



eReminder

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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 Group
10:00am

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SECURITY

Dec 1st to 15th
Mark Polk

Dec 16th to 31st
Parker King



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



Holiday Concert

Stacy McCann and the Sounds of South Kansas City Community Band are performing their Holiday Concert at CrossRoads on **Dec 17 at 7:00pm**. This is a **FREE** event and open to all. Please see Stacy for more information!

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 Pirate Pantry Ministry. Thanks for your support.

Scrip Gift Cards

There are many local and national retailers who participate in our scrip gift card program.

Order gift cards on our website or email Cindy at cjones@crossroads-umc.net

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!

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

Bob Ridgley	Tanisha Ray
Gregg Drake	JoAnn Arnold
Bob Daniel	Chris Harrelson
Dick Brighthaupt	Holden Batchelder
Penny Kelly	Phil Gronemeyer
John Spencer	Faye Wallace
Robert Maxwell	
Paul Carr	
Carol Creach	
Renee Eubanks (Vickie Lawrence family friend)	
Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)	
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 sister)	
Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)	
Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)	
Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend)	
Ronna Buchanan (Wanda Carroll's friend)	
Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)	
Alissa Sallee (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 friend)	
Dennis Matson (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

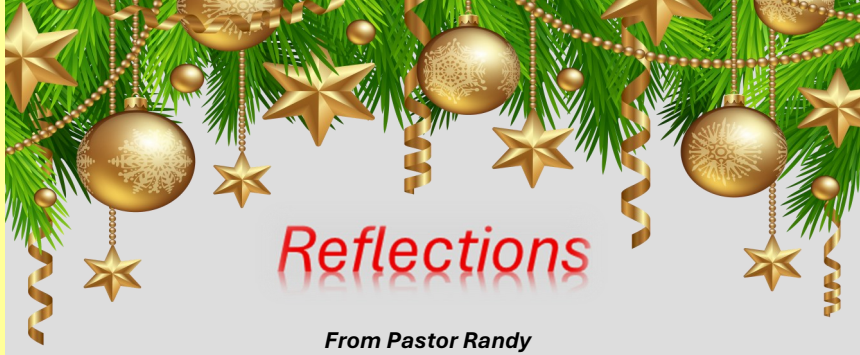
Gladden Staff & Students
Silver Angels
Health Care Workers
First Responders
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210
USA and United States Military

Submit Prayer Requests Here

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From Pastor Randy

For the third Sunday in Advent, we will be looking at scripture from Matthew's gospel. In particular, we will be looking at Joseph and his dream or encounter with an angel.

Scripture does not give us a lot of information about Joseph, aside from him being a faithful man. It must have been extremely difficult for Joseph to deal with the news of Mary being pregnant. He did not want to publicly disgrace Mary and so he planned on divorcing her. But when he had his dream about the angel, Joseph chose in a silent moment to obey what the angel had told him.

We can imagine that although there were probably numerous questions still unanswered for Joseph, he chose to embrace God's plan. Do you believe that Joseph felt the holiness of the child in Mary's womb?

Can we reflect on a time when uncertainty engulfed us, yet we still felt God's presence surrounding us as well? In those moments, didn't it take silence for us to truly hear God's voice and guide our next steps?

This week let us reflect not on the uncertainty of our path, but on the certainty of the one who directs it, the God who loves us.

Pastor Randy

December 14

Joseph

Matthew 1: 18-25



This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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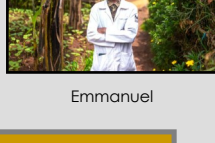
✦ CrossRoads Missions Update ✦

👕 Coat Collection-Begins This Sunday, December 14

Beginning this Sunday, we are collecting coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for neighbors in need. Items will be delivered to [Bridge Over Troubled Waters](#) and [Heart 'N Hand Ministries](#). The shopping cart will be on hand for your donations. Thanks for your support of this vital mission project!

🌍 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. [Read Emmanuel's story here](#)



Emmanuel

Pledge forms will be available this Sunday in your bulletin or you can pledge online right now:

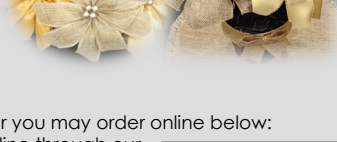
My ZOE Pledge

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. ❤️

🌸 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 **SOLD OUT**



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

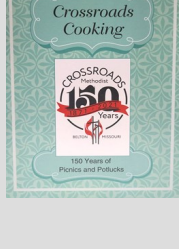
An Order Form will be available in the bulletin or you may order online below: Orders may be paid by submitting payment online through our [Online Donation Page](#) or by dropping a check in the offering plate with your order form.

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.



Anniversary Cookbook SALE

We have cookbooks!! We are selling our \$10 **(NOW \$5)** anniversary cookbooks at half price. The perfect Christmas gift! And remember, these will make excellent birthday gifts too, so be sure to buy one for everyone on your list.

Cookies with Santa Volunteers Needed

CrossRoads, we are inviting 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!



Music Department T-Shirts

Kim is ordering T-shirts for the choirs and she said that anyone is welcome to purchase one. Prices are listed on the order form. If you are interested, please submit your order to her at:

<https://forms.gle/3eVoQd68sb9LasnBA>

The final day to submit your order is Sunday, Dec 14th, and they will be available for pickup on Dec 21st.

Praising God with our Friends

CROSSROADS MUSIC



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD ALL YE LANDS. SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS PSALM 100

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)

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, December 12

Friday 6pm to Saturday 9am

Scout Lock-In in the Multipurpose Room

Saturday, December 13

10:30am-12:00pm

Cookies with Santa in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, December 14

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

3rd Sunday in Advent

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

Monday, December 15

9:00am-4:00pm
6:30pm-7:30pm

Creation Station in Room #205

Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, December 16

10:00am-11:00am
6:00pm-7:00pm
7:00pm-9:00pm

Advent Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105

Advent Study w/Pastor Randy in Room #105
Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, December 17

5:30pm-6:15pm
6:15pm-7:00pm
7:00pm-8:00pm

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Holiday Concert-Sounds of South Kansas City Community Band

Thursday, December 18

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 19

NONE

Saturday, December 20

NONE

Sunday, December 21

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

4th Sunday in Advent

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

Upcoming Events

Scout Lock-In, Fri Dec 12, 6:00pm thru Sat Dec 13, 9:00am
Cookies with Santa, Sat, Dec 13, 10:30am, Multipurpose Room
Holiday Concert-Sounds of South KC Community Band, Wed, Dec 17, 7pm
Christmas Eve Service, Wed, Dec 24, 7:00pm
Happy New Year's Eve to all, Wed, Dec 31

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