



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

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

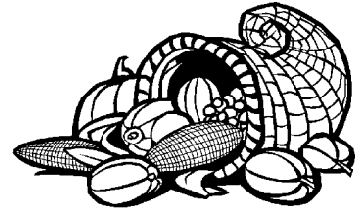


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OUR MISSION: To honor God by leading people to become devoted followers and ministers of Jesus Christ.

NOVEMBER, 2000



SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Assist: Bonnie Hughes
Acolytes: Mikayla Calhoon & Paige Deborski
Ushers: Susan & Sam Wilson
Greeters: Pam & Mark Lambert

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS

Nov. 5: Paige Deborski
Nov. 12: Ashley Welch
(Please consider putting your name here!)
Nov. 19:
Nov. 26: Brian Wilson

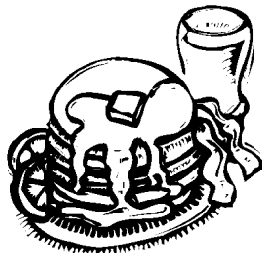
NURSERY

Nov. 5: Shellee & Ashlea Stewart
Nov. 12: Maria Neethling
(Please consider putting your name here!)
Nov. 19: Renee Calhoon
Nov. 26:

KINGS KIDS

Nov. 5: Barbara Simms
Nov. 12: Julieanne Welch
Nov. 19: Renee Calhoon
Nov. 26: Nick Griffio

**Men's
Prayer
Breakfast
November 18th**



TIME OUT WITH "COACH" JOHANN

Greetings Estancia Saints,

What an awesome God we serve who has given us such varied beauty in His creation! This time of fall, with the magnificent changing colors of the leaves and misty, chilly mornings, gives us many new opportunities to praise His Name.



The **LOGOS Program** has grown beyond our wildest imaginations. We now have 86 youth registered – a growth of 72% since the start of the school year! This has, as you might imagine, placed enormous strains on our present facilities and volunteer staff. Every Wednesday night we are trying to figure out how to cram in one more seating place around the family meal table. And there is no indication that the numbers are tapering off. Our youth are doing an excellent job of evangelizing their friends and we need to urgently spend time before God seeking what the next step is in His plan for us to provide the necessary space to accommodate and "feed" (minister to) the crowds.

Estancia United Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast added another four men to their number at their second meeting on October 21st. This brings the number to 14. The men meet over breakfast on the third Saturday of every month for

fellowship, mutual encouragement and support. **Nick Griffo** was elected as President and **Don Fitzner** as Treasurer. We have agreed to adopt the Waco Children's Home in Waco, Texas as a mission project. Men and young guys, mark your calendars now for November 18 at 7am.

Our **GIVE TO LIVE** Stewardship Campaign has already been bearing good fruit as numbers of people have completed and sent in pledges of support for the ministry of the church. Even some of our younger members have asked to play a part and have committed to giving amounts of \$20 and more per month. We are also deeply thankful for those who have volunteered to give generously of their time and their talents for the work of the ministry.

In response to a nudge from the Lord, I am going to commence a weekly **"Time Out with the Coach"** in November for every school-going young person in our congregation. The plan is to spend an hour one-on-one with each young person, just getting to know each other and talk together over an ice cream sundae or coke float. Obviously at one a week, it will take some time to get through the entire list, but hopefully it will become a time we all look forward to. I know I am!!

God loves you...and I love you too!

Upward and onward....



"Coach" Johann

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Attendance at the council meetings has been very good and each chairman has responded very well with a resume of their committee's activities.

The main business that was considered was the finance committee's suggestions. **Mel Stephenson** reported that the copy machine usage had jumped three or four times the estimated and budgeted amount. A motion was adopted that each committee chairman be notified that copy costs will come from their individual committee budget expenses.

Mel explained the proposed stewardship program and a motion was carried that we adopt this program.

The 2001 church budget was presented and adopted. Apportionments have gone up almost \$2000.00 and since the apportionments are based on membership, the membership roles were searched and as a result it was determined that a current membership list be

made up and in addition a directory containing members and "Friends of the Church" be prepared.

Our last council meeting is scheduled for December 3rd, at which time the Administrative Council Chairman is planning an orientation meeting to acquaint the new chairman of their duties. It is hoped all present and new chairman will attend.

- *Ethel Floyd, Chairman* -

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The stewardship program, **Give to Live**, is in the final stage of obtaining pledges and is going very well. The Give to Live celebration dinner held earlier this month was a great success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who prepared the meal and the young people who served the meal. There was plenty of food and enough left over to serve some who could not be there. If anyone has not been contacted to give a pledge, please contact me at 384-4223 and I will get you a pledge card. The campaign is scheduled to be completed on October 30, 2000, but pledges will be accepted through November. This is why we are attempting to get the pledge at the time of contact.



The church annual budget for 2001 has been prepared, submitted and approved by the Administrative Council. The 2001 budget has increased approximately \$3,000 over the 2000 budget. The largest increase, \$1,793, is in our apportionments which is based on church membership and the annual budget for the past three years.

- *Mel Stephenson, Finance Committee Chairman* -



Just wondered if you knew:

- **Cricket Brayman** crowned Pumpkin Festival Queen last Saturday.
- **Kelly Darnell** crowned this year's Estancia High School Homecoming Queen.

Worship Committee Meeting
Today, after Church 11:15 am



Well, we are over one month into Logos this year and we have 70 kids in regular attendance. To say the Lord is doing something amazing at the Estancia United Methodist Church would be an under- statement at best. We are so overwhelmed with joy that this many children are being introduced and touched by our Lord and Savior through the many hands that are assisting in the program this year. I have been hearing through the grapevine that kids are bugging their parents every week by asking them "How many days til I get to go to Logos?" Susan and I just want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who are participating directly in the program to touch these precious lives and allowing Christ to touch them through you. And, also thanks to each of you who are not directly involved but have made your contribution, your love offering to the program, by sponsoring a child or children, by prayfully lifting up the program each week and just by your love and your support. What a blessing indeed!

Take a look at some of these numbers: high school: 22 in regular attendance; mid-school: 25 in regular attendance; K - 5th: approx. 30 in attendance. Obviously we need to be prayful about our space situation, but I have to share something with you that happened last week at Logos.

Two weeks ago, **Anne Neethling** designed a new way for the tables to be set up for dinner which would give us more table space for the kids. We had added one to two children per table and were in need of a guest table, so this was going to work great. Well it did provide more space, however, **Samantha** (our table decorator) and I struggled even more, because of the number of new kids we had registered the previous week. We struggled and struggled that night to fit all the name tags for the kids around each of the tables. We were left with only 6 places for guests the next week.

That week we had 71 in attendance and were very cramped. So I prayed to the Lord and said "Lord, obviously you have something extra special in store here because you just keep bringing the kids to LOGOS, but Lord, I need you to know that we only have this much space and I am just letting you know that something has to give so we can fit them all."

This past Tuesday night, **Samantha** and I again met to decorate the tables. We had to add a new table (because we had added 7 new kids who all needed a table and all the other tables were full). So we knew we would not have very much room left, if any. Well we set each of the tables, including the new table and we had approximately 14 extra seats. Well we knew that we had made a mistake somehow, so we went through each table again to see who we had missed; we went through each table book roster and checked each and every tag. No mistakes. I looked at **Sam** and said, wow, this is just like **Jesus** feeding the 5,000 with the 2 loaves and the three fish. Wow, this is incredible. We decided to leave the blessing as it was and just be thankful.

(P.S. Last Wednesday we had 11 kids come as guests)

We invite you come and see the program in action, because you will be very blessed and it is yet another opportunity to see the face of **Christ** in our teachers, leaders and the children as well.

God bless, Julieanne

From Your Treasurer----

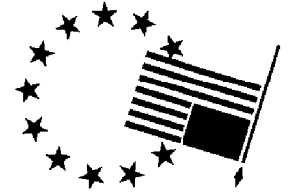
We have paid a large part of this year's apportionments; however, now we have to finish. We have done it in previous years, and I believe we can do it again this year. **Please consider** taking one or two of these as your personal project...We would really appreciate it!!



<u>Apportionment</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Conference Administration Fund	\$601.09
World Service & Conference Benevolence	\$985.00
Africa University Fund	\$ 31.00
Interdenominational Co-op Fund	\$ 20.00
General Administration Fund	\$ 59.00
Jurisdictional Administration Fund	\$ 24.00
Ministerial Education Fund	\$356.00
Black College Fund	\$ 95.00
McMurray University	\$ 53.00
Sacramento Fund	\$ 60.00
Mt. Sequoyah	\$ 4.00
New Mexico Council of Churches	\$ 42.00
New Church Development	\$137.00
SMU Campus Ministry	\$ 5.00
Focus 2000	\$ 15.00
Conference Team for Making Disciples	\$119.00



**REMEMBER TO VOTE!!
NOVEMBER**



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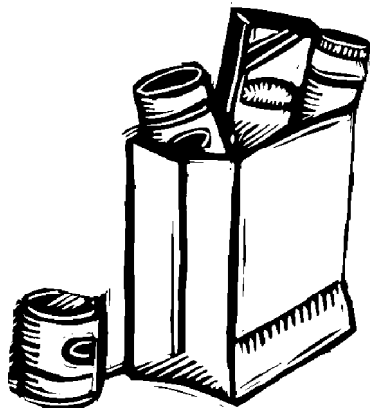
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**Campbell's Label Program Huge
Success for 1999-2000**

McCurdy School redeemed more than 1,111,000 labels for the school year 1999-2000. Jane Vaughan, Director of Church Relations stated that the labels came from almost every state. "It's just amazing to see what a half a million labels looks like! We sent in over 400,000 in December and sent the rest in May. There are a lot of people, in a lot of places, who lovingly and conscientiously save, clip and send in their labels. We are blessed with scores of volunteers who come to the school who trim and assemble the labels for submission to Campbells. The students, the staff and the Board appreciates your dedication more than you will ever know."

The labels have been used to purchase classroom equipment such as overhead projectors, camera for the journalism classes and other supplies which are greatly needed to provide a quality education for our students.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION OF
CAMPBELL'S LABELS!!!!**



"The first Thanksgiving was held in 1621. The Pilgrims gave thanks for having survived another year, and the Indians gave thanks for having survived another Pilgrim." —James R. Swanson
Costa Mesa, CA



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