



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

July 23, 2026

Joy to the Lord

When Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians, he was in prison and yet it overflows with joy. Paul's joy came from the Lord, not from the circumstances in his life that were constantly changing. It is clear that the enemy wants our problems to be all we can see. It can even be a single insignificant problem. The devil wants our focus away from God and His blessings so that we are always distracted. We cannot let the devil steal our joy by making us forget the abundance of blessing in our life.



Let us do our best each day to reach out to God with gratitude and thanksgiving. If we are troubled, let us ask for clarity through our confusion and for comfort when we are down. Let us ask for strength when we are weak and courage when we are afraid. We don't necessarily need our circumstances changed but rather we need to ask for God's help in how we walk through them.

As we have heard in church - a list of our blessings is a beautiful thing. The compiling of such a list is a blessing in itself. And when it is done,

any time we are finding adversity and trouble we can pull out that list and remind ourselves of how much we really have in this life. "...the joy of the Lord is your strength" – Nehemiah 8:10

Remember always that God is our source. It isn't people or jobs or connections. Everything is a gift and a resource provided by the Lord. Trust in Him to supply all that you need. "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on... Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Matthew 6:25-26

Our Lord is a loving Father who provides for us, loves us and has given us our joy. Let us remain steadfast in our joy that we may emanate His light to the world.

Blessings,
Allan Esquibel
Director of Worship and Music Ministries



BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY!

We are meeting on our church property beginning this Sunday! For now we are meeting in the adjacent building we own (2609 Texas Street NE) while our permanent Worship Center next door is being renovated! Please join us at 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM!

SUNDAY MESSAGE

Rev. Rick Enns | Sunday, July 26

MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, JULY 26

Introducing Pastor Rick Enns, our Conference Superintendent of the West Plains Conference

Rick will be preaching for us this coming Sunday July 26. Rick grew up in Dalhart, TX, and has been a Methodist almost his entire life. After graduating from High School, he went to Texas Tech University and got his degree in Accounting. But the best thing that happened to him at Tech was meeting and eventually marrying his wife, Catherine! Rick's early calling in ministry was in the area of Administration, working at the Texas Tech Wesley Foundation, Finance Manager of a large Methodist church in Kentucky, and as the Administrative Pastor of a large Methodist church in Plano, TX. He served as Senior Pastor at Asbury Odessa and First Methodist Canyon prior to coming on the Conference staff. He and his wife have a son who is attending West Texas A&M and a daughter who is married and has recently given them their first grandchild! In his spare time, Rick enjoys reading and listening to and collecting vinyl records.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY



CHANGING HEARTS, TRANSFORMING LIVES, IMPACTING THE WORLD

WOMEN'S KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY WEEKEND

The Women's Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend is quickly approaching, taking place **August 13–16**. As announced during worship, **Pat Housman** and **Gina Rivera** will be serving on the team ministering to women at the prison in Grants, New Mexico.

You, too, can be part of this life-changing ministry. As Paul reminds us in **2 Corinthians 3:3**, *"You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."* Even if you are not entering the prison, your support is a powerful witness of Christ's love.

Please stop by the Kairos table to:

- Sign up for the **prayer vigil**
- Pick up **placemats** to decorate with encouraging messages
- Volunteer to bake a few dozen **cookies** (click **here** for instructions)
- Make a **donation** to help provide meals for the weekend

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent communion offering. We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to sharing how your prayers, gifts, and support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the women participating in this Kairos weekend.



**MESSAGE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM RICK ENNS
West Plains Conference Superintendent
Sandia Fellowship Hosting Local Conference**

Would you like a clear understanding of where the West Plains Conference is headed and how it can support your church's ministry? Are you curious about the upcoming General Conference in South Africa and what it may mean for our future? Do you have questions, ideas, or concerns you'd like to discuss directly with conference leadership?

We invite you and members of your church to join me this Sunday, July 26, from 3:30-5:00 pm at Sandia Fellowship Global Methodist Church.
(2609 Texas Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110)

During our time together, you will:

- Gain a clearer picture of the mission, priorities, and direction of the West Plains Conference
- Receive important updates and insights regarding the upcoming General Conference
- Learn how our partnerships with Thailand and the Western Pacific Annual Conferences are advancing God's work around the world
- Have the opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and engage in open conversation with conference leadership
- Connect with other church leaders and members across our conference

This gathering is designed to strengthen communication, deepen our connection as a conference, and help all of us better understand how we can work together to make disciples and advance the mission of the church.

Please invite everyone from your congregation who would like to learn more about our conference and participate in the conversation.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,

Rick Enns
Conference Superintendent
West Plains Conference of the Global Methodist Church



WITH SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS
Dick Copeland

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Gloria and the family on the passing of Dick Copeland who entered the presence of Jesus on Sunday, July 19. Services are pending.



BUILDING UPDATE

Just as a reminder: This coming **Sunday, July 26** we will meet at **8:30 AM** and **10:00 AM** at **2609 Texas Street NE**. We are still doing some scheduling on trying to balance out the attendance in both services. We are still in need of a few more people to attend the 8:30 AM service, so please email us **here** and let us know if you would be willing to attend that service and we will respond back.



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

SERVE ON OUR CONFERENCE *Prayer Team*



You will participate in a Zoom meeting from 10–11 AM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.



The Conference Prayer Team also involves connecting with up to eight churches to be their prayer connection to the Conference Prayer Team.



Email us at info@sandiagmc.org if interested.



PRAY
WITH PURPOSE



SUPPORT
OUR LEADERS



STRENGTHEN
OUR CHURCH

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO SERVE ON OUR CONFERENCE PRAYER TEAM?

Are you looking for a ministry opportunity that you can do from your own home? Last week Les Hall (who is the Supervising Elder for the West District of the West Plains Annual Conference) called and asked if I could find someone who would like to serve on the West Plains Conference Prayer Team.

Here is the information if you are interested in pursuing this ministry opportunity. It first involves participating in a Zoom meeting from 10-11 AM on the first and third Wednesday of each month. It also involves connecting with up to eight churches to be their prayer connection to the Conference Prayer Team.

This is an important ministry in the life of our conference and all the churches of our conference. If you are interested in knowing more, please **email** us today and we will help you with the next steps into a new ministry.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP GOLF GATHERING

Join us the first and third Thursdays of each month for a round of 9 holes! We meet at Arroyo del Oso Dam 9 at 9:30 AM. Our next date is Thursday, July 16 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP by July 30 by clicking **here** and provide us your contact information.

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays, 7 AM

MEN'S BREAKFAST

@ Sunnyside Up



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Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, July 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.sandiamc.org/life-groups



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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:

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

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

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

Foothills Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 PM. Contact: **Jim Turner**

“The Story” Group: This LIFE Group meets every first and third Monday from 12:00-1:00 PM at the church offices. Contact: **Pastor John**

“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 offices (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!



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.sandiagmc.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**.

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST HERE

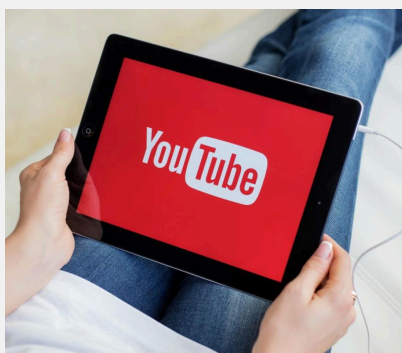
Join us Sunday mornings

at 8:30 AM and 10 AM

2609 Texas Street NE



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).



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PARTNER WITH US!

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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P.O. Box 16702
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87191



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