



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

Sunday Worship 9:00
AM

Nursery Provided

Church School 10:30
AM

Rev. Johann Neethling, Pastor

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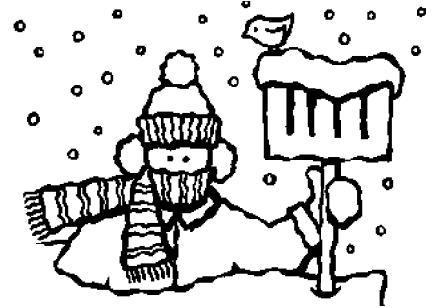
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**OUR MISSION: To honor God by
leading people to become devoted
followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.**

JANUARY, 2002



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JANUARY

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Melanie Chavez

Acolytes: Tracy Avery & Beth Moore

Ushers: Bonnie Thomas & Sylvia Levy

Greeters: Carolyn Moore & _____

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

Jan 6: Andrew Moore

Jan 13:

Jan 20: Beth Moore

Jan 27:

KINGS KIDS

Jan 6:

Jan 13: Justin Danella

Jan 20:

Jan 27:

NURSERY

Needed

Jan 6:

Jan 13:

Jan 20:

Jan 27:

FLOWERS:

Jan 6:

Jan 13: Linda Cantu

TIME OUT

WITH "COACH" JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

New Year's almost always commence on a positive note of excitement, optimism and hope that the troubles and heartaches, the disappointments and failures of the previous year might be overcome or at least that measurable steps in that direction might be accomplished during the forthcoming months. I trust that that flame of hope will burn brightly in your heart throughout this New Year, in spite of whatever forces and circumstances arise to dampen or destroy your dreams.

A New Year also provides God's people with the opportunity and responsibility to check our bearings as we journey towards the Kingdom of God. Where did we go astray in the previous year? Where did we delay? Where did we stumble and forget our calling? Where did we move forward with clarity and confidence? And how can we do so again in this year? These are just some of the questions we need to ask ourselves with honesty and integrity. We owe that to ourselves, and to one another.

Colossians 3:1 – 4:6 is a passage I have felt nudged to examine and reflect on for my own daily spiritual journey for the foreseeable future. In just 31 verses

it gets right at the nitty-gritty essentials of what really matters for you and me in this life - what needs to shrivel and die and what needs to be fostered and encouraged. I invite you also to make this passage the focus of your own reflection and the fuel for Holy Spirit-inspired and empowered behavior modification for 2002. Commit to reading those verses at the start of every day for just a month and ask the Holy Spirit to make them become real in your heart and life. Who knows, we might change the world! But if not yet world...then at least ourselves, and a few around us.

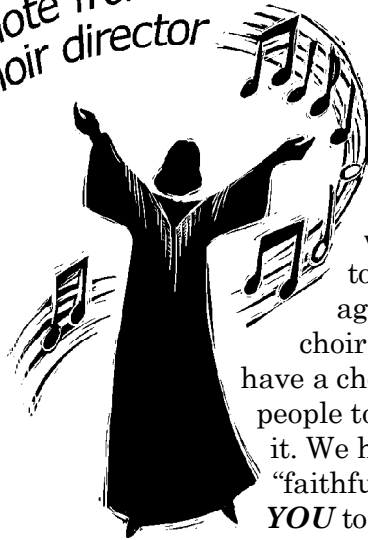
The best is yet before us!



Upward and onward....

“Coach” Johann

A note from
the choir director



**FROM
ETHEL
FLOYD**

As we begin a new year, I would like to try to have a choir again. I miss the choir. But in order to have a choir, we need people to be dedicated to it. We had a few “faithfuls” but we need **YOU** to help with the choir.

If we get enough participation, I would like to try for a cantata at Eastertime as well as specials at other times.

Let's meet on Sunday, January 13th 2002, at 3:00

L P.M., and discuss the need for a choir, when is the best time to practice, a cantata for Easter, etc.

O Come and join us, it can be fun.

-Ethel

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LOGOS NEWS

Logos will start up again on Wednesday, January 16, 2002. Logos is looking for some volunteers to help in Recreation -- this would entail maybe one or two Wednesdays a

month helping the children either complete a craft project or participate in a game.

Logos also needs a few extra bible teacher assistants. Your primary job would be assisting the Bible teacher. If you are interested in helping please contact **Julie Griffo** or **Susan Wilson**.

LOGOS ANGEL OF THE MONTH

Would you open up home, life and heart to 25 youth every Wednesday night? **Cyle and Sharla Sharp** do. They are the Youth Coordinators for the Logos program. Going on three years now they have had the awesome task of winning youth to Jesus Christ. These two individuals are truly remarkable. **Cyle and Sharla** started with a very small group of youth, today they boast over 25 youth who are involved in the Logos program.



It takes a special person to reach out to youth and these two definitely have what it takes. You will often see them interacting with Logos youth outside of the church environment as well!! You will find one or both of these two very special people at most of the Estancia Bears sporting events -- supporting the youth in their sports endeavors. You will find them at 4-H and FFA events supporting those youth who are involved in these organizations. When Logos breaks for the summer -- they continue throughout the summer. They invite the youth to their home to continue with the fellowship that was fostered during the Logos year.

When a member of the Logos Youth Group went to be with the Lord this summer. **Cyle and Sharla** were there trying to help the youth of this close knit group cope with the lose of their friend. Most of the time during this period, all these youth needed was someone to hold them, listen to them, or just be close to someone who knew what pain they were feeling. Many of our youth have come to **Cyle and Sharla** with unique and personal problems. They know they can trust these two unique adults with issues and situations that other adults in their lives might not be able to deal with. Each issue brought to the **Sharp's** doorstep -- never leaves that doorstep. This is all part of the trust that keeps **Cyle and Sharla** such unique individuals in the lives of our youth.

Cyle and Sharla are truly unique people that God



mitted to these young adults. The next time you see them won't you tell them how much you appreciate them!!

EUMC GROUP ON YAHOO!

Yiihaa! Or Yahoo! Whichever you prefer.

I have created a group for our church on Yahoo at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/estanciaumc>. As the main greeting states: "This group is intended for our church members and friends to share, interact with, and encourage each other in their walk with the Lord."

I invite those of you who have access to the Internet to sign up on the site. You can determine if you wish to receive individual emails from the other members, a daily digest of any emails sent by others, only special notices, or no email from group members at all. The site allows members to enter into a group chat with each other, to post pictures that may be of interest to all, and to add events to our calendar. As more of us get e-connected, it certainly provides a helpful additional way to remain in touch and current.

Greetings All,

May 2002 be a year of special blessing and joy for you and your loved ones and may God grow you and His Kingdom through you.

This Sunday we will be back on our normal schedule of activities with Sunday School at 9am. It is also the day for a new crew of church officers to commence their term of service and we look forward to having as many of them as possible present in worship so we can recognize them and pray for them. Following our communion service, the Administrative Council will hold its first meeting of 2002 with **Roy Daniel** in the chair.

Without going into any detail, our (Neethling) family is facing some very painful struggles at this time that will require us to make some tough decisions in the very near future. We simply request your prayers

for God's direction, protection, and provision.

God's Grace and peace be with you. - Johann

McCurdy School Campbell's Labels for 2001-2002 School Year

Thank you for your help with this program. We do appreciate you! McCurdy needs more than a *million* labels this year for our anticipated needs.

We ordered many classroom supplies for the 2001-2002 school year: sports equipment; audio-visual equipment such as TV-VCR combinations and overhead projectors; educational software; dictionaries; microscopes; and other smaller classroom materials. The total number of labels submitted was 1,024,450. The labels really add up.

YOU MAY SHIP LABELS TO US WHEN YOU CAN --- DON'T WAIT UNTIL OUR DEADLINE. It takes time for volunteers to process them before we ship them to Campbell's in Minnesota. And remember, it's not just soup anymore! The products have changed! **WE COLLECT LABELS ALL YEAR LONG.**

Please send labels and correspondence to our street address: McCurdy School, Church Relations 261 McCurdy Rd, Espanola, NM 87532-6731 or call us at (505) 753-7221, ext. 268.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please send **ONLY** labels, lids and proofs of purchase. On front labels, trim the front panel close to the Campbell's or other brand logo.
2. Bundle labels in flat groups of 100 of the same length. They do not have to be all one kind. Use rubberbands or string. **PLEASE DO NOT USE SCOTCH TAPE ON LABELS. IF YOU RUIN A LABEL WHILE CUTTING, DON'T MEND IT WITH TAPE. PLEASE DO NOT ROLL, FOLD OR STAPLE LABELS.** Campbell's recycles labels now, and we have to be careful when processing and packing them.

We also accept General Mills "*Box Tops for Education*". Clip and save Box Tops for Education seals from Big G cereals, Betty Crocker Products, Yoplait Yogurt, and Lloyd's Barbeque Buckets. Additionally we accept Tyson Project A+ redemption labels.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. " 2 Cor. 9:12

PRAYER CHAIN

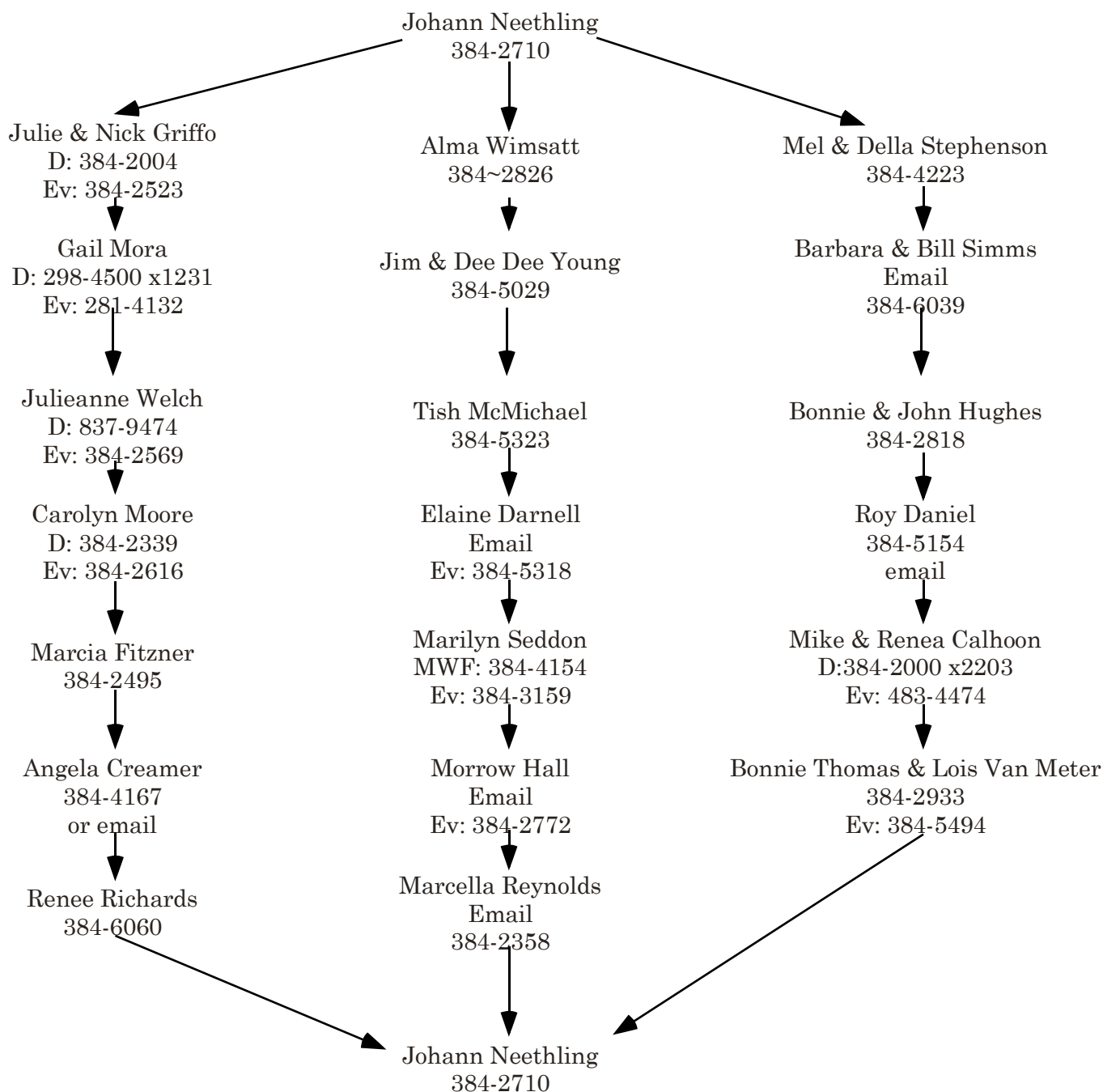
When a need arises, please call the pastor. He will start the prayer chain by calling the 3 people at the top of each column. Continue the chain by calling the person below your name. This prayer chain is not exclusive. Feel free to call others in the congregation to pray.

Remember that it is not necessary to have all the details of someone's problems or needs. The Lord knows! That should be sufficient.

If you have identified a need, and are familiar with the more specific practical needs (like providing meals, babysitting, etc) please make those known as well. We pray first, then do whatever we can in a practical way to express our support

The last person in each row will call the pastor, so that we can make sure that everyone on the prayer chain has received a call.

The pastor will also send the prayer request to all those who are on the email list.



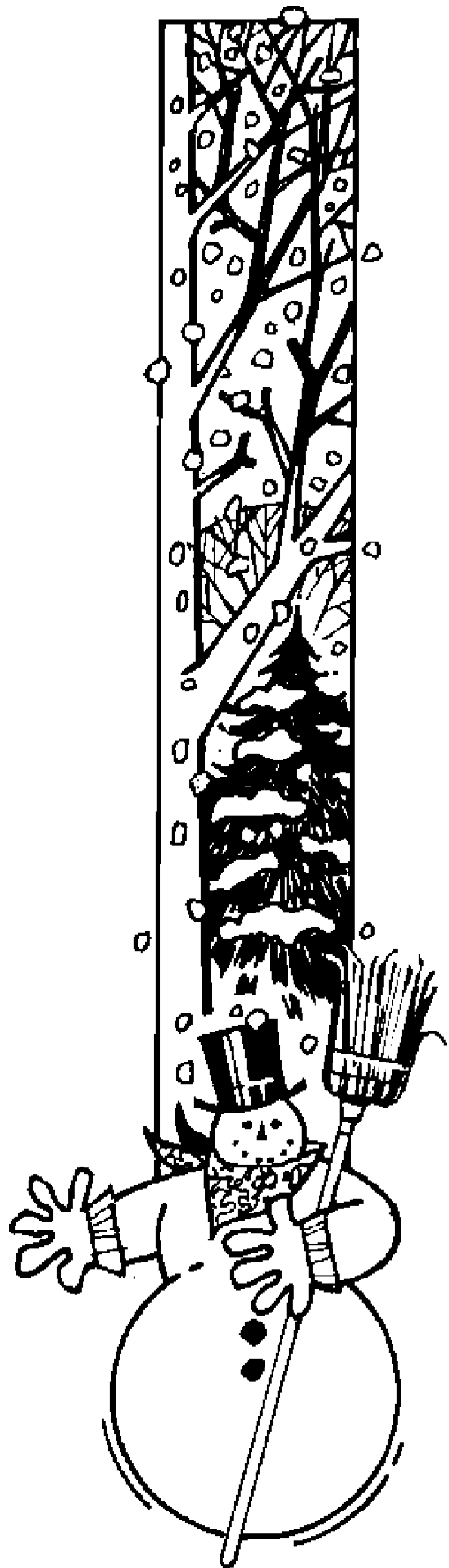
FROM PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS

What is PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee)? The PPRC is by definition, the clarifying body of the congregation. Each church has a mission. The people of a church as well as the pastor need consistent reminders of the common aim and direction of this mission. **Johann** has shared with this committee that his mission is to bring us closer to each other as we grow spiritually so we may go out into the world to become Christian disciples. Pastors need advisers, persons to suggest how best to handle some of the joys, concerns, and issues of the parish (church community). Our meetings are a time for the pastor as well as each member to express his concerns or ideas to the committee. Individuals are encouraged to speak to a committee member to share his or her concerns. At the same time individuals are encourage to talk to the pastor directly, or others to clear up any misunderstanding. This committee also supports the staffs needs such as taking applications and hiring of nursery and maintenance workers. An annual evaluation of the pastor and staff is done in a loving yet earnest way. An effective evaluation is essential to the continued growth and development of the pastor and the church. The PPRC is a committee made up of members who have a concern for the church as a body of Christ. The current members are: **Angela Creamer, Sam Wilson, Miranda Gomez, Shellee Stewart, Elaine Darnell and Dee Dee Young.**

-Angela Creamer

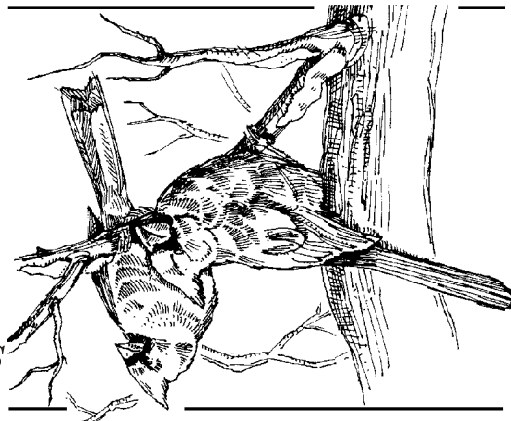
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DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

PLEASE PICK YOURS UP,
IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY
(See Angela Creamer)



We welcome you with sincere joy on this first Sunday of 2002. Let us follow the instructions of the old hymn: "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; Abide in him always, and feed on his Word; Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, Forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek."

JANUARY



Sent with a prayer to:

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EUMC January 2002

"Disciple a Few in 2002!"

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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6 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship/H.C. 11:30 Ad Council 3:00 *Communion to Homebound	7 3:00 Jacobs Ladder 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	8 10am: Pastor's Prayer 3:00pm Jacobs Ladder 6:30pm Prayer in Sanctuary	9 Pastor at CPE Training in Durango 3:00pm Jacobs Ladder	10 Pastor at CPE Training in Durango	11 2:30pm Pastoral Consultation with DS	12
13 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 11:30 PPRC	14 10:00 Care & Outreach 3:00 Jacobs Ladder 6-8: ESL 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	15 10am: Pastor's Prayer 3:00pm Jacobs Ladder 6:30pm Prayer in Sanctuary 7pm Trustees	16 3:00pm Jacobs Ladder 5pm LOGOS Funky Hat Night	17 6-8: ESL	18	19 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
20 9:00 SS 10:00 Worship 11:30 Worship Comm	21 3:00 Jacobs Ladder 6-8: ESL 7:00 Women's Reunion Group 7:30 A.A.	22 10am: Pastor's Prayer 12:00: UMW 3:00pm Jacobs Ladder 6:30pm Prayer in Sanctuary	23 3:00pm Jacobs Ladder 5pm LOGOS Winter Wonderland	24 6-8: ESL	25	26
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Abbreviations:

A.A. - Alcoholics Anonymous ESL - English Second Language
S.S. - Sunday School Conf. - Confirmation Class