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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

August 14, 2025

The Latest Building Update

Hopefully with that title I have the attention of all of you who are wondering about the slow progress on the renovation of our church property. Many of you like me have been frustrated regarding the building renovation and that it feels like we are moving along “as slow as molasses in January.” I get it. I had no idea that ten months after purchasing our property that we wouldn’t be further along in the renovation process.



Here is the latest update and it isn’t what you are expecting. Some of you will believe what I am about to say, and others will be skeptical. During one of my early morning walks this last week, I was again wrestling with the Lord over the lack of progress regarding our property. Here is the impression that I got. Basically, I sensed the Lord communicating to me that I/we are not paying attention to the supernatural and spiritual realities regarding the furthering of the

establishment of our ministry in its future location.

The Lord then reminded me of the basics of Ephesians 6 and that we are wrestling not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and spiritual forces of darkness working against the calling that is upon our church. This is a “turf war” of sorts and basically the Lord impressed upon me that until we as a church engage the enemy on the field of battle through prayer, that there will be no significant breakthrough experienced moving forward any time soon. However, with prayer and faith all things are possible.

Thankfully in the Lord’s timing, this morning (Monday) I had a meeting with my coach who has had plenty of experience leading several churches through prayer strategies to overcome building obstacles. Obviously, there is “nothing new under the sun” when it comes to churches facing spiritual battles while making advances. Therefore, I am working on several layers of prayer strategies that I am not going to detail in this article. Some will potentially involve everyone, while other strategies involve certain groups of people. I’ll have more details later.

Here is one strategy that I want to get started today and everyone can participate in. Praying about this whole matter, I was drawn to Mark 9 where Jesus’ disciples couldn’t drive out a demon. Jesus replied as recorded in verse 29, “This kind can come out only by prayer.” Some translations add “...and fasting.” Here is what I am asking everyone to do for at least the next 30 days (may renew if needed). Set your alarm for either 9:29 a.m. or 9:29 p.m. and pause to pray over this passage and pray for a breakthrough and aggressive advancement on the completion of our building. If you want to fast from something and “Supersize” your prayers that would be great.

This is the first layer of prayer. I will offer more details on exactly what to pray in following newsletters, but we must start somewhere now. Now I know “It’s not all about the building” but it is if the Lord says it is for now. Thank you for your faithfulness to move us forward in your prayers and support.

Blessings,
John

LOVE IS...

FIVE WEEK
SERMON SERIES

JULY 27 - AUGUST 24

1 CORINTHIANS
13:4-8

LOVE

IS PATIENT & KIND
IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST

IT IS NOT PROUD

IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING

IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED

IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS

ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES

LOVE NEVER FAILS

MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 "Love in Marriage and Family"

This Sunday we are continuing our series on "Love Is..." as we look at the reality of love through the lens of Paul's famous 1 Corinthians 13 chapter on this significant reality related to Christian discipleship. This Sunday we are going to look at the reality of love that can be manifested in the relationships in the family and the covenant of marriage.



THERE'S A LIFE GROUP FOR YOU!

Sandia Fellowship has several LIFE Groups regularly meeting in homes throughout Albuquerque, as well as two that meet in local restaurants:

Northeast Small Group: This LIFE Group meets the first and third Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Tim Ownbey**

Tramway Small Group: This LIFE Group meets the first and third Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Women's Small Group: This LIFE Group meets every second and fourth Saturday at 10:00 AM at the church office (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Lindy Rech**

The Chosen Interactive Bible Study Group: This LIFE Group meets seasonally using an interactive guide that follows along with the popular TV series. The group meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM at the church office (2609 Texas St NE). Contact: **Gina Rivera**

Men's Breakfast: This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 AM at Sunnyside Up (6909 Menaul Blvd). Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

Women's Breakfast: This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd). Contact: **Linda Hess**

All of these groups welcome new members! If you're interested in information about any of these, please contact the person listed or send an email to the church [here](#).

Visit our [LIFE Groups page](#) on our website to learn more!



THIS WEEK'S UPDATE ON OUR NEW CHURCH HOME

Our project is still in the city permitting go-round. We have not heard what the issues are, if any.

The mechanical engineer has responded to our comments /ideas and our contractor is exploring cost savings on the air-conditioning.

Please continue to pray for these matters and for the whole process in general.

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue the building renovations for our permanent church home!

**Sandia Fellowship Women's Breakfast Group
is collecting**



**GENTLY USED
PURSES, JEWELRY,
& TOILETRIES**

MORE INFO: www.sandiamc.org/current-news

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Sandia Fellowship Women's Breakfast group is again collecting gently used purses and new toiletries for Pursonalities Plus ABQ for distribution to deserving women in our community.

We are collecting:

- Gently used purses and handbags
- Personal items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, brush and comb, hairspray, mirror, hand cream, hand sanitizer, lip balm, lipstick and makeup
- They are especially in need of jewelry donations of any kind (new, used, broken, jewelry making supplies) because they make jewelry sets to put into the purses they deliver.

Pursonalities Plus ABQ is a program that provides purses to women in various programs: victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking, homelessness, sexual assault, and incarceration. Since 2016, the organization has collected, filled and distributed 11,469 purses! Currently the program gifts purses to 35 groups such as A Peaceful Habitation, Barrett House, CareNet Pregnancy Center, Family Promise, Joy Junction, SAFE House, and many others.

Please bring purses, jewelry, and toiletries to church with you on Sunday.

Learn more here: [Personality Plus ABQ](#)



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

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.sanddiagmc.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@sandiagmc.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@sandiagmc.org.

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HERE**



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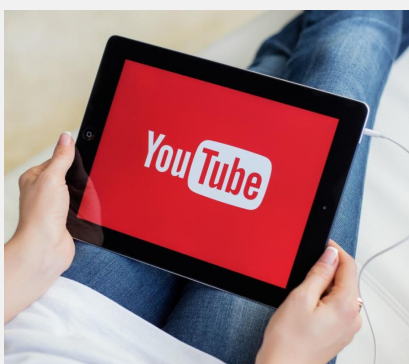


Sundays @ 10 AM

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.

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