



*Estancia United Methodist Church,
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*Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Church School 10:30 AM*

AUGUST 1999



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Lay Assistant:** Tracy Hemke
- Ushers:** Julieanne Welch & Marilyn Seddon
- Greeters:** Renee Richards
- Acolytes:** Sydney Alfonso & Erinmarie Blackwell

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

- Sept. 5:** Ashley Welch
- Sept. 12:** Brian Wilson
- Sept. 19:** Audra Long
- Sept. 26:** Chris Hughes

BLOOD DRIVE

On **Sunday, September 26**, in the Education Building, after the worship service there will be an opportunity to donate blood in honor of **Matthew Sanchez**. Blood is a precious commodity, and there is a fear that supplies will run low at the end of the year (Y2K fear). Honoring **Matthew** in this special way helps us remember him and keep the **Sanchez** family in our prayers. Come to church ready to give of that which God gave you, the blood of life. Then, stick around for snacks or lunch afterward. Thank you.



DONATIONS

Donations toward expenses the **Sanchez** family will have while they are in Boston for **Matthew's** surgery can still be made at **NORWEST BANK** in **Matthew Sanchez's** name.

Many thanks go to the organizers of this fund and those who were able to acquire airline tickets for the family.

Hello, Brothers and Sisters in Christ--
I'm back, and better for it than I imagined.

Thank you for your prayers. And thank you to those who sent cards, letters and gifts. Special thanks goes to those who worked so hard in my physical absence to provide ministry in worship and mission.



I have graduated from St. Paul in good standing with very good grades. All of you had a part in that. It takes a lot of hours and days to complete the assigned work, and so many of you were very patient with me.

There are three events that are going to happen that I have been praying about and hoping for in this Body of Christ, and I call on you to pray about them as well and

go where led as a disciple of Christ:

1. LOGOS. It's *happening* on September 15. Registration has started. Staff is being put in place. This is a program designed to bring and grow Christian spirituality in our children, in the church, and in the community. This was but a dream a year ago. God has opened doors, provided people and resources, and allowed us to learn along the way.

2. EARLY MORNING PRAYER. At the church on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 5:30-8:30. Come as you are, when you can for a time of devotion. There is no set time as readings, prayer, and communion will be provided.

3. BIBLE STUDY AFTER CHURCH. I am looking forward to leading a study after worship to discuss the sermon or an in-depth look at the attributes of the Holy Spirit.

Let us not forget to feed our souls that we might be well fed in the Word. And let us always be challenging ourselves to provide good Christian examples for our children and the community.

God Bless you all. Pastor Dave

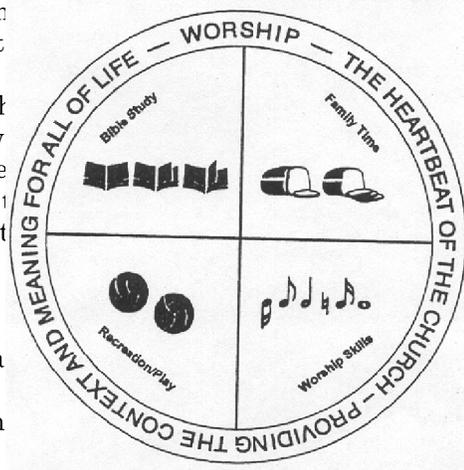
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LOGOS NEWS

Although fall is still several weeks away, we wanted to remind all of our parents to schedule the activities of their youth and children so they may participate in the Logos Program.

As you probably know, we had our first Parent meeting on Sunday, August 23, and the meeting was great. The support and enthusiasm given to the Logos program staff was so strong that we believe our first year is going to be a great success for the Lord and for our children.

As a congregation in a small church, the enthusiasm in bringing this program to the church and the community has been overwhelming, and we just wanted to thank all of you for your support. We still need to fill some slots, however, and if you haven't already contacted us to participate, consider these areas: cook teams, clean-up teams, Bible study assistants, table parents, nursery worker, hugger/observer. If you feel called to assist in one of those areas or in an area we didn't mention, please call one of us and we'll be thrilled to get you on board. If you aren't sure in what area you'd like to help but you want to offer your help, call us and we'll talk and pray about it so that we can find the best place for you.



Remember, we're having another parent/congregational meeting on Sunday, August 29, right after worship for folks who missed the first meeting.

We have prayed long and hard, knowing that the Lord has guided us thus far for the Logos program to come to life. And He will continue to guide us and our children in His love to equip us to as we serve our children and each other. So again, we thank you for your prayers and for the outpouring of support and assistance we are receiving.

With all kinds of pressures working to shape the minds of our youth and children, the challenge to the church is immense to effectively influence them to live lives consistent with the Christian faith. The Logos Program has been proven to help achieve this goal. The format of the Program provides an arena within which Christian relationships will be formed and nurtured and within which Christian discipleship will be understood and practiced.

Remember, Logos will take place on Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 and will consist of 4 areas: Family Time (Dinner), Bible Study, Worship Skills, and Recreation. If your schedule is such that you cannot help for the entire 3 hours, do not despair. You can help in just one area which would require your presence for only 1 hour a week. Or, you could work on a cook team, which may require your help once every few weeks. There are many opportunities and possibilities for your assistance, so do not feel limited, just give us a call.

God bless you all, and we'll see you soon at church and/or at Logos.

LOGOS COORDINATORS

Julianne Welch (384-2569)

Susan Wilson (384-1018)

Church (384-5215 or 2710)

FOR MEN ONLY?

Something to ponder, but not too much, because then nothing gets done: Men: What do you think about a Saturday morning meeting once per month for fellowship, Bible Study, feasting, and fix-up in the church called "**TOOLS**", *Toward Ongoing Outward Love & Service*? Nothing personal, ladies, but I have been asked about this possibility several times. This would also be a good evangelizing tool in the community.

PASTOR'S ON DUTY & OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAY On duty: 6 a.m.-4 p.m.

In office 12-4 p.m., unless in meetings.

(There will be occasional Sunday night svcs.)

MONDAY On duty: 5 a.m.-5 p.m. In office 9a.m.-5 p.m.

Event: Prayer svcs., 5:30-8:30 a.m.

TUESDAY On duty: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. - In office 3-9 p.m.

Event: Visitation; possibly in Albq.

WEDNESDAY On duty: 5 a.m.-10 p.m.

In office noon-4 p.m.

Events: Prayer svcs, 5:30-8:30 a.m.

Bible Study, 10-Noon

Logos, 4-10 p.m.

THURSDAY On duty: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

In office 2-5 p.m.

Events: Visitation; possibly traveling.

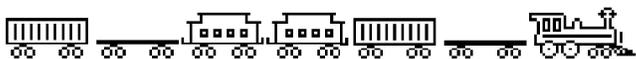
FRIDAY Off duty till 9 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY On duty: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

In office 9 a.m.-noon.

Events: Prep. for Sunday; and/or visits.

Note: Travel will occasionally occur on Mon. and Sat. (I will try to make that known ahead of time.) Special events and emergencies = additional time. I will be available at the lunch hour, noon-on. Evening meals are from 5-6 p.m. Return calls made till 9 p.m., or next day.



• God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.

-Source unknown

• Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.

-Frederick Buechner

• Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who'll never find it out.

-Frank A. Clark

• In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

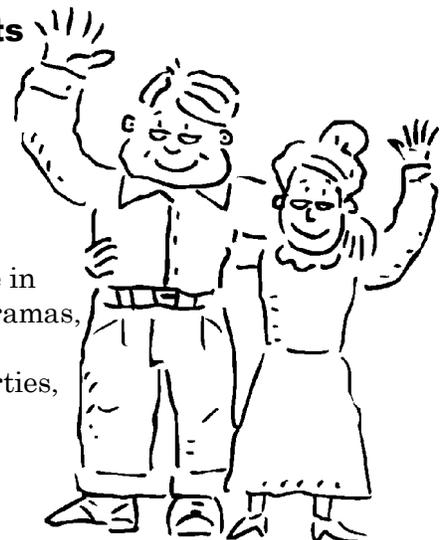
-John Bunyan

• Only when the clamor of the outside world is silenced will you be able to hear the deeper vibration. Listen carefully.

Healthy families

include grandparents

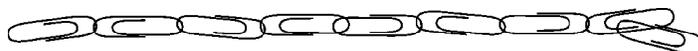
Christian families strive to include grandparents in significant family activities. Not just reunions, weddings or anniversaries but when grandchildren participate in such things as recitals, dramas, school sporting events, graduations, birthday parties, family day trips and the like.



Why are grandparents greatly important to the raising of children? Dr. Terry Brazelton, an expert on child development, says grandparents are important to a child's sense of roots. Grandparents are storehouses of information about family history. They help the child to understand how he or she fits into the family saga and who the heroes and heroines of the family have been. For truth's sake - Jesus said the truth makes us free - even knowledge of a family "black sheep" can be told as a lesson to guide children toward more Christlike behavior.

Dr. Brazelton suggests parents prepare children for visits to grandparents who live at some distance. He writes to parents: "Use videotapes, phone calls, stories to keep grandparents close. Tell stories about your own childhood" (Family Circle).

The Bible points to another contribution of Christian grandparents. Paul wrote to young Timothy these words: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you" (2 Timothy 1:5). Faith, too, can be a wonderful heritage from grandparents.



Getting in free

A little boy came bouncing home holding an ice cream cone. "Where did you get that?" asked his mother. "I bought it with the money you gave me for Sunday school," he smilingly answered. "Why didn't you give it to the church?" she asked. "Because the minister met me at the door and got me in free," he answered.





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Ten guidelines for dealing with people

1. Learn to remember names. A person's name is very important to him or her.
2. Be a comfortable person so there is no strain in being around you.
3. Learn to be easygoing so things won't bother you.
4. Don't be egotistical; don't give the impression that you know it all.
5. Learn to be interesting so people will want to be with you and get something stimulating from you.
6. Get the "scratchy" elements out of your personality.
7. Drain off your grievances. Honestly try to heal every misunderstanding you have.
8. Work at liking people until you learn to do so naturally. Sure, everyone has faults; overlook them.
9. Never miss a chance to say "congratulations" or to give support at a difficult time.
10. Develop spiritual depth in yourself so you have something to pass on to the people you know. Learn how to share this strength with others.

-Norman Vincent Peale

QUESTION

What was your reaction the last time a close friend betrayed your confidence? Does it make you angry when your husband, wife, or children leave the cap off of the toothpaste, abandon dirty dishes in the sink, forget to wipe out the tub, or neglect to take care of the car like you do?

A N S W E R

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

Matthew 5:22

See also: *2 Corinthians 12:20,*
Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 4:26, 31,
1 Timothy 2:8, James 1:19

QUESTION

Take a piece of paper and write down everything that you did last Sunday. Did you treat it as though it was a holy day?

A N S W E R

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Exodus 20:8

See also: *Deuteronomy 5:12-15,*
Isaiah 56:2; 58:13-14, Mark 2:27-28