



*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.



SEPTEMBER, 2000



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Mike Calhoon
Acolytes: Mikayla Calhoon & Belynn Sharp
Ushers: Bonnie & John Hughes
Greeters: Jackie & Angela Creamer

SCRIPTURE READERS

Sept 3: Jett Sharp
Sept 10: Alice Daniel
Sept 17: Nicholas Gomez
Sept 24: Rose Daniel

NURSERY

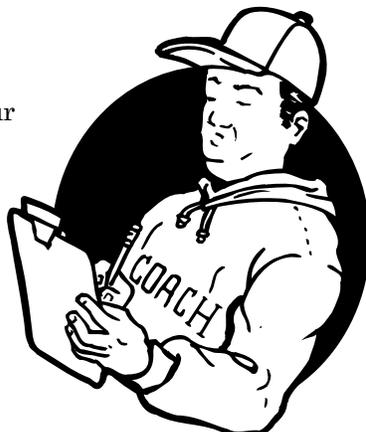
Sept 3: Carolyn Hill
Sept 24: Carolyn Hill

TIME OUT WITH COACH JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

The *County Fair* is over and our heartiest congratulations to all who participated, especially to those who took special awards and will go on to the State Fair in Albuquerque. We're proud of you!

The *new school year* is



upon us, filled with hopes and dreams of great accomplishments and the successful mastering of new challenges. A group of us will go prayer walking over the school campus Sunday, August 20 after church as we seek God's blessing and protection and provision for a peaceful, positive, and productive learning environment. We pray too for those who will be commencing studies at colleges and universities close to home and further away.

A new year of **LOGOS** discipleship ministry will be commencing soon as we reach out with the love of Jesus Christ to the youth in our area. We will value your prayers for all participants – students and staff – that God will pour out His Spirit on us, mold and shape us in the image of His Son, and use us to extend His Kingdom in Estancia and beyond. Adding your own bodily presence to your prayers, by stopping to visit on a Wednesday evening, helping where needed, and just joining in the fun, will be deeply appreciated.

God has truly blessed this congregation with the gift of many new lives over the past couple of years, particularly of those with younger families. With the blessing, comes the responsibility for us to be providing the very best in **pastoral care, worship, Christian education and discipleship**, and opportunities to grow **in ministry and mission** for all our people. That privilege and responsibility rests upon the shoulders of every one of us together. There is no such thing as membership without ministry. So be asking the Lord about how and where He is calling you to serve and to use the gifts, talents, and resources He has entrusted into your care.

I love you with the love of the Lord and I see in you the glory of my King.

Upward and onward...

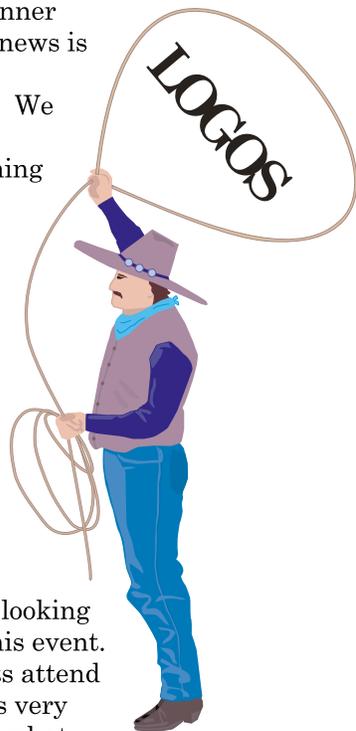
“Coach” Johann



LASSO UP FOR LOGOS!!

As you all are already aware LOGOS is getting ready to start up again for 2000/2001. Thank you all for your prayers; we are feeling them. We now have a Bible Coordinator and a Nursery Leader, and another who is praying about the position of Dinner Dean. And some more exciting news is this year we will be adding Kindergartners to the Program! We are so blessed to have a church family who is dedicated to listening to God's voice within them and responding to his call.

Remember that the kick-off dinner (*Lasso Up for Logos*) will be on **August 27, 2000 at 5:00 pm** at the church, where we will have music, food, fun, games, and our annual parent meeting where our parents can register their kids for Logos this year. Kids will receive a LOGOS t-shirt at registration as well, and we are looking forward to a good turn out for this event. It is most important that parents attend the annual parent meeting. It is very informative and lets them know what the kids will be experiencing and what is expected of the parents as well. In addition, they will receive their Parent Handbook on that evening. Please plan on attending the dinner to show the community how much we value this Program that our church has built through the total guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is important to the kids and to their parents to see that even those folks who are not directly involved in the Program, are coming to support and encourage them.



LOGOS is expanding in all directions this year and we need your help!

We are still praying about our need for lead teacher positions and teacher assistants. In Bible Study we need 3 more lead teachers and 7 assistants! We also need assistants in Worship Skills! **It is very important that these positions get filled!** The lead teachers need to have assistant teachers who can assist them during their designated class time (45 minutes) and also be available in case of an

emergency when the lead teacher cannot be there. Another area of prayer is for a Recreation Coordinator. This year we have divided the Recreation Coordinator position into two parts. A Craft Coordinator and a Play Time (or Game) Coordinator. The Craft Coordinator position has been filled and this individual would work closely with the Recreation/Play Time Coordinator to coordinate schedules each week. Please continue to join us in prayer over these two areas.



We look forward to seeing you at *Lasso Up For Logos* on August 27, 2000.

God bless each of you,

Julianne and Susan

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Although we are thrilled with our church attendance we have a big problem facing our local congregation. More space is urgently needed for services, Sunday School, Logos and the pastor's office. Many suggestions have been voiced. Our Finance Chairman is reviewing several different plans to finance expansion and will present these ideas at our next Ad. Council meeting on September 3rd. I am urging every member of the Adm. Council to be present at this meeting.

This is our regular meeting and please bring your WRITTEN report. Since the Finance Chairman will need extra time, I would appreciate it if you could keep your reports short and to the point. Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings as an observer.

A computer has been ordered and we will soon be able to store all church records on the computer. The computer may be placed temporarily in Carolyn Moore's shop until a permanent home is available.

Please keep the need for more room for our congregation in your prayers. I believe God will find a way for us.

Ethyl Floyd

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Finance Committee has reviewed the brochures from several suppliers of stewardship programs and decided on the Cokesbury program. The Cokesbury program material was received and it is a very interesting program that involves the whole church. The eight week program will kick-off on September 3, 2000 and the highlight will be a church dinner during the fourth week. Since the program involves the whole church, help will be needed to assure a successful campaign.

The Finance Committee is also preparing the 2001 annual budget, but as of now we only have a request from one committee chairman. As stated in the letter sent to each chairman, we must have your financial request by September 1, 2000 to allow time to prepare the budget and submit it to the Administrative Council for approval prior to October 1, 2000.

Mel Stephenson

Malachi would have loved Aunt Jane

Everyone in church calls her Aunt Jane. She's a sweet, thoughtful woman with a strong faith. One day she called the church and told the pastor, "I would like for you to tell the record keeper that I want my pledge to go up \$1.70 a month."

"I'll be glad to do that," the pastor answered, "but I'm curious as to why you're increasing your pledge by \$1.70."

Aunt Jane replied, "I'm increasing it because my monthly social security check just went up \$17.00 a month."



The prophet Malachi would have loved Aunt Jane. It was he who, speaking for God, instructed God's people to "bring the full tithes into the storehouse ..." (Malachi 3:10). The promise to the people was that God would open the windows of heaven "and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

BAD OFFICIALS ARE ELECTED BY GOOD PEOPLE WHO DON'T VOTE!

VOTE.....It's a priceless heritage!

The General Election is rapidly approaching. On **Tue, Nov 7th**, voters will determine the make up of government leadership for next two, four, or six years. These leaders will also make appointments to significant public offices. For example, the next President will have the opportunity to appoint at least three Supreme Court Justices.

Unfortunately, only about 50% of Christians are registered to vote. Of that 50%, only about 50% make it to the polls to vote. Jesus said: "*Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.*" Matt 22:21 (NAS) In America, we are Caesar.



Just as the Church is people, so is the Government. Voting is a freedom and responsibility to uphold Biblical principles. Should Christians desire the worst possible government by holding back all of God's wisdom? Or should Christians desire the best possible government by applying Biblical principles or choosing leaders that will?

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" Esth 4:14 (NAS)

The deadline for voter registration is Tue, Oct 10th.

Grace, like grits, just comes

A young businessman was making a trip through the South for the first time in his life. Stopping at a roadside diner for breakfast, he ordered scrambled eggs and sausage. When the waitress brought his order, he noticed a white blob on his plate. "What's that?" he asked.

"Them's grits, suh," she replied.

"But I didn't order grits," he said.

"You don't order grits," she answered. "They just come."

A preacher, telling the story later, said, "That is very much like grace. You don't order it. It just comes."

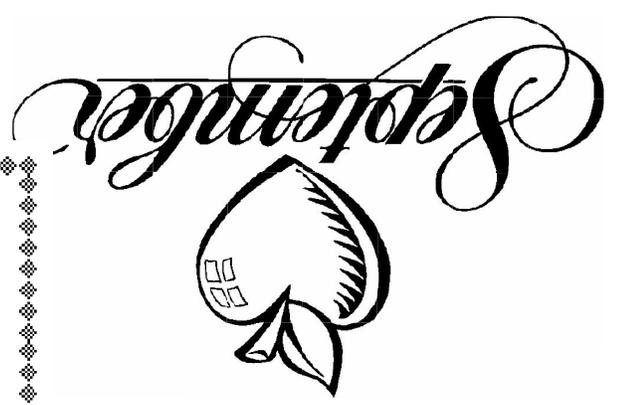
—M. Scott Peck in
The Road Less Traveled and Beyond



A thought for Labor Day

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

—From the Internet



Sent with a prayer to:

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REMEMBER!

LOGOS

Kick-Off

DINNER

TONIGHT 5pm

AUG, 27!!

