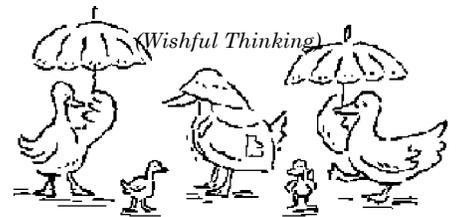




Estancia United Methodist Church,  
600 Williams, Estancia, New  
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# APRIL, 2002



**OUR MISSION: To honor God by  
leading people to become devoted  
followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.**

Church School 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 10:00  
AM



Nursery Provided  
Rev. Johann Neethling, Pastor

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## SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR APRIL

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Tracy Hemke

Acolytes: Rose Daniel & Paige Deborski

Ushers: Pam Lambert & Angela Creamer

Greeters: Julie & Nick Griffio

### YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

Apr 7: Sayaka Honda

Apr 14: Brian Wilson

Apr 21: Ashley Welch

Apr 28: Chris Hughes

### KINGS KIDS

Apr 7: Pastor Johann

Apr 14: Brian Wilson

Apr 21: Melanie Chavez & Paige

Apr 28: Marcia Fitzner

### NURSERY

Apr 7:

Apr 14:

Apr 21:

Apr 28:

*Needed*

## TIME OUT

WITH "COACH" JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

Following His glorious Resurrection, and before His Ascension, our Lord Jesus commanded the apostles to "stay in the city, until [they were] clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49). The opening chapter of the book of Acts tells us that "...they went up to the upper room...[and] with one accord devoted themselves to prayer". Chapter 2, and the rest of the book of Acts details and documents for us the extraordinary and powerful results that followed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the lives of those ordinary men and women.

What is noticeably apparent throughout the book of Acts is that God's mighty works through His people was the overflow of regular and consistent devotion to prayer. It was true then; it was true in the early life of Israel as God promised back in II Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land"; and it is has been the way God has consistently chosen to work throughout history ever since. God will do nothing of

consequence in and through the life of a church that does not make prayer their # 1 Priority.

The life and ministry of Jesus was characterized by the regularity of His early morning encounters alone with the Father. Before he chose the Twelve, He spent the entire night in prayer. Prior to going to the Cross for us, in the Garden of Gethsemane He agonized in prayer, "and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down upon the ground" (Luke 22:44).

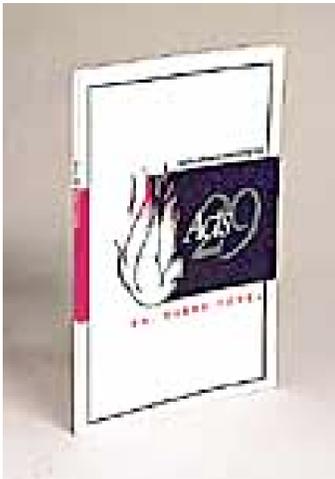
Prayer is work! Prayer can be exhausting! Prayer requires sacrifice! But it is there on our knees, in humility before God that lives are transformed, that hope is renewed, that battles are won, and the Kingdom comes.

Commit yourself now to join with us in a 50-Day Holy Season of Prayer and Fasting between Easter on March 31 and Pentecost on May 17. Details and resources are provided below.

The best is yet before us!

*Upward and onward....*

"Coach" Johann



**Acts 29 - 50 Days of Prayer**  
**to Invite the Holy Spirit**

By Dr. Terry Teykl, United Methodist Pastor  
Have you noticed? There is not a formal closing to the book of Acts. Could it be that we are writing the 29th chapter as we fulfill the Great Commission? Experience the power of praying the Word of God—it will change the way you perceive prayer!

Acts 29 is an intense prayer journey that works well as a group experience or an individual pilgrimage.

An initial 12 copies of this book have been ordered (\$12 ea.) from Cokesbury for members of our congregation – hopefully we will have to order more. But I am asking for at least 12 members to commit to studying together and applying the Biblical principles within this book during the 50-day Holy Season of Prayer and Fasting between Easter and Pentecost. This group will meet to study and pray

during the Sunday School hour at 9am.



**NEETHLING'S MOVE**

**Johann & Anne's** last Sunday at Estancia UMC will be Mother's Day (May 12, 2002). On Monday the 13th they will be packing the truck and will leave Estancia in the early hours of Tuesday morning. **Anne** will commence hospital orientation at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle on Monday, May 20th.

**The Worship committee has set up a Going Away Dinner (potluck) for the Neethlings on Sunday April 7th after church, in the Education Bldg. All are invited - Community too!**  
*-Angela Creamer*

LOGO

**LOGOS ANGEL OF THE MONTH**



Well, we survived one more year of Logos!! Praise the Lord for another very successful year! This month's Angel of the Month is not one, but many. For the past three years Logos has been in operation by the grace of God and by the

individuals. Your generosity, cheerfulness, faithfulness, dedication, prayers and fortitude will never be forgotten by the lives you have touched along the way. It may have seemed like you were banging your head against a brick wall at times but believe me -- you have made an impact on the lives of this community.

Small tokens of appreciation were handed out at the last Logos meeting of the 2001-2002 session. These small tokens will never be able to measure the amount of love that the following people have so generously given.

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**Kim Sanchez, Roy Daniel, Lacy Daniel, Bill Simms, Barbara Simms, Elaine Darnell, Lisa Hughes, Mike Hughes, Sue Hughes, Charlie Hughes, Julieanne Welch, Julie Griffo, Nick Griffo, Susan and Sam Wilson, Melanie Chavez, Danny Chavez, Gayla Otero, Vicki Berlier, Sharla Sharp, Cyle Sharp, Linda McConkey, Runnel Riley, Angela Creamer, Pam Lambert, Mark Lambert, Kerry Alfonso, John Mygatt, Mike Calhoon, Tracy Hemke, Sylvia Levy, Cindy Littlefield, Chris Rogers, Pat Rogers, Dwight Martin, Johann Neethling, Anne Neethling, Marcella Reynolds, Ronald Reynolds, Ida Reynolds, Dana Clarke, Steve Clarke, Mike Jenkins, Darlene**

**Jenkins, Angela Simpson, Sheryl Allmon, Margaret Gomez, Oscar Gomez, Renee Richards, Rhonda Tully.**

As you can see, many of these people are from our congregation and many have served in some form or another within the Logos program for the past three years. THANK YOU, congregation. I believe it is now time for another church within the community to carry the Logos torch. This is not to say that the Methodist Church will drop the torch and let its flame dim, but we will gently hand the torch over to another runner for awhile. Every congregation that gives so generously to the Logos program needs a rest now and again, and it is hoped that another church will accept the responsibility to run with the Logos torch.

When Logos was first pitched to the congregation four years ago -- I admit I had doubts about how successful it would be. But, you have made Logos the success that it is today. Thank you so much for stepping up to the plate and hitting a home run. And

thank you for being willing to share part of yourself with the children.

I may have been weary at times, grumpy at times, and even thrown my hands up in the air, but this has truly been a blessing. I have enjoyed seeing how Logos has touched so many lives within our community (adults and children) over the past three years. I sincerely hope Logos will continue to have an impact within our community.

God Bless you all,

*-Susan Wilson*

P.S. If I missed listing your name, please know that it was unintentional -- I'm just having one of those moments!!

## **WEBSERVANT WANTED**

Pastor Johann is seeking someone willing to be trained to take over the responsibility of maintaining and updating our church website. He will gladly train the willing volunteer (this is not "rocket science"). If you have a computer and a willingness to learn, he can help you gain the skills in just a couple of lessons.



### ***I AM SEARCHING***

At the last church barbeque at the fairgrounds I furnished three or four sets of horse shoes and two stakes. When I left to go home, the pitching was still going on. If anyone knows anything about my horse shoes, please let me know. I would like to have them back for my family reunion this summer. **-Carolyn Moore**

## *The Rosebud*

The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact.

It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do. Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

It is only a tiny rosebud,  
A flower of God's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I.  
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,  
Then in my hands they die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I have the wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for leading  
Each moment of my day.  
I will look to him for His guidance  
Each step of the pilgrim way.

The pathway that lies before me,  
Only my Heavenly Father knows.  
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,  
Just as He unfolds the rose.

## *BETTER STAY IN TOUCH!*

Jake, the rancher, went one day to fix a distant fence. The wind was cold and gusty and the clouds rolled gray and dense.

As he pounded the last staples in and gathered tools to go, the temperature had fallen, the wind and snow began to blow.

When he finally reached his pickup, he felt a heavy heart. From the sound of that ignition, he knew it wouldn't start.

So Jake did what most of us would do if we'd been there: He humbly bowed his balding head and sent aloft a prayer.

As he turned the key for the last time, he softly cursed his luck. They found him three days later, frozen stiff in that old truck.

Now Jake had been around in life and done his share of roaming. But when he saw Heaven, he was shocked -- it looked just like Wyoming!

Of all the saints in Heaven, his favorite was St. Peter. (Now, this line ain't needed here but it helps with rhyme and meter.)

So they set and talked a minute or two, or maybe it was three.. Nobody there was keepin' score -- in Heaven time is free.

"I've always heard," Jake said to Pete, "that God will answer prayer, But one time when I asked for help, well, He just plain wasn't there.

"Does God answer prayers of some, and ignore the prayers of others? That don't seem exactly square -- I know all men are brothers.

"Or does he randomly reply, without good rhyme or reason? Maybe it's the time of day, the weather or the season.

"Now I ain't trying to act smart, it's just the way I feel. And I was wondering', could you tell me -- what the heck's the deal?!"

Peter listened very patiently and when Jake was done, There were smiles of recognition, and he said, "So, you're the one!!

"That day your truck, it wouldn't start, and you sent your prayer a flying. You gave us all a real bad time, with hundreds of us trying.

"A thousand angels rushed, to check the status of your file, But you know, Jake, we hadn't heard from



# Sacramento Methodist Assembly

## 2002 Schedule of Conference Events

### Spring, Summer, Fall

April 18 - 21, 2002	Young Women's Chrysalis	Laura King @ 915-772-4504
May 9 - 12, 2002	Women's Emmaus 239	Sandy Burrell @ 687-3179
May 30 - June 2, 2002	SE Chrysalis Journey	Eddie Richardson @ 505-396-3968
June 7 - 9, 2002	Younger Children's Camp	Gloria Vaughan @ 505-434-2819
June 10 - 14, 2002	Albuquerque District Camp	Jeff Symonds @ 505-863-4512
June 24 - 28, 2002	Conference Senior High Event	Harold Armstrong @ 505-748-4789
June 28 - 30, 2002	Music & Ministry	John Barrett @ 915-561-5461
July 12 - 14, 2002	United Methodist Men	Dick Goodwin @ 505-622-3533
July 26 - 29, 2002	UMW School of Christian Mission	Cheryl Ferguson @ 915-334-6712
July 29 - August 2, 2002	Camp Sunshine	Charlie Spooner @ 915-593-5841
August 2 - 4, 2002	Conference Singles	Ann Madden @ 505-894-2553
August 8 - 11, 2002	Men's Emmaus 243	Mike Schweser @ 505-886-0716
August 19 - 23, 2002	Seasoned Citizens	Scott Seymour @ 505-461-2661
August 28 - 31, 2002	SE Chrysalis Journey	No contact yet
Sept. 5-8, 2002	Women's Emmaus 244	Roberta Miller@505-538-2115
Sept. 26 - 29, 2002	Men's Emmaus 245	Bill Pattison@505-437-6075
Oct. 31 - Nov. 3, 2002	Men's Emmaus 247	Leonard Jewell @ 915-593-7401
Nov. 8 - 10, 2002	CCYM Fall Event	Kevin Phillips @ 806-481-3689

### ***CHARLES WESLEY***

Friday, March 29, 2002, (also Good Friday this year) marks the 214th anniversary of the death of Charles Wesley. He was the 18th and last son born to Samuel and Susanna Wesley. The following appears in his memory at John Wesley's City Road Chapel in London:

"God buries his workmen, but carries on His work." Sacred to the Memory of THE REV CHARLES WESLEY, M.A. Educated at Westminster School And sometime Student at Christ-Church, Oxford. As a preacher He was eminent for ability, zeal, and usefulness, Being learned without pride, And pious without ostentation; The sincere, diffident Christian, A son of Consolation But to the vain boaster, the hypocrite, and the profane, A Son of Thunder.

He was the first who received the Name of Methodist; And, uniting with his Brother, the Rev. John Wesley, In the plan of Itinerant Preaching, Endured hardship, persecution, and disgrace As a good Soldier of Jesus Christ; Contributing largely, by the usefulness of his labours, To the first formation of the Methodist Societies, In these Kingdoms.

As a Christian Poet he stood unrivalled; And his hymns will convey instruction and consolation, To the faithful in Christ Jesus, As long as the English language shall be understood. He was born the IVIII of December, MDCCVIII, And died the XXIX of march, MDCCLXXXVIII, A firm and pious believer in the doctrines of the Gospel, And a sincere friend to the Church of England.

Wesley's hymns were written in over 45 meters and include references to all but four books of the Bible. His over 6500 hymns appeared in 64 collections published while he was alive.

Among his least-known hymns are the two that follow, the last two that he composed. The second hymn contains the last words he spoke, and was dictated on his death bed.

#### ***"The Aged Disciple's Prayer"***

1. I, too, forewarned by Jesus' love,  
Must shortly lay my body down;  
But ere my soul from earth remove,  
O let me put thine image on!

2. Savior! thy meek and lowly mind  
Be to thine aged servant given;  
And glad I'll drop this tent, to find  
My everlasting house in heaven.

#### ***"Aged and Helpless"***

In age and feebleness extreme,  
Who shall a helpless worm redeem?  
Jesus, my only hope thou art,  
Strength of my failing flesh and heart;  
O could I catch one smile from thee,  
And drop into eternity!

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Director of Music Resources, United Methodist  
General Board of Discipleship Nashville TN



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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## EUMC April 2002

*"Disciple a Few in 2002!"*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>APRIL FOOLS DAY</b>	<b>1</b> 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	<b>2</b> 10am: Pastor's Prayer 6:30pm Prayer in Sanctuary	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00am Weight Watchers
<b>7 DAYLIGHT SAV!</b> 8:30 Choir 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship/H.C. 11:30 Finance Com. 3:00 Communion to Homebound	<b>8</b> 10am: Care & Outreach 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	<b>9</b> 10am: Pastor's Prayer 6:30pm Prayer in Sanctuary	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Weight Watchers
<b>14</b> 8:30 Choir 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 11:30 PPRC	<b>15</b> 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	<b>16</b> 10am: Pastor's Prayer 6:30pm Prayer 7:pm TRUSTEES	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Pastor at CPE Training in Durango	<b>19</b> Pastor at CPE Training in Durango	<b>20</b> 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00am Weight Watchers
<b>21</b> 8:30 Choir 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 11:30 Worship Committee	<b>22</b> 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	<b>23</b> 10am: Pastor's Prayer 12 noon: UMW 6:30pm Prayer in Sanctuary	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00am Weight Watchers
<b>28</b> 8:30 Choir 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship	<b>29</b> 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	<b>30</b> 10am: Pastor's Prayer 6:30pm Prayer in Sanctuary	<b>Abbreviations:</b> A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous S.S. – Sunday School ESL - English Second Language Conf. – Confirmation Class <b>Barnabus Blessings</b> are available in the church foyer to give or send to someone today.		If you have an email address and would like to share it with us, send it to: <a href="mailto:estanciaumc@hotmail.com">estanciaumc@hotmail.com</a> If you want to know more about any of our activities, or have some others that need to be listed, please contact the church office at 384-5215	