



# The Steeple

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of Rosewood Heights, Illinois

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## Greetings People of Infinite Worth!

Years ago, I worked for a man who immigrated to the U.S. from Great Britain. The phone system there was different from how ours works. For us in the U.S., if I were a businessperson calling another business, I might feel free to enjoy some personal chat with that other businessperson. We might talk about family or the weather; it is good way to build relationships. Since I called them, the phone charges would be on my bill. The longer the call, the more I would be billed, but if I am paying the bill, that would be okay because I would be spending my own money. However, in Great Britain at the time, it was the recipient of the call who paid the bill. For example, if I called a business and I kept them on the phone unnecessarily, that would be rude of me to spend their money on non-business chat. As a result, my boss was in the habit of keeping phone conversations very short and to the point. To us, it seemed unfriendly or perhaps rude, but it was a habit he carried from his early days of doing business in Great Britain. Brief and to the point conversations were his way of being respectful of others' money.

Now we live in a world where the hugs and handshakes that used to be a sign of love and friendship are currently not safe. We avoid seeing the people we love most because we want to protect them from getting sick. We avoid large gatherings; we no longer meet for birthday parties or other celebrations, not because we don't want to celebrate, but because we love our family and friends so much, and we want to protect them. We are in an odd time when keeping our distance equals kindness and the separation we create demonstrates that we care and respect others.

We are beginning to **open the church for worship** and like so many other things; church will be different than it was. Here are some of the changes you can expect: our early, outdoor service will begin at **8:45 a.m.**, Awakening will begin at its usual time, **10:30 a.m.** We will encourage social distance seating. There will be no congregational singing, no praying aloud by congregation, and no hugs and handshakes. For the time being, we will not offer communion. The collection plate will be placed where people can drop in their tithes and offerings as they enter or leave the worship space; we will not be passing the plate. In-person children's ministry is on hold per Bishop Beard's request. You will notice that the **Hymnals** and **Bibles** are not under the pews, nor are **envelopes** and **pencils** stored in the backs of the pews. If you customarily use a pew Bible or an empty envelope, for now please, **remember to bring your own personal ones.** I have talked to our Adult Sunday School teachers; they will not be holding classes until later.

We will **only have one bathroom** available for use for now; it will be the one nearest the sanctuary in the entryway. We are requesting that it be used as little as possible, but if needed, please wipe down the handles, etc. with sanitizing products that will be in there and available for your use.

We are planning to hold the early service outdoors as weather permits through the month of September. If it rains, or if the ground is too wet, we will hold that service in the sanctuary. In that case, we will sanitize the sanctuary between services to help ensure the safety for our attendees. I had a meeting with our custodian and we talked about what he needs to do to clean and sanitize the church during the week.

We are making many changes in our worship practices and church facility to ensure the health and safety of our people. Despite our efforts to make in-person worship safe, some people will not feel comfortable gathering for in-person worship. If you decide to not gather, please know that we respect your decision; it is okay. Your presence will be missed by your church family. We will begin to record the Awakening service and it will be downloaded and available from our Facebook pages and church website. The recorded Awakening service will become our online service going forth. We hope and pray that all our members stay connected the best way they can.

**Be Blessed and Be Safe, Pastor Debra**

REFLECTIONS...

## HONDURAS RUMMAGE SALE

Sat., July 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
at Main St. UMC, 1400 Main Street Alton

→ If you have items to donate you can drop them off at Main St. on Thurs., July 9 or Fri., July 10 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU'S!

- Our best heartfelt **Congratulations** go out to **Lauren McCann Cranmer & Patterson Friese** for their wedding held on June 6, 2020! Even in the midst of difficult moments such as these, there are moments of great joy that God affords His children! May God bless your home, your family, and your lives together with His amazing grace!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family of **Bonnie (Sever) Gentry**, friend of Lois Mitchell and sister of Boyd Sever; and **Nelba Goodman** (see page 5). **May all who are touched by a loss know God's comfort and peace now and in the days ahead.**
- We received a first in June; it was a **Thank You note** from the landlord of an individual whom we helped to pay part of the month's rent. She said that by helping (the individual) we were also helping her and that she was very grateful for our assistance. She wanted to make sure that the congregation here at St. Paul UMC was thanked for their generosity! **God Bless you Church!**
- **Thank you** so much for the condolences sent to me at the death of my twin brother, John. It is such a comfort to know that others care. God Bless! **Joan Ford**
- **Thank you** to everyone who has kept me in their prayers, sent cards, or called. I really appreciate it. I'm now in **Asbury Village** (formerly UM Village) **Room 102, Gardenview**, but will be quarantined for 14 days. I'm having therapy for my arm and balance; hopefully I will return home at some point. Everyone here is still eating in their rooms. I can be reached on my cell phone @ 444-4141. **Dottie Aitken**

**GOD'S WORDS ARE NOT  
FOR ME TO EDIT AND TINKER WITH,  
BUT TO BELIEVE AND OBEY.**

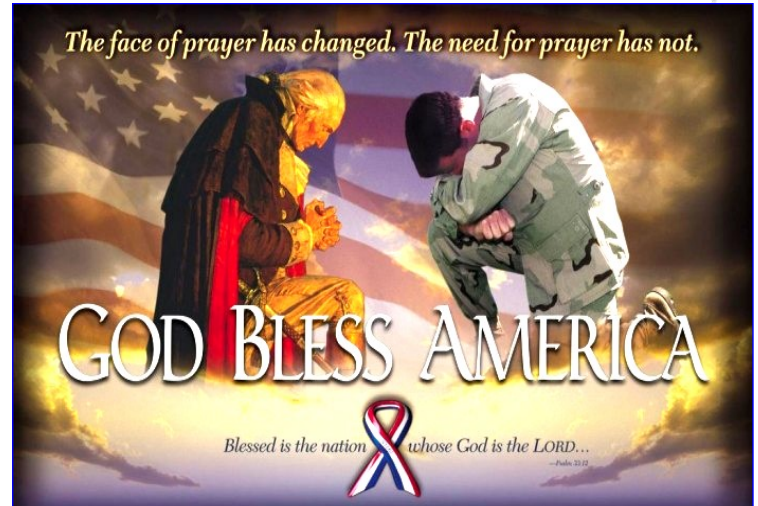
**A.W. TOZER  
A MAN OF GOD**



## In a world where you can be anything... Be Kind!

**KIND** was meeting during the "Shelter in Place" via video chats. We are working on a plan to begin campfire devotions... outdoors and distanced from one another. Please note that this **will take place at Lauren & Patterson's house**, and restrooms will be **unavailable** until further notice (so please come prepared and aware of this situation!). We will begin meeting first on **July 11th from 8-9 p.m.** and then on **July 25th from 8-9 p.m.** There will be a devotion, time of prayer, and distanced youth activities. Please help us regain our momentum as a youth group while we are in this trying time! Questions? Call Lauren at 660-7967.

**We love you, church, and love your prayers for us! In God's Love and Kindness,  
Lauren Friese - Youth Director**



## Congratulations to our two recipients of the 2020 Meghan Hickerson Christian Teen Leader Memorial Scholarship!

### **Malynn E. Hannaford**

daughter of Todd & Wendy Hannaford

**Malynn** graduated from Civic Memorial High School. She was the President of her Senior Class. She has been an active member of Enjoy Church in Alton her whole life.

Malynn has been involved in the Student Council (Vice President her Senior year), the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (President her Senior year), the Freshmentors, the Eagle Nation Community Outreach Club, the Spanish Club, the CM Volleyball & Track Team, and the National Honor Society among other activities.

Malynn received these awards: High Honor Roll (all 4 years), Rotary Student of the Quarter in 2019, nominee for the Silver Medallion Athlete Of The Year; and she is a Silver Medallion recipient.

Through her church Malynn has been involved in the Worship Team, the Summer Sack Lunch Program, the Youth Group, and the Children's Program. In the community she has volunteered helping the Lion's Club in fundraisers, singing at Villa Rose, volunteered at basketball & volleyball tournaments, and volunteered to be coach of the 6th grade team.

Malynn's high school principal writes that she is kind, determined, and goal-oriented. Malynn plans to begin her college carrier at Lewis & Clark Community College and then transfer to SIUE. She plans to major in marketing or communications and also to get her real estate license and intern at an agency while in college. She has a heart for volunteering and plans to never stop doing that!

### **McLain T. Oertle**

son of Steve & Jill Oertle

**McLain** graduated from Edwardsville High School. He is an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Rosewood Heights.

McLain has been involved in the High School Varsity Swim Team for 4 years, the National Honor Society, the Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, the Club Swim Team with YMCA Breakers, and SwimStrong Dryland Training among other activities.

McLain was the recipient of High School and Club Swim Records in 200 Medley and 200 Freestyle Relays, State and National Qualifier in 100 Breaststroke, and the McCartney Attendance Award.

At his church McLain helps with the Praise Team whenever possible. Community volunteer work that McLain has done includes being a math tutor for middle and high school students, volunteering at the Community Care Center in Granite City, and he participated in a week long mission trip to Birmingham, AL in 2017 to help rehab housing for the elderly and disabled.

McLain works at the Stillwater Senior Living facility serving the senior residents in the dining room and he is the lifeguard at the Ginger Creek pool. McLain plans to attend the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO. His goal is to become a mechanical engineer and to continue to help people through his job.





## Sunday Services at St. Paul in **JULY**

**INFORMATION:** We are now able to bring the message each Sunday to you inside and outside, on the Facebook Pages, and on the Website. The online service will continue even now we are back in the building for those who still cannot join us. The Facebook Pages are: St. Paul United Methodist - East Alton, IL and AwakeningWorshipSTPUMC The Website is: [www.stpaulwired.org](http://www.stpaulwired.org) - look under **Sermons** for the link.

**5th:** Commemorating 4th of July. GENESIS! Message: Designing Love! Scripture: *Genesis 24*. Theme: God brings people together for life long relationships.



**12th:** NEW SERMON SERIES: BROKENNESS

Message: Broken Spirit!

Scripture: *Romans 1:1-11*.

**19th:** SERMON SERIES: BROKENNESS

Message: Broken World!

Scripture: *Romans 8:12-25*.

**29th:** SERMON SERIES: BROKENNESS

Message: Inseparable!

Scripture: *Romans 8:26-39*.

**August 2nd:** SERMON SERIES: BROKENNESS ... continues through August



**WORSHIP UNDER  
THE TREES ON  
SUNDAYS IS IN  
THE CHURCH  
AMPHITHEATER AT  
8:45 a.m.**

**IT WILL GO THROUGH SEPTEMBER!  
The time will not change until we add  
Sunday School back in the mix!**

(In case of extreme weather the service will have to be moved inside. Please watch for more information as things can change daily.)

## Additions to the Prayer Walkway





## We Say Goodbye To Our Dear Friend...



**Nelba May Goodman**, 98, passed away at 10:38 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2020 at Lewis Memorial Christian Village in Springfield, IL.

Born May 12, 1922 in White Hall, IL, she was the only child of Cecil & Myrtle (Atkinson) Dugger.

She married Everett Griffith May 18, 1948 in East Alton, IL, and together they owned and operated Griffith Distributing in Bethalto, IL. Nelba continued to run the business after Everett passed away Nov. 15, 1966.

On Oct. 11, 1975, Nelba married Richard K. "Dick" Goodman in West Alton, MO. He also preceded her in death June 9, 2004.

Nelba is survived by a daughter, Patricia (Myron) Stoller of Springfield; a step-daughter, Beverly M. Bandy of Springfield; two step-sons, Richard "Rick" (Nancy) Goodman of Brighton, IL, and Robert C. "Rocky" ("Cookie") Goodman of Grand Tower, IL; six grandchildren, Chris (Lorrie) Bandy,

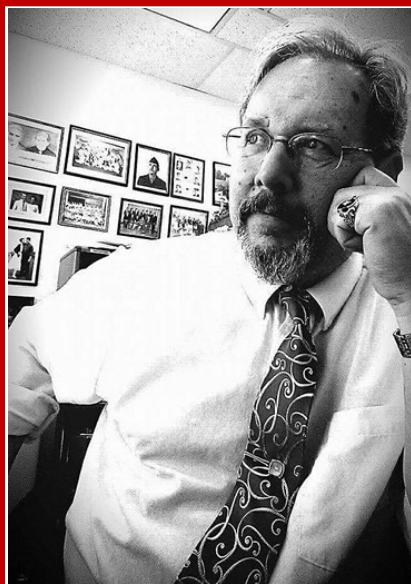
Shaun Bandy, Kate Goodman, Andy Goodman, Ken Goodman, and Gwen Goodman; and five great-grandchildren.

A member of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Rosewood Heights, IL since May of 1962, Nelba was a dear friend to many, many people. She enjoyed golfing and played on a league, but she especially loved bowling. This was her relaxation during her years at work.

Nelba has been away for far too long because of her health, but we love her and will miss her. Please remember to keep her family in your prayers.



**Our Annual Conference has been moved from the beginning of June to August 15, 2020. It will be held online.**



## CONGRATULATIONS MARK BACUS!

So Mark Bacus did a thing today (June 30th)...

**HE RETIRED!!** After over three decades at SIUE, he bids adieu to a place that has been very good to us. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees, served under many Chancellors and Provosts, and was given the opportunity to direct and act in many main stage productions. He was a beacon of peace, a wordsmith, and often the calm in the storm. He remained in the same suite that he started in as a student worker. SIUE provided for a good living and we are very grateful! Congratulations to the former Assistant to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, future candle maker, and painter of **#ShineLikeSpencer** rocks!!

**Debbie Bacus**





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

**"Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work!"**

01-Jul Layne Chester  
 01-Jul Marjorie Cranmer  
 01-Jul Terry Poston  
 02-Jul Mark Bacus  
 02-Jul Steve Campbell  
 02-Jul Maggie Funke  
 02-Jul Taylor Rich  
 04-Jul Terri Fincher  
 04-Jul Brynleigh Mormino  
 04-Jul Peyton Mormino  
 05-Jul Colton Bourne  
 05-Jul Zoe Hart  
 06-Jul Phil Acton  
 06-Jul Jordan Brown  
 06-Jul Luke Campbell  
 06-Jul Jim Hickerson  
 07-Jul Alex Ford  
 08-Jul Nate Ford  
 08-Jul Carol Russell  
 08-Jul Stella Sims  
 09-Jul Deb Mayer  
 09-Jul Carol Stamper  
 10-Jul Drew Standefer  
 10-Jul Ella Toner  
 10-Jul Emma Toner  
 11-Jul Clayton Bartony  
 11-Jul Chancey Sims

12-Jul Matthew Hamlin  
 12-Jul Herrell Lewis  
 14-Jul Carter Hendricks  
 15-Jul Emma Harper  
 15-Jul Jaymie Voorhees  
 17-Jul Donna Redden  
 18-Jul Alysia Bailey  
 18-Jul Sarah Griffin  
 19-Jul Cathy Cameron  
 21-Jul Connie Martin  
 21-Jul Robin Uzzell  
 22-Jul Chris Challandes  
 22-Jul Cory Crandall  
 22-Jul Dell Demond  
 22-Jul Daniel Emerick  
 22-Jul Evelyn Hinkle  
 22-Jul Evan Spurgeon  
 23-Jul Kynlee Bunt  
 23-Jul Diane Ford  
 23-Jul Donovan Hale  
 24-Jul Kathy Bunt  
 24-Jul Chris Cameron  
 24-Jul Anna McLain

24-Jul Tony Wood  
 26-Jul Kathy Crews  
 27-Jul Joy Kissack  
 27-Jul Giuliana Sims  
 28-Jul Caleb Betts  
 28-Jul Ashlyn Birmingham  
 28-Jul Marie Brown  
 28-Jul Addison Lusicic  
 28-Jul Maddox Parker  
 28-Jul Adam Phelps  
 28-Jul Kristen Toner  
 29-Jul Randy McLain  
 30-Jul Tim Plummer  
 31-Jul Lindsey Williams



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

01-Jul Matt & Christina Johnson  
 05-Jul Don & Vivian Sands-Franklin  
 06-Jul Glenn & Paula Hubbard  
 07-Jul Tom & Ruth Voorhees  
 08-Jul Paul & Gerry Ward  
 09-Jul Greg & Kathy Crews



09-Jul Paul & Brandy Mormino  
 13-Jul Josh & Amy Gowan  
 15-Jul Ryan & Jenny Spurgeon  
 22-Jul Robert & Gina Brown  
 23-Jul Rick & Amy Helmkamp  
 31-Jul Mike & Kathy Link

**It is time to UPDATE our Church Directory for 2020-2021!**

The church office will be updating the Church Directory for 2020-2021! Please contact the church office if you have had a **change of address, phone number, or email address since the last printing!** The 2020-2021 Church Directory will be completed as soon as possible after we get back to coming to church again! Thank you!



## JUNE Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 6/30/2020	\$14345.00
Designated Giving:	through 6/30/2020	\$1294.55
	Capital Improvements	160.00
	Loose Change	22.55
	Flowers	60.00
	Upper Room	0.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	0.00
	Charles McKnelly	500.00
	Memorials	530.00
	Church Mutual Dividend	22.00
Online Giving		500.00
Capital Campaign		600.00
Total:		\$16739.55

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

Organizers have confirmed that the next General Conference will now be on **Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 2021** in Minneapolis. The organizers are still looking for ways to ensure delegates, even if they can't meet in person, can participate online in what many expect to be a historic legislative meeting.

**Keep this meeting in your prayers!**

## OFFERING

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Just a quick reminder... during this time when you may or may not be able to join our in-person services there are still ways to send your tithes & offerings. You can send it through the US Mail, through Bill Pay with your bank, through our website's Online Giving, and by handing it to us at the door to the building. If you plan to bring it by here, please, call first to make sure we are here. Thank you so much!



Jesus Loves Me!



## MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

**JULY's Loose Change Project** is the **Lessie Bates Neighborhood House** in **East St. Louis**. The Methodist Church established this center to minister to the Croatsians early in the last century. Since then the Neighborhood House has ministered to the waves of immigrants and poor in East St. Louis. It is one of the few remaining institutions in East St. Louis offering social and health services. May God bless & multiply your gifts!

**DEADLINE FOR**  
**AUGUST 2020**  
**STEEPLE,**  
**Monday,**  
**JULY 20th!**





BE SO  
positive  
THAT  
negative  
people  
AVOID YOU!

FACEBOOK.COM/THINKPositivePOWER

Stay hopeful.  
You never know what  
tomorrow may bring.







Current month info is posted below. There are still openings in the months of: **NOV. & DEC.** This is a great ministry to honor or remember someone or a special day. Please, help finish filling in the chart! Sign-up when you come back to church, call the church office (259-5310), or send an email to (info@stpaulwired.org) if you are interested. The cost to sponsor flowers is only \$10. Thank you!

## ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

**July 5:** Sponsored by **Tracy Franks** in memory of **Doloros Taulbee** for her Birthday.

**July 12:** Sponsored by **Judy Glassmeyer** in memory of her husband, **Leo**.

**July 19:** Sponsored by **Joan Ford** in memory of her husband, **Phill**.

**July 26:** Sponsored by **Sue Carr** in memory of **Alice Burrows** for her 99th Birthday.

**August 2:** Sponsored by **The Herndon Family** in memory of **Mary Herndon**.

**Thank you! And remember to pay your \$10 sponsorships as the dates come around!**



## Mission Possible UPDATE ☺

We are continuing to lower the remaining debt to the Endowment Fund on a monthly basis. Please continue your prayers and generous giving as we seek to meet our goal of “no indebtedness.” Hopefully, the end of our debt to ourselves will allow us to meet our apportionments to the greater United Methodist Church.

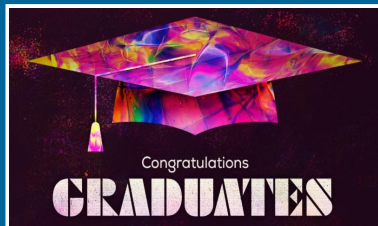
**Many blessings and thanks to all, from your current St. Paul UMC Trustees:**

Mike Tappy, Scott Gwaltney, Ian Martin, Noël Schiber, Joe Hoertel, John Hendricks, Karen Challandes (secretary), Jim Herndon (chairman), and Pastor Debra Hoertel

## ST. PAUL UMC PHONE TREE

We have a wonderful Phone Tree for our use and it was planned to announce upcoming events with the Phone Tree during the spring and summer months... And then there was a pandemic that shut everything down. So, we are going to try again as things start moving forward. We will be testing out the Phone Tree in the weeks ahead so please be patient with us as we relearn how it all works. Your feedback will be helpful to the process so don't hesitate to offer some. It is important to keep everyone on the same page during this fluid time!





## 2020 Graduates

**These are the Graduates we know about as of right now. Please let us know of any we missed or got wrong. Congratulations!!**

**8th Grade:** Chloe Allshouse, Madelynn Cranmer, Lucas Gebhardt, Christian Greer, Lucas Hartman, Rachel Schiber, Kansas Scoggins, Jonathan Scroggins, Cecelia Suermann

**High School:** Jayden Bell, Cassie Cameron, Brayden Decker, Anna McLain, Grace Napp, McLain Oertle, Sydnie Palmer, Shay Poore

**College:** Oliver Bacus

**Graduate Degree:** Meg Fansler

## A NOTE FROM THE GIDEONS!

“Just a note to let you know that we of the Beth-Wood Gideon Camp are keeping your congregation in our prayers. I pray that everyone in the congregation is healthy and that you have been able to resume in-person worship services. Have a blessed day!”  
Yours in Christ, Jim Adams

**They placed  
2 Gideon Bibles in  
Pastor Debra's name.**

## St. Paul Bell Monument

On Sunday, June 27, 1965, Harold & Marilyn Rich presented to St. Paul a church bell on behalf of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Rich, in memory of his grandfather, Mr. Ellsworth Johnson, and in honor of his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Johnson. The St. Paul Pastor at the time, Rev. Jack L. Adams, received the bell on behalf of the congregation and performed the rite of dedication.

The bell formerly was used at Bethesda Methodist Church about five miles north of Golconda, in southern Illinois. The church is no longer open. Upon the church's closure, then Carbondale Methodist Church pastor Rev. Jack Adams, petitioned the Southern Illinois Conference (1962) to give the bell to the Rich family (whom he served as their pastor). The petition was granted.

The origin of the bell began in the mid 1890's when Mrs. Annie Johnson, who was at that time a young bride, rode over the Pope County countryside on horseback and/or horse/buggy to secure donations for the purchase of a bell for the then young congregation at Bethesda. Upon completing the fundraising, the bell was cast in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1896.

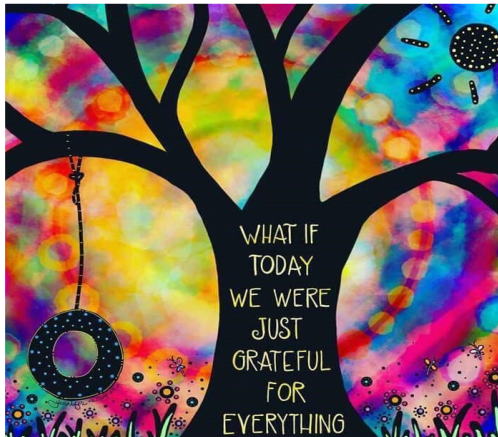
After the purchase by St. Paul of the current carillon (1994), the bell became obsolete and was finally retrieved from the bell tower (where it sat rusting away) early this year by the trustees. Through generous donations of materials, labor, and/or money by: Wagner Equipment Inc., Tom Martin of Spencer Auto Body, as well as memorial funds for Marcella Gimmy and Ben Moore, and with the labor by the current trustees we have the finished product (see picture).

A nice tribute to the ongoing ministry of St. Paul UMC.

(Historical information from; Mrs. Cleo Broadway, Ginny Croxford, and Mark Rich)







Stop being afraid of  
what can go wrong.  
Start being excited about  
what can go right.

### My to-do list for today:

- count my blessings
- practice kindness
- let go of what I can't control
- listen to my heart
- be productive yet calm
- just breathe



"If you look at the world  
you'll be distressed.  
If you look within,  
you'll be depressed.  
But if you look at Christ,  
you'll be at rest."

*Corrie ten Boom*

Someday you will  
be really grateful  
that God gave you  
what you needed  
instead of what you  
thought you  
wanted.

A thousand times in history  
a baby has become a  
king to **RULE** a nation.



Only one time has a King  
become a baby to save  
**ALL** nations.

"Did I offer peace today?

Did I bring a smile to  
someone's face?

Did I say words of healing?

Did I let go of my anger and  
resentment?

Did I forgive?

Did I love?"

These are the real questions."

- Henri Nouwen

! Turn the news  
off... !

Turn on worship music  
& sing your lungs out  
even if you can't carry  
a tune. Worship is a  
war cry and it brings in  
the peace of Christ.  
**HE HEARS YOU!**

