



*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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# ***FEBRUARY, 2000***

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY**

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Lay Assist: Audra Long  
Acolytes: Ashlea Stewart & Jett Sharp  
Ushers: Sam Wilson & Nick Griffo  
Greeters: Cyle & Sharla Sharp

### **Scripture Readers:**

Feb 6: Nick Gomez  
Feb 13: Erinmarie Blackwell  
Feb 20: Miranda Gomez  
Feb 27: Brian Wilson

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS AT WORSHIP SERVICE**

Feb 6: Peg & Erinmarie Blackwell  
Feb 13: Miranda Gomez & Belynn Sharp  
Feb 20: Pam Lambert & Kaycee Riley  
Feb 7: Renea Calhoon & Catherine Gomez

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Feb 6:  
Feb 13:  
Feb 20:  
Feb 27:



## **SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR MARCH**

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Lay Assist: Chris Hughes  
Acolytes:  
Ushers:  
Greeters:

### **Scripture Readers:**

**OUR VISION:** Offering God's eternal life to all people such that they would be transformed by the Holy Spirit to live by faith and know that their salvation is secure in Jesus Christ.

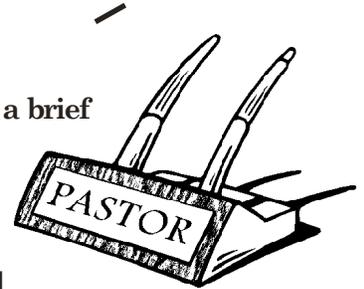
**OUR MISSION:** To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.

## **FROM PASTOR DAVE:**

**I Came from Alabama with a brief case on my knee...**

The purpose of my trip to Tuscaloosa, AL, was to be educated on Congregational Health Ministries, a wide spectrum, church-based model for observing health issues and devising plans for healing and better health for members of the church and community. This conference was the fifth annual and was the best attended.

We are encouraged to think about how we, as a church, can work with our own gifts or in conjunction with health agencies to provide practical support for our neighbors. One example is the blood drive that was completed last fall. We also help church members with meals when they are temporarily incapacitated. With some brainstorming and vision, we can come up with other ideas that may be of practical help for the cause of preventative health and compassion upon the onset of difficulties.



Thank you for your prayers while I was flying. I am working on my faith witness about that issue. As it turned out, I was able to do some ministering on the way back from Birmingham to Ft. Worth. Isn't it amazing that when you help other people your attention to your own problems are gone?

*Pastor Dae*



**Prayer Partners meet on Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. in the church.**

Anyone is invited to come and pray for the needs of family, self, friends, church, social issues, etc. The meetings last 45 minutes to an hour. It is a great time to be in corporate prayer, the most powerful tool of the church for seeking God's providence. We need more

partners. Verbal prayer is not required, just a heart wanting God's ear.

**Church Improvement..."Tools Time..."**

I am respectfully calling your attention to the minutes of the last Trustees' Committee meeting and asking you to see what you can do to help improve the function and appearance of this dear church. There is a lot to do, and there are several weekends to do it this spring.



**OUR CHURCH AT WORK**

Some of us may have the mistaken notion that all repair and maintenance are the Trustees' problems. No, they are the coordinators of the work days and the ones held responsible for the general upkeep of the plant. But, like any other committee, they need the help of the ones who will benefit from the work.

Will you please put the work days on your calendar and lend your time and energy, tools and heart for a church that everybody is proud to have in the community?

Thank you!

**Have a story of faith to share?**

**Nick Griffo**, our lay leader, came up with an idea that I think would be meaningful for the Sunday worship service. He suggested that anyone who has a story that can be told about God's work in a life be given that opportunity as part of our worship. This would not be a full-blown sermon, nor would a preparation be needed for choosing hymns, Scripture readings, etc.

*Share your faith*



Do you have something that has been a faith experience for you where God is clearly seen at work, or is still working?

I am thinking about asking people, with a week or two advance notice, to see if there would be a story in their lives from which we would all benefit.

We've all been blessed by those who have chosen to speak or have felt compelled by the Holy Spirit to give their testimonies.

Will you consider speaking to us? Pray about it. Call me and talk about it if you need some help.

**Some calendar biz....**

**Sunday, February 27:** there are two events: At St. Paul's UMC in Albuquerque, there is a **LOGOS Resource Day** from 1:30-5:30 p.m. There will be a series of workshops and resource ideas that may benefit us for the rest of the "LOGOS year." The cost is \$25 per church, easily affordable. And the time is easy enough for any who attend to grab a bite to eat on the road and be back in time for supper that night. I

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really encourage **LOGOS** workers to go. Last year's resource day was very good. And, there may be an opportunity for us to share the details about the trials and celebrations of a "small" church in **LOGOS**.

**Also, at the First Baptist Church,** there will be a music participation program called "**Celebrate Jesus in Harmony**." It starts at 5:00 p.m. This is called a "cross-denominational" music worship service where individuals and groups play praise music for those who come to receive a holy lift. There are some flyers in the church with more information. If you'd like to participate, call **Novie Keith** at 384-5377 and get scheduled.

**Starting, Thursday, March 9---**

**Lenten Bible Study:**

**On Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.,** a Bible Study will be offered to help us focus on the meaning of **Lent** and **Our Lord Jesus Christ's** crucifixion and resurrection. The morning and evening times are for your convenience and allow you an alternate time in case your regular time becomes blocked by unforeseen circumstances. Books are only \$5.00 each. All are invited. Bring friends. The atmosphere is very casual.

**March 11-14:**

**Pastor Dave** will be at Truth or Consequences UMC as the speaker for a revival there. (He will also be going to El Paso on one of those days to interview for ordination.) On Sunday, March 12, **Jane Vaughn**, of the McCurdy Mission School will be here to present a program about the school. Estancia UMC has supported McCurdy in many ways for many years. McCurdy is a terrific place for young people. Please mark this day on your calendar as one to attend church and find out about the fine work there and what we can do to help it continue.

**Starting on Tuesday March 22 or 29:**

Confirmation classes will begin. **Pastor Dave** will teach various Bible lessons and Methodist principles to youth from 5th through 8th grades who have not been confirmed. Classes will start at 3:30 and go till 4:45 every Tuesday afternoon for 8, or maybe 9 weeks. The book fee is \$12. Parents or guardians need to help be responsible for transportation from school to the Education Building, and of course, for taking their youngsters home. A confirmation service will follow in May.

We are also in need of adults who will be in charge of background work such as snacks, appropriating funds for Bibles, gifts (secret brothers and sisters?), and maybe a dinner. This is a big event for our church's children and any who help will be blessed. Call **Pastor Dave** for more info.

**April 7, 8, 9. (Friday through Sunday):**

**Partners in Ministry seminar** in the Education Building. This is a program designed to help increase skills at working in the church cooperatively and spiritually. Twenty "work" hours are expected. The Sunday session will be planned around the worship service. No fee will be charged. Meals will be brought in during some sessions.

Those who are interested in taking this step for the assurance of the church's programs in spirit and in body are urged to let **Pastor Dave** know as soon as

**NOT A BAD PHILOSOPHY!**

When the late trumpeter Louis Armstrong was interviewed after entertaining for some 70 years, he was asked how he had lasted so long? "I've got a thing I've always believed in," he explained. "The Lord will help the poor but not the poor and the lazy — so get in there and wail, daddy."

—*The Reader's Digest*



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**Some thank yous to:**

**The LOGOS staff** for pulling together again this winter-spring session.

**Morrow Hall** for constructing a youth choir and teaching them to sing.

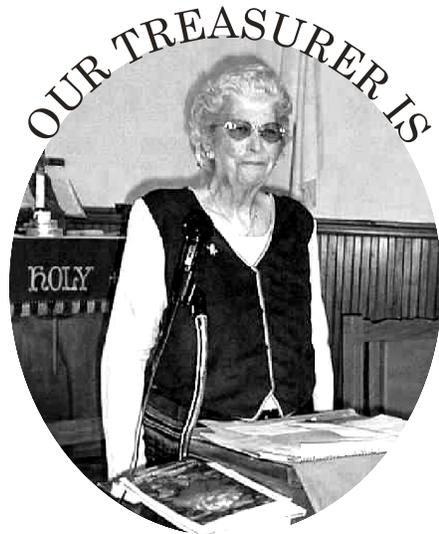
**Ethel Floyd** for pulling the adult choir together and starting the Cantata.

**The Sunday School teachers** for your dedication to children's Bible education.

**Roy Daniel** for humbly delivering a touching message on January 23.

**Karla Patterson** for leading the praise music on Sundays.

**The nursery workers** who give their time on Sundays to our littlest angels.



**Carolyn Moore**

**Treasurer:** Disburses all funds received in a responsible and organized manner so that our ministry can be effective.

**AND** She is also...

**Lay Member of Annual Conference:** Links the congregation and the connectional church by participating responsibly in Annual Conference sessions and interpreting actions to the congregation; serves on PPRC.



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## TIME IS A GIFT

And **ESPECIALLY TO JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, THE HEAD OF THIS CHURCH!!**

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back.

There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits.

Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE-SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time.

And remember that time waits for no one.