



NEWSLETTER
OF THE
Estancia United Methodist Church
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico



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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM

From Pastor Gary**Our Life Saver**

On Sunday, December 22, 1996, Carnell Taylor was working on a paving crew repairing the interstate 64 bridge over the Elizabeth River in Virginia. The road was icy, and a pickup truck slid out of control and hit Taylor, knocking him off the bridge. He fell seventy feet and hit the cold waters of the river below. His pelvis and some of the bones in his face were broken.

Joseph J. Brisson, the captain of a barge passing by at the moment, saw Taylor fall and quickly had to make a life-or-death decision. He knew Taylor would drown before he and his crew could launch their small boat and reach him. The numbing cold water and strong currents of the river could kill him if he dived in to rescue Taylor.

Brisson decided to risk his life for a man he had never met. He dived into the river, swam to Taylor and grabbed hold of him. "Don't worry, Buddy" he said, "I got you." Brisson held Taylor's face above the water and encouraged him to keep talking. Then he took hold of piece of wood in the water and slid it under Taylor to help keep him afloat. The current was too strong for them to swim to safety, and eventually the cold caused Brisson to lose his grip on Taylor. So Brisson wrapped his legs around the injured man's waist and held on.

After nearly thirty minutes, the crew from the barge was finally able to reach the two men and pull them from the water into the boat. Taylor was hospitalized for broken bones. Brisson, the hero, was treated for mild hypothermia.

Brisson later told the Associated Press he knew what he had to do when he saw the man fall. "I have a family," he said, "I thought about that, but I thought about how life is very important. I'm a Christian man, and I couldn't let anything happen to him."

In this perilous rescue, Joseph Brisson shows us the heart of God. The God of love knows better than anyone the tremendous value of a human being and his or her eternal soul. For even one person Jesus was willing to leave the safety and joy of his family in heaven and give himself to save us.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. -- Apostle Paul, 1 Timothy 1:15

See you Sunday when we worship ***our life saver!***

-Pastor Gary

Carolyn Moore Remembers Our Past

The Reverend L. E. Menefee was sent to Estancia in 1951, and served until 1956. The parsonage was completed and furnished for the new pastor in early 1952. The Education Building was also redecorated. Earl Parker, Jr. and Ethel Floyd gave a musical concert resulting in a collection of \$71 to be used for painting the sanctuary. The church was repaired as well as the ceiling and roof. The east window was also replaced. After that, the ceiling, gutters, bell tower and vestibule were painted. The church celebrated its golden anniversary in August 1955, with District Superintendent, R. L. Willingham preaching the morning service.

A number of "old timers" attended and shared their recollections. A basket dinner was served at noon, and everyone was introduced at the afternoon service.

Some mistakes are too much fun
to only make once.

A truly happy person person is one who can
enjoy the scenery on a detour.

When everything's coming your way,
you're in the wrong lane.

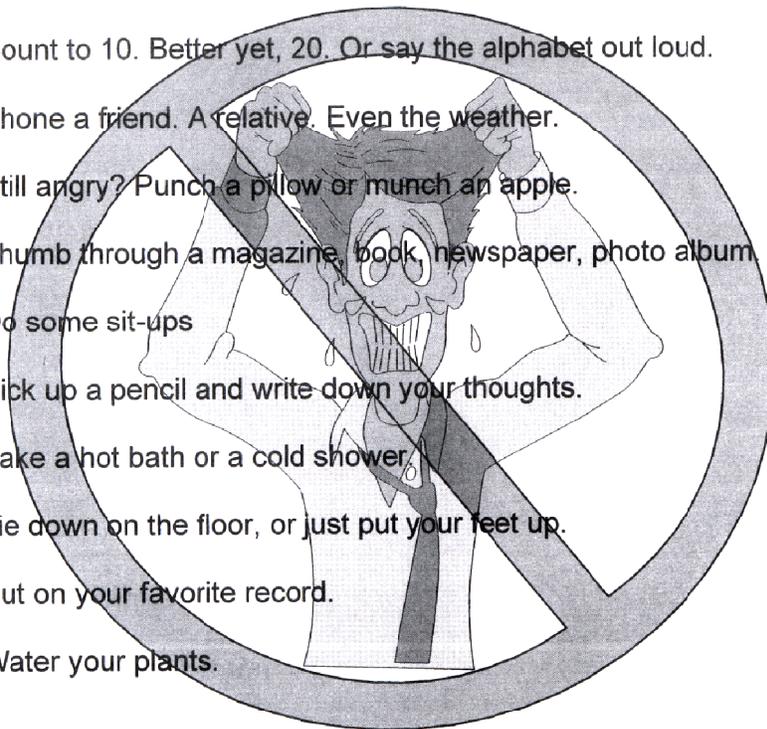
Birthdays are good for you; the more
you have, the longer you live.

Don't cry because it's over;
smile because it happened.

You may be only one person in the world
but you may also be the world to one person

Some Alternatives to Loosing Your Patience

- ✧ Stop in your tracks. Step back. Sit down
- ✧ Take five deep breaths. Inhale; Exhale. Slowly. Slowly.
- ✧ Count to 10. Better yet, 20. Or say the alphabet out loud.
- ✧ Phone a friend. A relative. Even the weather.
- ✧ Still angry? Punch a pillow or munch an apple.
- ✧ Thumb through a magazine, book, newspaper, photo album.
- ✧ Do some sit-ups
- ✧ Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts.
- ✧ Take a hot bath or a cold shower.
- ✧ Lie down on the floor, or just put your feet up.
- ✧ Put on your favorite record.
- ✧ Water your plants.



**TAKE TIME OUT.
DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR KID!**

WHERE DO YOU GO TO REPORT ABUSE?

You can...

Call by Phone or Go in person
 STATEWIDE CENTRAL INTAKE
 300 SAN MATEO, SUITE 500, ALBUQUERQUE
 IN ALBUQUERQUE CALL 841-6100 or
 STATEWIDE CALL 1-800-797-3260

We are reprinting this notice because it is so important. If anything should happen that brings an accusation from a child or another person and the accused did not have a background check, our insurance might not cover the individual or our church.

Part of Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy

So, What’s This Business About Background Checks??

Including the use of background or records checks as a part of our church’s recruiting/screening process for workers with children and youth is, without a doubt, the **most often objected to** part of the Safe Churches process. People who are simply volunteering to teach Sunday school or just “watch the kids” may see this as an invasion of their privacy and as an affront to their integrity. Comments can be expected, including, “I’ve been a member of this church for fifteen years, and if they don’t trust me by now, they can just find someone else to keep the nursery!” Or, “What is this world coming to? All I wanted to do was help with Sunday school. **So, what’s the “big deal?”**

Well, the **“big deal”** is, that in our small church, the records check is as much protection for the worker as it is for the children. A simple **false** accusation of any kind of abuse can be as devastating to a worker as to the Church. And the background check protects both you and the Church by telling the Church, the insurance company and the justice system, that we have done our job as far as screening our volunteers,

It’s also important for you to know that all information will be kept, completely confidential, under lock and key, and that only those monitoring the checks (in our case, the pastor and the trustee chairman) will have access to the information. In most cases, the information requested from you, includes only your name, address and birth date.

So Please, if you help, or even are just willing to help, with **any** volunteer position in our church, fill out the background check permission slip below and give it to one of our trustees.



Estancia United Methodist Church
Safe Sanctuaries Policy
Authorization and Request for Background Records Check

I, (Full Name) _____, hereby authorize Estancia United Methodist Church to request a background search, extent permitted by state and federal law. I do release the agency performing the search and Estancia United Methodist Church from all liability that may result from any such disclosure made in response to this request.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Applicant’s Current Address _____

Date of Birth: _____

Ad Council News

Spring is on its way along with new hope for all of us as well as our church. Many things will be happening at General Conference that may or may not affect our little church; nevertheless, we do need to know about some of it. There is a proposal to change the structure of the United Methodist Church. Regions are being proposed. One reason for this is that when people from Central Conferences come to General Conference they find that many of the issues that come before the conference have nothing to do with them. Many of their concerns do not really affect us in the US church. If the proposal for regions goes through, it will mean that at a point in time the US churches would gather to discuss and deal with the problems that concern our churches. At another time there would be a Global Gathering of some sort to see how the Global church can be of help to each other. Much has to be worked out, such as, who goes to those meetings, etc. One hope is that somehow we, as a US church, can give assistance, and in turn, churches outside the US could help us. Believe me, there are a lot of things that we could learn from them.

There is also a proposal for some re-structuring at our own Annual Conference which will help us to work together instead of overlapping of much of our work as we do now. (Can you imagine working together, what a concept!!)

As things come together, you will be hearing more and more about these changes. In the past our church has made changes in how we work, and I believe that after a few bumps, this will also come together. As much as we don't like changes, sometimes they are necessary in order to do God's work. We live in a very different world now, where couples both work and children have so many activities outside of church. Sometimes there is real competition for everyone's time and efforts.

I am reminded of hearing one time that we need to give God what we have and he will use it. Remember God does not necessarily want our "abilities" but our AVAILABILITY!!

As we spring forward let us always be available to God and our church. Remember God is always with us and will enable even the impossible tasks.

-Marcia Fitzner, Chairman, Administrative Council

Fire at Maxwell Church



During the early morning hours of March 21 (Good Friday), a fire started in the attic around the furnace.

By the time Rev. Gary arrived at the scene, the fire had spread throughout the church building. It is believed to be a total loss.

LEFT: Firemen work to extinguish the blaze that engulfed Maxwell United Methodist Church on Good Friday. Pews in the sanctuary are damaged and covered with ash and debris. Preliminary reports indicate the building and majority of the contents are a total loss. *-Photos by Pastor Matt Gary*

Our Estancia United Methodist Church will be sending a donation to help with their recovery.

Jacob and Joseph

ABODE	COAT	ISAAC	PRISON
AFFLICTION	CORN	JACOB	RACHEL
ANGELS	CURSE	KINE	RODS
ASENATH	DINAH	KNOWN	SACKS
ASHER	DOTHAN	LEAH	SELL
BAKER	DREAMS	LEVI	SHEAF
BARREN	ESAU	LORD	SHEEP
BEERSHEBA	FAMINE	MACHPELAH	SINEW
BETHEL	FLEE	MANDRAKES	SLAIN
BIRTHRIGHT	FLOCK	NAME	SPECKLED
BONES	GALEED	NAPHTALI	SPIES
BOWED	GOSHEN	PHARAOH	STONE
BURY	HARAN	PILGRIMAGE	STOREHOUSES
CANAAN	HATE	PLAIN	THIGH
CATTLE	HUNTER	POTIPHAR	ZILPAH

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Hidden Word: _____



Getting Ready for the Easter Egg Hunt March 23



NOTE: The trustees have asked that if you make a donation to our church's building fund, that you specify "New building fund" on your payment.

April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pastor Gary in Mountainair 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 7 PM Men's Bible Study	2 10:am Quilters	3	4	5
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Sent with a prayer to:

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God hath not promised

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
God hath not promised that we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe.
He hath not told us that we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the laborer, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.