



*Estancia United Methodist Church,  
600 Williams, Estancia, New Mexico*

*Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
Nursery Provided  
Church School 10:30 AM*



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



# **AUGUST, 2001**



## **SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR AUGUST**

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Lay Assist:** Carolyn Hill  
**Acolytes:** Tracy Avery  
**Ushers:** Renee Richards & Marilyn Seddon  
**Greeters:** Sylvia Levy & Peggy Simmons

### **YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS**

**Aug 5:**  
**Aug 12:**  
**Aug 19:** Miranda Gomez  
**Aug 26:**

### **KINGS KIDS**

**Aug 5:**  
**Aug 12:** Renea Calhoon  
**Aug 19:**  
**Aug 26:**

### **NURSERY**

**Aug 5:** Shannon Housman & Jamie Simmons  
**Aug 12:** Angela Creamer  
**Aug 19:** Shannon Avery  
**Aug 26:** Daniel Chavez & Paige Deborski

### **FLOWERS:**

**Aug 5:**  
**Aug 12:**  
**Aug 19:**  
**Aug 26:** Daniel & Melanie Chavez

## **TIME OUT WITH "COACH" JOHANN**

### **Greetings Estancia Saints,**

On Sunday, July 8, my message to the congregation focused on four essential components of healthy church life as portrayed for us in Acts 2: 41-47. Small Groups were essential to the rapid growth and maturing of the Early Church and were also a vital ingredient in the success of the Methodist Movement under John Wesley. I want to briefly review those **LIFE** principles again for those who were present and also summarize them for the others who were away that Sunday.

*1. LOVE (Acts 2:44-45) "And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need."*

- Loving involves carrying one another's burdens
- None of us can carry everyone else's burdens, but we can carry a few extra in addition to our own
- The freedom to share those burdens and help meet them is accomplished best within the context of a small group fellowship

*2. INTERACTION (Acts 2: 44) "And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had."*

- The Sunday worship service provides ministry

opportunities for only a select few

- Specific application of the Word in the lives of each of us is accomplished more effectively in the context of small groups

3. **FRIENDSHIPS** (*Acts 2: 46*) “Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...”

- The worship hour once a week is an inadequate setting on its own for building deep and lasting relationships
- Deep friendships grow out of time spent “hanging out” together and sharing life together

4. **EDIFICATION** (*Acts 2: 42*) “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...”

- As in nature, so in our spiritual lives, we are either growing or dying – there is no neutral zone
- Accountability for one another’s spiritual growth happens best within the context of a small group

On Sunday evening, August 19, at 5pm we will make a start at developing such **LIFE** groups in our congregation. We will gather for a light snack supper – each bringing whatever we would have made for ourselves – be it just a sandwich and glass of milk (and one extra for another person) and share in our meal together.

Between 5.30pm and 7pm we will break into children and adult instruction classes, where we will follow the **FaithHome** curriculum developed by Bishop Dan Solomon and his wife Joy. FaithHome is a 9 week church-sponsored experience through which families learn how to talk to God and how to talk to one another about God and faith. Each week adults, children and youth meet together for a 90 minute shared time of learning and then separately to expand on what they have been studying as a family. Each family or household (whether single or more in the home) will continue to work on brief daily assignments.

We will encourage two or three families to form **FaithHome Clusters** as we help hold each other accountable for our growth and maturity as God’s People.

Anticipating your participation!

*Upward and onward...*

“Coach” Johann



**FaithHome**  
**August 19**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Snack Supper**



#### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

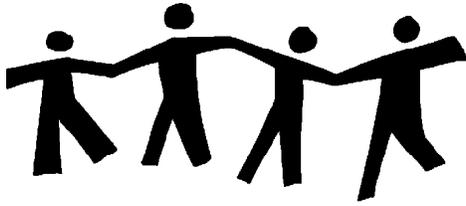
At the regular meeting of the Administrative Council on July 1, 2001, Pastor Johann presented the “Faith Home Project” and it was adopted to begin August 19th. On August 5th, Sunday School will begin at 9:00 and Church at 10:00 o’clock. Wendy Morton is the present Sunday School Superintendent and is working with the pastor on the “Faith Program” and the “Sunday School Program”.

The Worship Committee Chairman reported that we need new sound equipment for the Sanctuary. A motion was made and carried establishing the date for our 100th church birthday celebration as the last weekend in July 2005.

While Pastor and Mrs. Neethling are vacationing and attending their daughter’s wedding where Johann will be officiating at the wedding, Lay Leader Nick Griffo will bring the message on July 29th and Dist. Supt. Joe Wood will fill the pulpit August 5th.

The Council Meeting was well attended with reports by most of the church elected chairman. It is well that the council be remembered in your prayers, that God’s guidance be present in the decision making process. We try to focus on ministry first and then on administration. We welcome anyone to attend our meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2nd.

*Ethel L. Floyd, Chrm.*



### **IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN**

The Logos Program is looking for volunteers to help with Logos for the 2001-2002 Logos Year. We have been blessed with an awesome outpouring of volunteers in the past and we hope this year will be no exception. We will be offering a complete Logos Training for all positions. This training will be scheduled sometime in late August or early September. Training will take approximately four hours. Planning for Logos is now beginning and we are in need of the following volunteers:

**Bible Teachers:** The GOAL of Bible Hour is to nurture youth and children into intelligent, obedient, and biblically-informed discipleship. This person needs to be someone who is committed for the entire Logos year. This person will teach a class every Wednesday based on the curriculum provided by the Logos Program. The curriculum is fun, takes minimum preparation time and ensures success within your classroom.

**Bible Hour Coordinator:** The GOAL of Bible hour is to nurture youth and children into intelligent, obedient, and biblically informed discipleship. This person needs to be someone who is committed for the entire Logos year. This person will help bible teachers in whatever they need in order to ensure a positive learning for the children, offer advice and solutions for specific problems teachers may encounter during the Logos year, coordinate substitute teachers when they are needed, order additional curriculum when needed.

**Recreation Teachers:** DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY AND HAVE FUN WITH KIDS? ARE YOU WILLING TO LET LOOSE AND REVEAL A PART OF YOUR PERSONALITY TO OUR CHILDREN? This person can alternate with other teachers/helpers on an every other week basis or this person can be someone who is committed for the entire Logos year.

**Recreation Coordinator:** The GOAL of Recreation Play is to experience great fun at the expense of no one else. This person would coordinate recreation time each week. This person would be in charge of getting the various supplies needed for recreation time. This person would be in charge of establishing a schedule of events for the entire Logos year. The coordinator is responsible for ensuring there is a non-competitive game or craft to do each week. This coordinator can engage as many teachers as needed in order to ensure this happens. This person would need to be committed for the entire Logos year.

**Dinner Dean:** The GOAL of Family Time is to provide a joyous, cross-generation celebration of personhood over a shared meal as we experience being the family of God. This person needs to be an individual who enjoys eating,

laughing, being the host of dinner hour. Organizing table games for the children to play after dinner, organizing a thank you to the cooks, conducting a prayer before the dinner hour. This person would also be someone who would work with the Dinner Hour Coordinator to ensure weekly goals/objectives were being met for dinner time. This person must be committed for the entire Logos year.

**Family Time Coordinator:** The GOAL of Family Time is to provide a joyous, cross-generational celebration of personhood over a shared meal as we experience being the family of God. This person needs to be an individual who will be committed for the entire Logos year. This person would be in charge of coordinating dinner hour, table setting/decorations, table parents, table concerns, placement of children at the various tables.

**Worship Teachers:** This person would be in charge of teaching worship skills to the children based on what the Worship Coordinator has planned and the worship team has planned. This might include plays, short skits, hand bells, singing, talking about the meaning of different worship traditions, etc., Consistent, weekly involvement of young people in worship provides a deep sense of "ownership" in the worship life of the congregation. The GOAL of Worship skills is to develop responsibility for and practice in worship skills because worship is our primary service to God as disciples.

**Table Parents:** This person could be a couple or a single person. This person is assigned to a specific table. This person or persons are needed to make a commitment to be at Logos as a Table Parent on a weekly basis for the entire Logos year. This is to be a celebration of fun, food and friends. Much bonding occurs during the dinner hour. Many of these children will reveal themselves more during a shared meal than at any other part of the program. This person will be seated at a multi-generational table (all ages of children except H.S. youth). The goal is to direct conversation, encourage manners, encourage discussion of topics which may be concerning the children sitting at your table and to encourage treating everyone as a child of God. You become their parent for this dinner hour.

**Kitchen Work Crews:** DO YOU LIKE COOKING?? This has worked out to be a once a month commitment in previous years. A kitchen work crew is responsible for preparing the meal planned by the Kitchen Coordinator and cleaning up after the meal has been served. Prompt clean up after the meal is essential because Logos needs to use the education building for bible classes, etc., after the dinner hour.

**Table Setter/Decorator:** DO YOU LIKE DECORATING? This person or persons are responsible for decorating and setting the tables in the education building prior to the dinner hour. Last year this person decorated and set the tables on Tuesday prior to Logos. This

person does not have to be in attendance on Wednesday nights. For those of you wanting to be involved but are unable to come on Wednesday's, this may be the spot for you!!!

**Greeter: DO YOU LIKE GREETING CHILDREN AND ADULTS?** This person is responsible for greeting and making sure the children register their attendance each Wednesday. This person is also in charge of making sure all guests have a place to sit, preferably with the children who brought them to Logos. This person is also in charge of keeping track of how many times a person has come as a guest. This person is charge of making sure children are registered within the Logos Program if they wish to continue coming to the Program. This person would only need to attend Logos during the first hour on Wednesdays.

**Treasurer:** This person is in charge of the finances, check book, financial reports, etc. This person will need to be available during the first hour on Wednesday nights in order for volunteers to give expense receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement and to touch base with the coordinators. This person is responsible for meeting with the Coordinators of Logos on a monthly basis. This person needs to work closely with the Logos Coordinators, church finance committee, and administrative council.

If you are interested in any of these positions, call Susan Wilson at 384-1018 or e-mail me at [WSROCKER2001@cs.com](mailto:WSROCKER2001@cs.com) or grab me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to working with the awesome group of volunteers this Logos year. In addition, if you know anyone from other churches who may be interested in some of these positions, please let me know. These positions are not only for our church congregation since Logos serves all churches. We would love to have coordinators, bible teachers, kitchen crews, etc., from other churches.



**Sunday, July 1, 2001**

Bishop Dan Solomon and his wife, Joy, visit EUMC. Bishop Solomon gave the morning worship service.

# The Bible in Fifty Words

God made.  
Hope died  
Adam bit.  
Love rose.  
Noah arked.  
Spirit flamed.  
Abraham split.  
Word spread.  
Joseph ruled.  
God remained.  
Jacob fooled.  
Bush talked.  
Moses balked.  
Pharaoh plagued.  
People walked.  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided.  
Promise landed.  
Saul freaked.  
David peaked.  
Prophets warned.  
Jesus born.  
God walked.

## **YOU ARE IMPORTANT**

In a certain mountain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. At last he decided to build them a church.

No one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished. When the people gathered? they marveled at its beauty and completeness, Then someone asked, 'But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?'

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave to each family a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

'Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted,' the nobleman said. 'Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark'

## Don't Forget!



### KICK-OFF

**Next Sunday  
Aug 5th @9:00am**



*Sent with a prayer to:*

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# EUMC August 2001

*"Each One Win One in 2001"*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:00 Worship 10:30 SS	<b>30</b>  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>  6:30pm Prayer	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship/H.C. 11:15 Finance  3:00 Communion to Homebound	<b>6</b> 9:00am- Noon Spanish VBS  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>7</b> 9:00am- Noon Spanish VBS	<b>8</b> 9:00am- Noon Spanish VBS	<b>9</b> 9:00am- Noon Spanish VBS	<b>10</b> 9:00am- Noon Spanish VBS	<b>11</b> 10:00 Praise Team
<b>12</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 11:15 PPRC	<b>13</b>  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>14</b>  7:00 Trustees	<b>15</b>  6:30pm Prayer	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast  10:00 Praise Team
<b>19</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship  5:00 Faith Home	<b>20</b>  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  6:30pm Prayer	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 Praise Team
<b>26</b> 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship  5:00 Faith Home	<b>27</b>  7:00 Women's Reunion Group  7:30 A.A.	<b>28</b>  12 Noon UMW	<b>29</b>  6:30pm Prayer	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

**Abbreviations:**  
A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous  
S.S. – Sunday School  
Conf. – Confirmation Class

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If you have an email address and would like to share it with us, send it to: [siyabonga@aol.com](mailto:siyabonga@aol.com)

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