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Christmas Eve
at CrossRoads
December 24th
7:00 pm
Traditional
Candlelight Service

Sunday
Worship
Service
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room105
9:00am Devotions with Randy
Room 208

Tuesday
Fellowship Group
10:00am

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SECURITY

Nov 16th to 30th
Joe Matson

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December

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

28 Ron Spencer

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Lisa Kenslow
5 Annalou Streiff
7 Lyn Polk
9 Paul Carr
15 John Stacey
27 Esco McCann
29 Steven Hoskins
30 Marge Jones
31 Stacy McCann
31 Mike Resch

ANNIVERSARIES

12/3 Phil & Tracy Inman
12/14 Doug & Carol Creach

Angel Tree

Our annual Angel Tree has a few more tags listing the wishes of the children and families we are supporting this year. Once you've selected your tags, **PRINT** your name beside the tag #s you are taking on the clipboards near the tree. Once you've purchased your gift, firmly tape the numbered tag onto the **unwrapped** gift.

Return the unwrapped gift to church **by Dec 7** and place it under the tree. Gifts will be picked up by the families at our Cookies with Santa event on Dec13. Thanks for your support of our Christmas Angel Tree ministry!

Best Choice Bar Code Labels

Please keep collecting your Best Choice Bar Code labels. We have received 2000 labels so far this year and hope to make it to 3000! Proceeds go to our **Pantry Ministry**. Thanks for your support.

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!

Don't forget your flu shot & boosters!

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

Our Advent theme for this year is **Silent Night, Holy Night**. The hope and intent of this theme is to direct us to the Holiness of that night when Jesus was born.

God's Son, the Christ, was born into a noisy and troubled world. And although the Jewish people, God's chosen people, had waited with expected anticipation for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus was born not in a palace but in a manger.

It was a Silent Night, a Holy Night in which God was doing something new, sharing his one and only Son with His creation. Emmanuel, God with us.

This Advent season we will reflect on how God speaks to us in those Silent moments, and how He reveals himself to us in those Holy moments.

May we each find time during this season to reflect in our own silence just how blessed we are to know that God loved each of us enough, that he thought of us before we were created, to give us the precious gift of Jesus our Lord. That upon his birth, all things would be made new. That through him, the gift of salvation would come. And because of him, we would know the love of God and eternal life.

Let us all reflect on the deepest meaning of that Silent Night, Holy Night that Christ was born.

Pastor Randy

November 30

Zechariah

Luke 1: 5-22

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

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✦ CrossRoads Missions Update ✦

Our Missions Study Group has launched two exciting projects—join us in sharing God's love!

Coat Collection

Clean out your closets! We'll **soon** collect coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for neighbors in need. Items will be delivered to **Bridge Over Troubled Waters** and **Hear't N Hand Ministries**. Quick turnaround—**stay tuned for dates to bring to church!**

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. Learn more here: zoempowers.org/videos/theres-a-way-out-of-extreme-poverty

Pledge forms will be available soon or you can pledge online right now:

My ZOE Pledge

Together, we can warm hearts and change lives. ❤️

Be a "Souper Hero" This November!

This is our final week for our "Souper Heroes" to donate cans of soup for the Belton Welfare Association to help local families facing food insecurity. Whether it's chicken noodle, tomato, or hearty vegetable, every can makes a difference in someone's day—and in their dinner. Let's take this final Sunday to fill that cart with love and nourishment. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

Celebrate Christmas with Folded Ribbon Poinsettias

CrossRoads will once again celebrate the joy of Christmas with **folded ribbon poinsettias**, a cherished tradition that brings beauty to our worship space and meaning to our celebrations. You are invited to **honor or memorialize loved ones** in our **Christmas Eve Bulletin** by sponsoring a poinsettia:

•\$15 for each flower pot

•\$20 for each altar flower pot

All donations will be sent to support the **Belton Pirate Pantry**, blessing families in our community during this season of giving.

An Order Form will be available in the bulletin or you may order online below:
Orders may be paid by submitting payment online through our **Online Donation Page** or by dropping a check in the offering plate with your order form.

Order Here

You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas Eve—or, if needed sooner, simply make arrangements with the church office. If you prefer not to receive a flower, you may still make a dedication to a loved one, and it will be listed in the bulletin.

 All orders must be received by Sunday, December 14.

Thank you for your support of this ministry, which honors loved ones, beautifies our worship, and extends Christ's love into our community.

Cookies with Santa
Volunteers Needed

CrossRoads, we are inviting our Angel Tree families and our local community to our church on Saturday, Dec 13, from 10:30am to noon, for our Cookies with Santa event. This is a **FREE** event for all and kids can visit with Santa and create some fun crafts.

We need volunteers to be there to visit with and greet the families, and to help kiddos with the craft kits. For only a couple hours of your time, YOU can spread some Christmas cheer to our visitors! Please sign up by clicking the link below.

SIGN UP HERE!

BRING THE KIDS OUT FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

COOKIES WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
FROM 10:30AM-12:00PM

PICTURES WITH SANTA, COOKIES, CRAFTS, AND MORE!

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2025 Advent Study

This Advent season, we invite you to journey with us through Scripture as we anticipate the birth of Christ. Our 2025 Advent study, **Silent Night, Holy Night**, written by Pastor Randy Kelly, will guide us from the wonder of creation to the quiet majesty of that holy night in Bethlehem.

In-person sessions begin Tuesday, Dec. 2, and continue weekly through December 16 (Dec. 2, 9, and 16) in Room #105. The final session will be a self-guided reflection to complete at your own pace. You may choose from:

Tuesday mornings at 10:00am with Rev. Pam Ekey

Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm with Pastor Randy Kelly

Or complete the entire study on your own schedule

We will provide printed booklets for all participants. To help us prepare enough copies, please sign up as soon as possible. A clipboard will be available this Sunday, or you can sign up online today.

Sign Up Here

Let's make space in our hearts and calendars to reflect, connect, and prepare for the coming of Christ together.

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Penny Kelly
Ron Spencer
Roberta Maxwell
Paul Carr
Faye Wallace
Carol Creach
JoAnn Arnold
Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder
Phil Gronemeyer
Tanisha Ray
Avis Wolfe (Snow removal contractor Steve's wife)
Ryan (Carol Creach's friend's husband)
Chelsea (Lawrence family friend)
Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family)
Guy (father of Angel Tree family recipient)
Merrick & Jessica (Kim's daughter & fiancé)
Kyle Drake (former Troop 210 leader)
Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's friend)
Dave McGill (Pastor Randy's friend)
John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)
JR Alvarez (Angie Kormanec's family friend)
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)
Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's friend)
Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend)
Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)
Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)
Alissa Wallace (Jade's cousin)
Angela McNeil (from Sandy McNeil)
Vera Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)
Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)
Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's brother)
Dennis Watson (Joe Matson's brother)
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

Last Sunday's Service

If you watch our service online either on Facebook or on YouTube, please either comment on the video to let us know or let [Cindy](#) know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, November 28

NONE

Saturday, November 29

NONE

Sunday, November 30

9:00am-9:30am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am

1st Sunday in Advent

Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, December 1

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, December 2

10:00am-11:00am
3:30pm-4:00pm
6:00pm-7:00pm

Advent Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
SPR Meeting 3:30pm in Room #103
Advent Study w/Pastor Randy in Room #105

Wednesday, December 3

5:30pm-6:15pm
6:15pm-7:00pm

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, December 4

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, December 5

NONE

Saturday, December 6

9:30am-5:00pm
10:00am-11:00am

Private Party in the Multipurpose Room
Bunco in Room #201

Sunday, December 7

9:00am-9:30am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am

2nd Sunday in Advent

Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Penny's Bunco Group, Dec 6, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room

UWF Lunch Bunch, Mon, Dec 8, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room

UWF Joy Group, Thursday, Dec 11, 2:00pm, Home of Marge Jones

Scout Lock-In, Fri Dec 12, 6:00pm thru Sat Dec 13, 9:00am

Cookies with Santa, Sat, Dec 13, 10:30am

Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24, 7:00pm

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)