available this Sunday on the info table or you can pledge online right now:

My ZOE Pledge

The total required for the 3-year program will be \$380 per month, so please place your pledge as soon as possible so we will know if we have generated enough pledges to cover that. Otherwise an alternate ZOE donation plan will be considered. Together, we can warm hearts and change lives. ❤

Christmas Poinsettias

Thanks to all who have sponsored a poinsettia, and for your support of this ministry, which honors loved ones, beautifies our worship area, and extends Christ's love into our community. Donations are being sent to the Belton Pirate Pantry. **If you haven't yet done so, you may take your poinsettia any time in the upcoming weeks.**



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. We have submitted our labels from last year and should soon receive the funds. Thanks for your support to help students in the Belton School District!

Update from Mark Polk (Security Team Leader)

We are beginning to experience more members of the property. If you experience seeing, or are approached by a homeless person(s), do not engage with them, but do report the incident. Either give Cindy the information or call or text Mark at 816-331-3405. If you feel threatened, call 911 before any other calls.

January Craft Day

Saturday, January 17, 10am to 7pm! 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!



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)
- Pet food
- Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners

Heart 'N Hand Store - 305 N. Scott

- 100% proceeds from the HNH Thrift Store support the work at Heart 'N Hand. You can always donate clothing, household goods, furniture, books, children's items, etc. to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses or box TV's, or items that are broken, missing pieces, or torn.

Thrift Store Donation Acceptance Hours: Tues thru Sat 11:00am - 3:00pm

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