



The Steeple

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To the People of St. Paul United Methodist Church,

Well, what do you know... I am here again to write and bring you cheer and joy in Christ, our Savior. I hope that everyone is keeping their body hydrated. This August will be the second full month of Summer 2024. Honestly, I did not know that summer officially ends in September. And for 2024, our hot days will close September 22. Now that... is new to me. I have been here in the US since 1985 and have not even bothered to know the natural order and dates of the Seasons. Like what we all say, it is never too late to learn. Let us enjoy the summer warmth while we can for when the cold season starts again it will be a long haul to get through it. Let us appreciate the blue sky, the beaches, the beautiful sights and sounds. And let us give God the Praise and Glory He deserves.

August to me is a memorial month. August 2, 1925, was the birthday of The UMC Philippine Central Conference lifetime Bishop, Bishop Paul Locke Granadosin, who also happens to be our father. If he had been alive today, he would have been 99 years old. As an overseer of the church for 32 years (1969 Elected Bishop-2001 the year he passed) he dedicated his life of service with great passion and love for God. His favorite scripture passage **Phil 1:21** is written on his tombstone.

²¹ "For to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Both Dad and Mom lived a life of service and obedience. Both knew of the many sacrifices they would offer to God. Both were willing to put God first more than anything in the world. I pray that will be in my heart as well. This world has been very vocal about the love of self and is doing a great job of converting many people into this norm. But God who is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-loving will never give in to the untruth. A good God will never be evil. A good God will never be unjust. And a good God will reward those who remain faithful to the end. God only has one simple message to the world... **Acts 16:31...** **³¹ And they replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."**

This is my Faith and the Faith of my Family. Is this your faith, too? May the good Lord bless you this August and in the days ahead. In memory of my Dad, Bishop Paul Granadosin, let us be one with his heart. For to live is Christ... and to die is gain.



Blessings to all and until the next issue--

In Christ,

Edward Granadosin

**Pastor of East Alton 1st UMC and
St. Paul UMC**



OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOU'S!

- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the family & friends of **Orisa Babcock (57)**, mother/step-mother of Felicia (Roger) Ernst, Ashley (Ross) Williams, and Tyler Babcock, Grandmother to Gabriella, Eliana, and Lincoln Ernst (Obit on page 3). **May everyone touched by loss know God's peace.**

- **The Meghan Hickerson Scholarship awards were given out on Sunday, July 14.** Heartfelt congratulations to the 2024 recipients of the Meghan Hickerson Christian Teen Leader Memorial Scholarships, **Amelia Plumb & Timothy Melton.** We are so proud of you both and wish you great success in the future! God bless you on your continuing life journey! Thank you, Pastor Ed, for the special music! (photo →)



- We rejoice and celebrate with **Chris & Emily Elliott** as they welcome to this world their daughter, **Ella Louise Elliott**, on July 9, 2024 weighing in at 7lbs.10oz. Her big sister is Addie, her Grandparents are Cynthia & Vern Korinek, and her Great-Grandmother is Dorothy "Louise" Kasinger! Congratulations to all!



- Congratulations to our Graduates who we recognized and celebrated on July 28th: **8th GRADE: Marjorie Cranmer, Tabby Barclay, Rilyn Chester; HIGH SCHOOL: Rachel Schiber, Madelynn Cranmer; COLLEGE: Chance Foss, McLain Oertle!** (Did we miss anyone?)

THANK YOU! Dear Church Family, Today, your donation helps in unspeakable ways. Our gratitude goes out to you for now and forever. Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts. **-Community Hope Center**

THANK YOU! Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at St. Paul UMC of Rosewood Heights, Thank you for your gift of cleaning supplies! Your generosity will bring hope to people who have been affected by flooding or hurricanes. In His Service, **-Midwest Missions Family**

THANK YOU! Dear St. Paul United Methodist Church Family, I want to personally thank you for your unwavering support of Riverbend Family Ministries. Your generosity shines as a beacon of God's love and provision for our community members facing challenges like violence, addiction, poverty, and homelessness. Through your donations we can extend God's compassion, provide essential services, and strengthen our community in faith. With immense gratitude, **-Patti Lash, Riverbend Family Ministries Board Member**



We Say Goodbye To Our Dear Friend...



Orisa Babcock, 57, passed away July 11, 2024, at 3:52p.m., in Barnes-Jewish Hospital. She was born on December 28, 1966, in Alton, the daughter of the late Othel & Jeanie (Gosnell) Wilkerson.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Felecia & Roger Ernst of Edwardsville, three grandchildren: Gabriella, Elliana, and Lincoln Ernst, a step-daughter and her husband: Ashley & Ross Williams of Kansas City, Missouri, a step-son: Tyler Babcock of Bethalto, a sister and brother-in-law: Debbie & Alan Tungett of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, a niece and her husband: Rachel & Jeff Bennett of Lebanon, Tennessee, a nephew and his wife: Lieutenant

Commander Michael & Amanda Tungett now serving in Misawa, Japan, as well as all her nieces and nephews from the beloved Babcock family and many other extended family and friends.

Orisa was formerly employed as a registered nurse at Christian Northeast Hospital. At her time at Christian Northeast Hospital she was lovingly called Nurse Sunshine. She formerly attended St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights and has been a member there since April 8, 1979. She was an avid animal lover and loved being a Mimi to her grandchildren.

Please, remember to hold all of the members of Orisa's family in your prayers as they now must journey on without her.



WORSHIP UNDER THE TREES ON SUNDAYS IN THE CHURCH AMPHITHEATER

8:45 a.m. CONTINUES THRU SEPTEMBER 1st!

(In case of extreme weather the service is held in the sanctuary!)



Children's Church continues this summer with a few changes. Children's Church begins at the start of our 8:45a.m. Worship Service. We will have a Children's Moment. Activities will then be held inside the fenced backyard of the parsonage after the Children's Moment. Due to changes in people's schedules for vacations, etc. we have some guest teachers. We will be teaching about different Bible Characters this summer. See you on Sundays!

**This is currently for children ages 5-10 years old.
WE HOPE YOU ARE AS EXCITED AS WE ARE!!**



St. Paul Sunday Service in **AUGUST** 8:45 a.m.

St. Paul UMC is part of a two-point charge with East Alton First UMC. Each congregation has one service on Sundays and Pastor Ed serves as the pastor in both places. The service at St. Paul UMC begins at 8:45 a.m. The St. Paul UMC service is also **LIVE STREAMED** online! You are able to go to our Facebook Page and click on a link to watch it as it happens. During the summer you will be able to watch it later on Youtube.com starting with a search for **St Paul UMC 1167**.

You are always welcome to attend the service at East Alton First UMC which begins at 10:15 a.m. if you cannot get here at the earlier time. Please, keep both congregations in your prayers as we work together. Thank you!

4th: Outdoor Worship in the Park Continues! Communion Sunday.

Scriptures: *2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;*

Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35



11th: Scriptures: *2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 13; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;*

John 6:35, 41-51

18th: Scriptures: *1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20;*

John 6:51-58

25th: Scriptures: *1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;*

Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

THEY ARE BACK!

Adult Classes

⇒ Wesley Sunday School Class

⇒ Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th THE TWO CLASSES ARE BACK IN SESSION! IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN COMING THIS MIGHT BE A REALLY GREAT TIME TO START!



BIBLE STUDY!

We meet on Tuesdays at Noon in the Parlor! A New Day and a New Time!... just bring your Bible! Hope to see you there! ~Pastor Ed~





CONTINUOUS FOOD DRIVE:

The Outreach Ministry Team will keep a “Food Drive” going. If you can, whenever you shop, get a few extra non-perishables to bring to the church for us to give to the food pantries!

Some suggestions: Oil, Can Opener, Mayonnaise, Powdered Milk, Milk/Oat Milk/Almond Milk/Coconut Milk – kind that is non-refrigerated until opened, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Tea Bags, Salt & Pepper, Spaghetti Sauce in a Can or Plastic Jar, Pasta, Canned Vegetables or Meats, Ketchup & Mustard, Spices, Sugar, Cereal, Tuna Fish, Rice, Flour, Dish Detergent, Hand Lotion, Rolls of Paper Towel, Boxes of Facial Tissues, etc. You are doing so wonderful! **THANK YOU!**

2024 STEWARDSHIP

→ **REMEMBER YOUR GIVING!**

*keep the ministry of St. Paul UMC growing; a ministry which is needed now more than ever!
Thank you!!



2024 ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

- August 4:** by **Shelley Heigert** in honor of **Joshua’s 35th Birthday!**
- August 11:** by **John & Leona Hendricks** in celebration of **their Wedding Anniversary!**
- August 18:** by **The Herndon Family** in memory of **Mary Herndon.**
- August 25:** by **Jim & Maggie Funke** in celebration of **their 35th Wedding Anniversary!**
- “ “ by **Kay Gwaltney & Family** in celebration of **Scott & Jamie Gwaltney’s 39th Wedding Anniversary (Aug. 24th)!**



THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2024 IS ALL FILLED IN! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

AUGUST OFFICE HOURS (may be subject to change):

(ALSO, IT IS POSTED ON THE CHURCH OFFICE DOOR)

August 5-6,12-13,19-20,26-27 = 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

August 6,13,20,27 = Office Closed/regular Wednesday weekday off

August 1-2,8-9,15-16,22-23,28-29 = 9 or 10:00a.m. to 2 or 3:00p.m.

On August 8 the Office will be closed during lunch time.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

“Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work!”

- 01-Aug Savannah Cincoski
- 01-Aug Finnegan Plummer
- 01-Aug Delaney Reed
- 02-Aug Josh Brown
- 03-Aug Nealy Budde
- 03-Aug Linda Tillery
- 05-Aug Ryan Scroggins
- 06-Aug Norris Dorsey
- 07-Aug Jessica Roberts
- 08-Aug Gabriella Ernst
- 09-Aug Tracy Franks
- 09-Aug Nic Hale
- 10-Aug Lois Mitchell
- 11-Aug Betty Burns
- 11-Aug Alex Davis
- 11-Aug Erin Hall
- 11-Aug Tyler Skinner
- 12-Aug Jaxson Helmkamp
- 13-Aug Elinor Blacklock
- 13-Aug Brandie Brown
- 13-Aug Jennifer Garrison
- 13-Aug Katie Herndon
- 13-Aug Grace McPheters
- 14-Aug Alicia Herndon Gregg
- 14-Aug Jim Stewart
- 15-Aug Chandra Redden
- 16-Aug Ryne Emerick

- 16-Aug Stephanie Redden-Oliver
- 17-Aug Andrea Reed
- 17-Aug Tracy Scoggins
- 19-Aug Chance Foss
- 19-Aug Alan Uzzell
- 20-Aug Leta Harshbarger
- 20-Aug JoAnn Hill
- 20-Aug Gracie Mortland
- 22-Aug Brooke Standefer
- 23-Aug Carol Carn
- 23-Aug Dave Herndon
- 24-Aug Michael Scroggins
- 25-Aug Lauren Friese
- 25-Aug Emily Hall
- 25-Aug Bethany Rain
- 26-Aug Teri Sabo, RN
- 26-Aug Terry Sitze
- 27-Aug Keith Armon
- 27-Aug Logan Scroggins
- 28-Aug Noël Schiber
- 29-Aug Doug Clouatre
- 29-Aug Danny Redden



- 29-Aug Joanna Scroggins
- 29-Aug Lori Seba
- 30-Aug Karah Phelps
- 31-Aug Mike Scroggins
- 31-Aug Juliana Sullivan

happy birthday

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 06-Aug Duane & Sandy Moore
- 10-Aug Rod & Virginia Croxford
- 12-Aug Randy & Mindy McLain
- 13-Aug John & Leona Hendricks
- 15-Aug Duane & Tamara Atchley
- 17-Aug Steve & Sarah Campbell
- 18-Aug Bill & Amy Hale
- 19-Aug John & Barbara Yunker

- 22-Aug Tim & Joni Bunt
- 22-Aug Keith & Ashley Sheppard
- 23-Aug Terry & Betty Sitze
- 24-Aug Scott & Jamie Gwaltney
- 26-Aug Jim & Maggie Funke
- 29-Aug George & Grace Keagle
- 30-Aug David & Lisa Betts



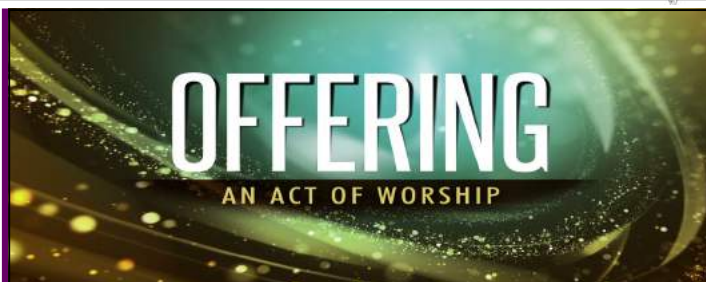
BE SURE TO PICK UP A 2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Please contact the church office if you (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) have had a **change of address, phone number, or email address!** Pick up your copy of the 2024 Church Directory the next time you come to the church!



JULY Stewardship

Budget Offering:	7/1/2024 thru 7/31/2024	11284.00
Designated Giving:	7/1/2024 thru 7/31/2024	3707.94
	Capital Improvements	250.00
	Loose Change	45.94
	Flowers	60.00
	Trustees Emerg Res Fund	70.00
	Upper Room Donations	2.00
	Reimbursement	35.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	550.00
	Parking Lot Work	2675.00
	Women of Worship	20.00
	Online Giving	351.50
Total:		\$15343.44



An important reminder... there are several ways to send your tithes & offerings if you cannot be here. You can send through the U.S. Mail, through Bill Pay with your bank or Credit Union, through our website's Online Giving (VANCO), and by bringing it to the church during the week. If you plan to bring it by, please, call first to make sure we know you are on the way. Thank you so much!

HELPING



HANDS

NEEDS CASH DONATIONS!

**DEADLINE FOR
SEPTEMBER 2024
STEEPLE,
Monday, AUGUST
19th!**



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

August's Loose Change Project is UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This ministry assists in disasters in our country and throughout the world. Help is given for floods, tornados, hurricanes, and fires. In addition this agency supports ongoing programs in parts of the world that have nutrition and food supply problems. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

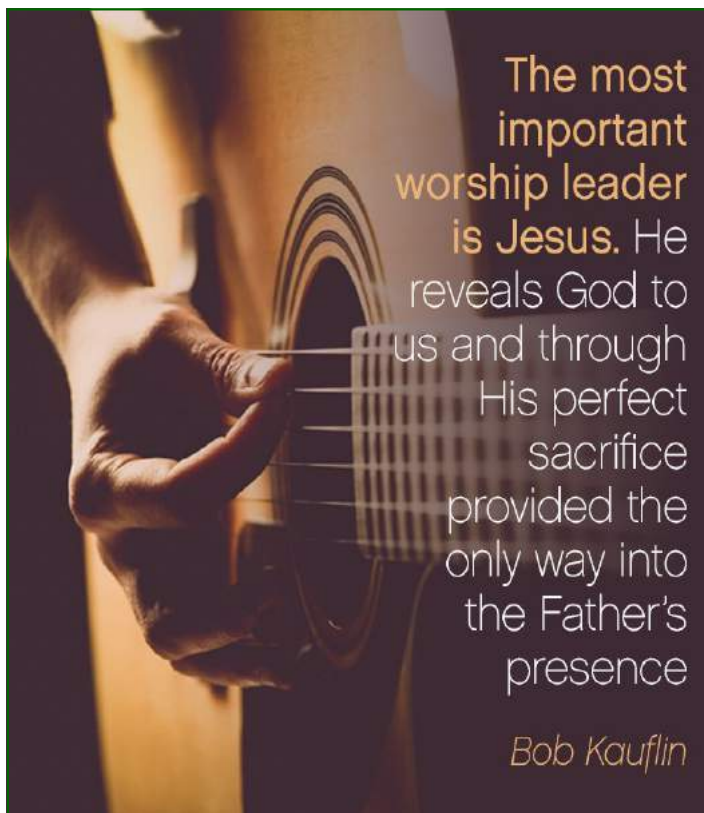


READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 8th... FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE WE WILL HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL, CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! PLEASE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR THIS MEETING!

THANK YOU! MORE INFO TO COME...

WE WILL EMAIL, SNAIL MAIL, AND HANDOUT DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS OF INFORMATION FOR YOU TO REVIEW BEFORE AND DURING THIS MEETING! WE REALLY NEED EVERYONE TO PLAN ON BEING IN ATTENDANCE! THANK YOU!



The most important worship leader is Jesus. He reveals God to us and through His perfect sacrifice provided the only way into the Father's presence

Bob Kauflin



Go make stuff today.

Make coffee.
Make a ruckus.
Make a difference.
Make a memory.
Make time for someone or something you love.
The world needs makers.



Nanea Hoffman



BEGINNING ON AUGUST 15th, CRAFTS WILL ADD THURSDAYS AT 9:00a.m. TO THE TUESDAY TIME ... SO COME WORK WITH US!!

* SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION *

Each year in August the Outreach Ministry Team sponsors the collection of school supplies. **This year it begins August 4th and continues through August 25th.** This is so school supplies can be distributed to the children as school starts, whatever date that is in each School District.

The school supplies go to school nurses in the districts of Bethalto, Roxana, and East Alton. These are then distributed to children who need supplies which families cannot provide. **Paper, crayons, scissors, pencils, erasers, folders, notebooks, glue, binders, backpacks, etc. are always needed.** Place the supplies in the **coat area/hallway across from** where we are gathering items for our **Continuous Food Drive!** Any amount will be greatly appreciated! Thank you!!

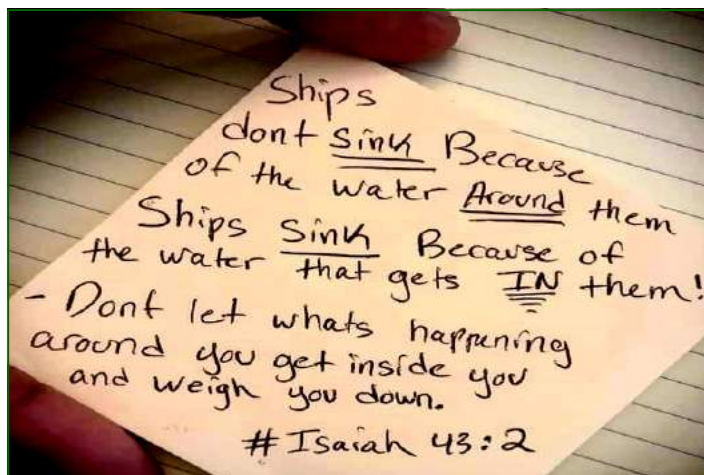


The school supplies will be distributed the week of August 25th.

Our life *won't* come with a map, but it comes with a *promise*: If we follow God, His goodness *will* follow us all of the days of our lives.

SARAH FRAZER

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PECANS

BUY SOME NOW!!

Several 1lb. Bags available = \$12 each



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

Two of our Middle School youth (Audrey Pena & Damian Newingham) were able to attend the Fueled Camp on July 14-19 at Little Grassy. Thank you for your prayers!!

➔ There will be a Youth Back to School Bonfire on Saturday, August 17th from 6-9p.m. in the park at St. Paul UMC. We will need **donations of hotdogs, buns, and s'more supplies**. We anticipate approximately 10 students in attendance. Please contact Lauren for more information.

If you know of a young person or are connected to a young person in your life who is seeking opportunities for Christian fellowship, activities, sporting events, camps, retreats, etc., please, fill out the informational sheet on the coffee table outside alongside the bulletin sheets on Sunday morning! Put the completed informational sheet inside in the mailbox for the Church Office or in the offering plate. Thank you!!

We are fervently praying to successfully rebuild our program. 2024 is going to be a great year for our Youth!!

In Christ's Love & Kindness, Lauren Friese - Youth Leader
(Lauren 618-660-7967)



EVENING RE-AWAKENING SERVICE

The Re-Awakening Service meets on the First Thursday of the month. It is not defined as a "contemporary service," but rather as a relaxed style of worship that can be fluid with its music and messages. Collect up your family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances and join us for a meal and service once a month!!

➔➔➔ **Re-Awakening is taking a pause for summer.**

At this time, Lauren is still looking for folks who would be dedicated to joining a vision team that would help rebuild and plan the future of Re-Awakening.

Please, contact Lauren at laurenfriese20@gmail.com or give her a call at **(618-660-7967)** if you would like to be a part of this.

Lauren Friese (618-660-7967)

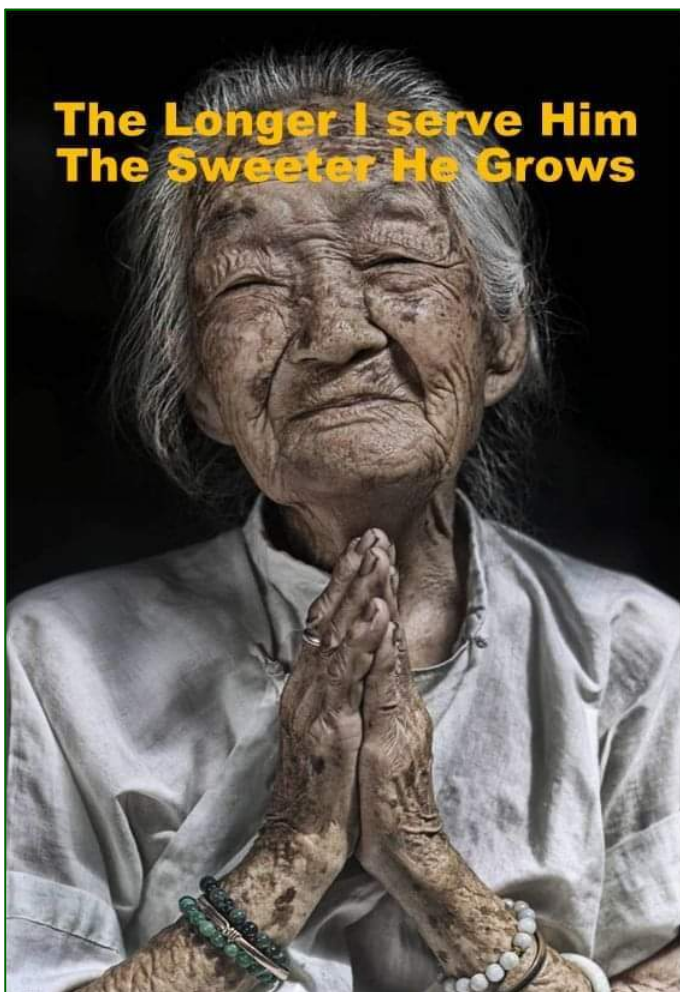


Sweet Sounds!



The Sweet Sounds NEEDS YOU!! Have you retired in the last few years? Do you like to sing? We could sure use a few more voices in the group when we start up in September! Think and pray about joining in and then give Dorothy Kasinger (618-259-7255) a call if you need more info or to let her know your interest. Give it a try!

**The Longer I serve Him
The Sweeter He Grows**



“Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.”

— C.S. Lewis

I AM NOT IN CONTROL



BUT I AM DEEPLY LOVED BY THE ONE WHO IS