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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

October 23, 2025

Could Cost Us Everything

I was recently reminded by the incredible Christian scholar R.L. Solberg that we always need to be ready and willing to do whatever it takes for Jesus. In John chapter 11, we learn about the death and resurrection of Lazarus. But before Jesus goes back to Judea where Lazarus has died, we need to look at the end of the prior chapter to see why this was so significant. In John 10:30 Jesus says, "I and the Father are one." This prompts the Jews to pick up stones to kill him for blasphemy, for claiming that he was God. But before they could kill him Jesus gets away.

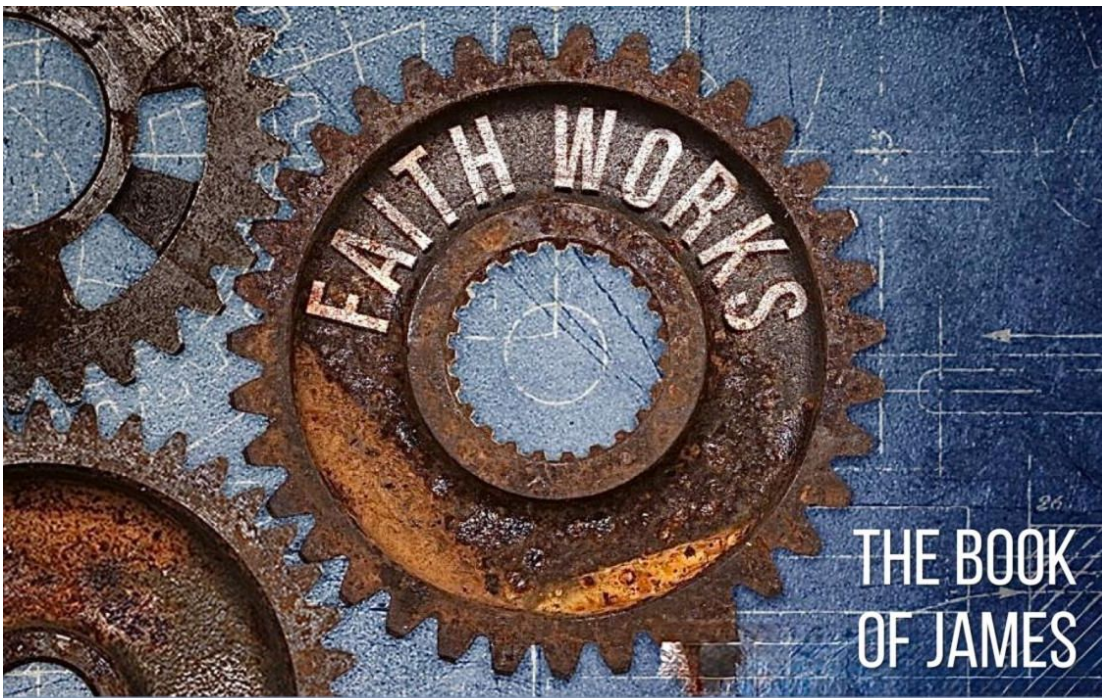


Shortly after this Jesus is told about Lazarus' demise; He waits two days and tells His disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." Jesus proceeds without fear. The disciples in disbelief say, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and You are going there again?" Thomas the twin, (who we know colloquially as "Doubting Thomas") said to his fellow disciples, "Let us go, that we may die with Him." So

Thomas is doubting that Jesus will survive this visit and yet is so committed that he is willing to go with Him and die with Him. He encourages the others that they should all go and lay down their lives for Jesus.

Thomas demonstrates a model of discipleship that we sometimes miss today and that's that following Jesus isn't always safe. It's sometimes dangerous and risky. Sometimes it can cost us everything. Just recently we have seen the persecution of Christians across the globe and especially in Africa. In the USA it can be easy to take for granted our religious freedom. But we see that Thomas is calling us to a courageous faith – wherever Jesus goes I will follow. Jesus is worth so much more than this world and He is the One who laid down His life for our sakes.

God bless,
Allan Esquibel
Director of Worship and Music Ministries



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
"How to Get the Most Out of Each Day"
James 4:13-17

This Sunday we are continuing the sermon series *Faith Works* which is based on the New Testament Book of James. This Sunday James calls out a mindset that we easily fall into that prevents us from getting the most out of each day. This mindset causes us to fall into the trap of worry and robs us of the gift of each day that God gives us to live. James identifies this problem and offers a better alternative leading us to live each day to the fullest.



The McFredericks Update Missionaries to the Czech Republic

The following is an excerpt from the McFrederick's recent newsletter

We know people are praying for our Polish churches! We recently visited our dear church family in Kalisz and heard several testimonies of how God is providing. We could sense how their hope in the Lord has been strengthened as we all continue to pray for a new pastor there. Our Krakow church has also been blessed with new provision, and a pastor will come in January to lead this congregation. PRAYER MATTERS—Thank you for lifting up these brothers and sisters!!

On the MEDIA2MOVEMENT front, it was wonderful this past week when a responder shared how an online seeker was willing to meet in person.

Trusting God for this interaction, our responder shared more about Jesus and faith, and at the end asked if he could pray for *M. *M was very receptive and remarked, “No one has ever prayed for me before!” They made a plan to meet again next week.

WHENEVER YOU CAN—pray WITH others. We’ve experienced God working powerfully as we call on Him with people. Imagine NEVER being prayed for personally in your whole life. This is the norm for MILLIONS in our world.

YOUTH ZOO TRIP



Dogs are so favored here, they are welcome in malls, restaurants and even the zoo!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:

NOVEMBER 9



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In 2024 we got the keys but in 2026 we are going to OPEN THE DOORS and gather to worship, fellowship, and be discipled together as followers of Jesus Christ in our new building! We are also looking forward next year to expanding our staff to include a **Director of Family Ministries** that will focus primarily on our children and youth ministries. We invite you to prayerfully prepare to discern your investment in partnering with your church for this coming year through our **Launching a Living Legacy** Stewardship Campaign.

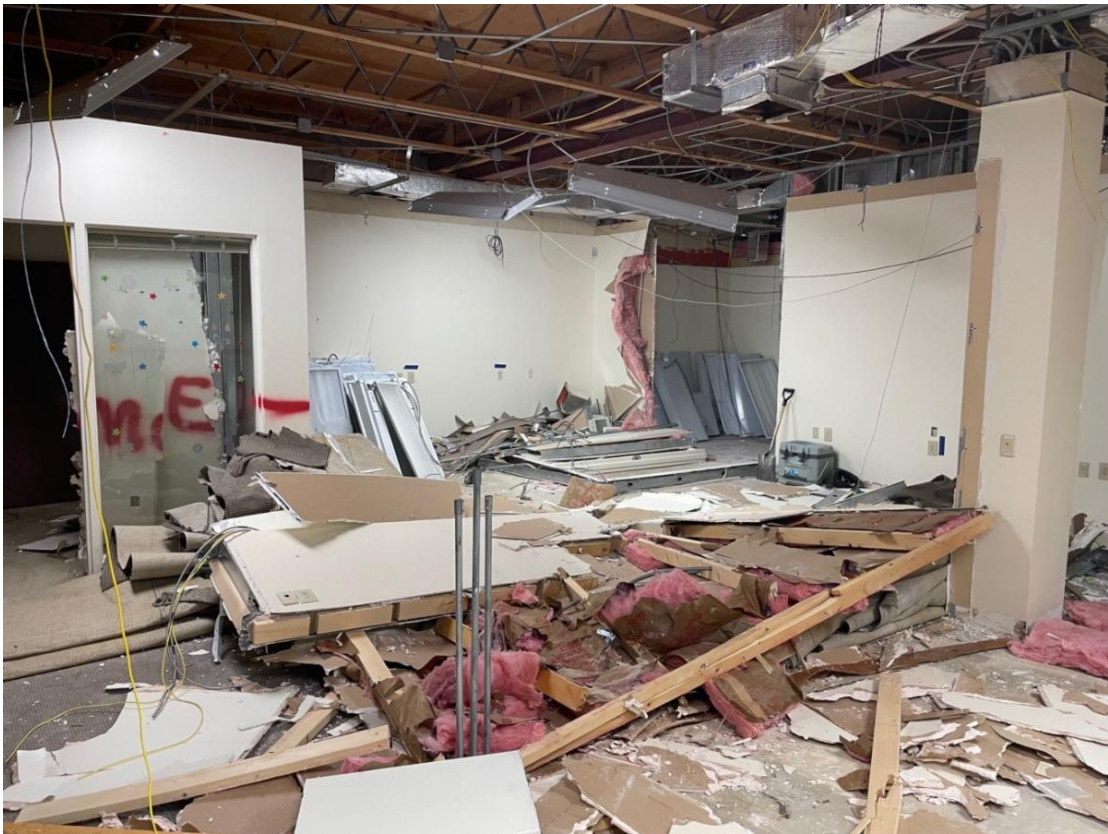
The second Sunday of November will be our Stewardship Sunday where we are asking our Sandia Fellowship family to present their Estimate of Giving cards for the upcoming ministry year of 2026. The Estimate of Giving cards are an opportunity to express our gratitude to God and generosity in supporting Sandia Fellowship in our call to make discipleship of Jesus Christ.

We will be mailing out our EoG cards on November 1st so that everyone will have copies to pray over and bring them to worship on November 9th (or mail them to the church post office box: PO Box 16702, Albuquerque, NM 87191).



BUILDING OUR FUTURE - UPDATE

Demolition has started in our building and all the carpet has been pulled up. More crews will be working this week to tear down the walls set for removal. We have still not received our permit, so please keep praying. The city is reportedly trying to address their backlog.





ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

A Time to Remember and Give Thanks



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On Sunday, November 2 we will be having our All Saints Sunday Communion Service. In addition to recognizing our members who have passed away this past year, if you have a spouse, parent, sibling or a child that has passed away since November of 2024 and you would like to have that person's name read in the communion service, we would like to offer that opportunity. Please email the family member's name and provide the date of their passing. Pastor John will read these names during our memorial portion of the All Saints Sunday Communion Service on

November 2. These names must be emailed [here](#) by the end of the day on Thursday, October 30th.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH BEGINS NOVEMBER 2!

Thanks to an enthusiastic response to our call for volunteers to help with our Children's Church, we now have a great team in place to begin this new ministry. We will be starting the Children's Church on Sunday, November 2 and then continue on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month. This program is for children in kindergarten through 6th grade and it will take place during the message portion of the morning service.

**Fellowship
Luncheon @
Sheraton
Uptown**

**Sunday, October 26
11:30 AM**



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the September Fellowship Luncheon this Sunday after our worship service! The meal begins at 11:30 AM.

Our next Fellowship Luncheon is set for December 7. Watch this space as we will have menu options soon!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 AM at Sunnyside Up (6909 Menaul Blvd NE). All are welcome!

Visit our LIFE Groups page to learn more about the various LIFE Groups Sandia Fellowship offers: www.sandiagmc.org/life-groups

A photograph of two hands holding a black rectangular sign with the text "VISIT OUR WEBSITE" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The hands are positioned at the bottom corners of the sign, and the background is a plain white surface.

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Have you visited our website lately? There's always fresh content being added: announcements and church news, current sermons as well as past sermon series, weekly newsletters, and more.

You can also submit a prayer request, learn about our various Life Groups, read about the missionaries and outreaches we support, set up online giving, learn more about the mission and vision of Sandia Fellowship as well as the Global Methodist Church, and so much more!

Bookmark our site and check back regularly!

www.sandiafellowship.org



SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS!

Sandia Fellowship has a dedicated Prayer Ministry that intercedes weekly for various needs and requests. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

There is no prayer need "too small" or "too big" for the Lord. If our hearts are burdened by anything, God wants us to bring it to Him in prayer -- and He promises us His peace when we do.

You can submit a prayer request in one of three ways

- Send a request through our **website** or click the red button below.
- Email us at **prayer@sandiafellowship.org**.
- Fill out a Prayer Request card available at the Welcome Tables on

Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please email Holly at hklein@sandiamc.org.

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Sundays @ 10 AM

Join us for worship this Sunday!

Childcare is available for ages six months through five years old.





SANDIA FELLOWSHIP YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know you can subscribe to the Sandia Fellowship YouTube channel? All of our weekly sermons are uploaded to our YouTube channel [here](#) as well as on our [website](#).

Search [@sandiafellowship](#) on YouTube (or just click the photo).



This exciting venture in faith would not be possible without God moving upon the hearts of people to give towards this work. Your generosity helps create a church where we can bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel. The mission of Sandia Fellowship is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We strive to humbly serve others as ambassadors of Christ.

Click [HERE](#) to give safely and securely online.

NOTE: Donations can be made to either the **General Budget** or the **Building Fund** by choosing from the dropdown menu. You can also make a donation to our monthly **Communion Offerings** via the dropdown.

Checks can also be mailed to

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