



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

August 20, 2026

Let Me Tell You About My Jesus

The following is an article written by Pat Housman who was a part of the Women's Kairos #33 team from Sandia Fellowship serving in the Women's Prison in Grants, New Mexico.

Kairos volunteers serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, sharing His love and forgiveness with those who are incarcerated. This lay-led, Christ-centered ministry helps participants take responsibility for their lives, give themselves to Christ, share His love, and support others. Its guiding words are simple: love, love, love—and listen, listen, listen.

We worked with 24 women at four tables, each with six residents and three volunteers: a returning Kairos participant, a religious leader, and another volunteer. Because each table needs a religious leader, the number of tables is limited.

Each Kairos volunteer is assigned one resident as a special guest. On Thursday afternoon, we welcomed the women with a song as guards



brought them from their pods. When my guest Sally* arrived, I gave her a name tag, led her to choose lunch, and helped her find a seat near a relative. We usually begin by asking guests where they are from and whether they have children, then share a little about ourselves. Sally's first words were that she did not belong there. It was her second incarceration. I reminded her that while prison is difficult, she could still choose how to spend her time and look for something positive each day. Later, her relative told me Sally had not spoken to anyone else since being confined and was delighted to see her talking with me.

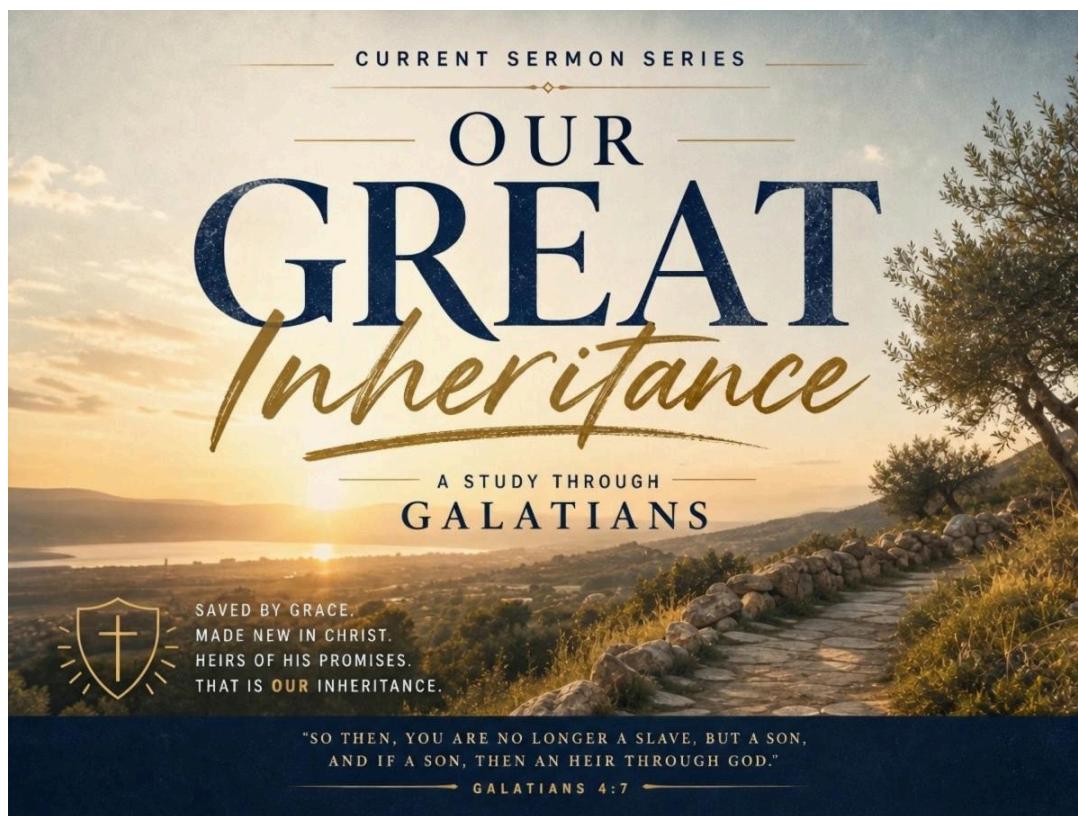
The next morning, Sally said she had not slept well but had tried to think of something positive. That was progress. By the end of the weekend, she was talking, smiling, laughing with others, and had stood twice to speak. What a change!

After attendees completed the weekend, they received their Bibles, study guides, and Kairos crosses, the weekend ends with a closing ceremony. Former Kairos participants are invited, and one speaks for the group. Marie* began with a joke, then shared that she grew up feeling unloved and unwanted after losing the grandmother who had cared for her. In prison, she made no effort to change until she attended a Kairos weekend. There, she said, she found women who smiled at her, treated her as special, and showed her the love of Jesus. By the end of the weekend, she had accepted the Lord and wanted to live the same way. Now her first words are, "Let me tell you about my Jesus."

Kairos shows me how deeply women's lives can change. It is more than a weekend of meals; we return one Saturday each month and continue seeing growth in the women and in those they minister to within the prison.

Sincerely,
Pat Housman

**Names have been changed to protect anonymity.*



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 "Living by Faith" (Galatians 3:1-14)

We are continuing our sermon series this Sunday through the book of Galatians, "Our Great Inheritance." Together we are exploring Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia and his explanation of the foundational truths of the Gospel of Christ.

This Sunday we will be focusing on Galatians 3:1-14 in a message entitled, "Living by Faith." We will be looking at how we grow in faith by the power of the Spirit and how Abraham was spoken to by Scripture, even though Moses had yet to begin writing the first books of the Bible and why all this matters to us.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL UPDATE

Below is our second quarter summary report. Typically quarterly reports will come out a few weeks after the end of each quarter. We have an open policy on our financial information for our members. Additional information or details can be obtained through emailing us through our **church website**.

Sandia Fellowship GMC
Quarterly Financial Information
2nd Quarter 2026
June 30, 2026

Financial Statement
Income: \$293,250.02
Expense: \$271,937.28
Net Income: \$21,312.74

Outreach/Missions
Church Budget: \$13,020.00
Congregational Giving: \$7,915.00
Connectional Funding: \$11,202.00
Total Outreach: \$32,137.00



SYMPATHY FOR BEN AND CAROLYN MILARCH AND FAMILY

This is a difficult time for the Milarch family as Ben's brother Andrew passed away July 24, which was followed by the passing of Ben's mother, Lois Milarch, on Wednesday, August 5.

We lift up Ben and Carolyn, Kylie and Jack and Jack Milarch (Lois's husband) and the entire family as they grieve these difficult losses. Memorial services for both Andrew and Lois Milarch will take place at 10 AM this Friday, August 21 at French Funerals at 7121 Wyoming Blvd NE, with a reception to follow.

Mailing Letters and Packages to Sandia Fellowship



MAILING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH

Please use our P.O. Box when sending items to the church:

**Sandia Fellowship
P.O. Box 16702
Albuquerque, NM 87191**

Please do not send items to our physical address either on Tennessee or Texas Street. Thank you!



PAINTERS AND PAINT CREW COORDINATOR NEEDED

Our parking lot is in great need of restriping. We can provide the paint and tools to manage the task, but we are in need of a coordinator and volunteers to paint the stripes on our parking lot. If you are interested in leading the team or at least helping paint, please click [here](#) and provide your contact information and how you would be willing to serve.

PRAYING. PREPARING. BUILDING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

Sandia Fellowship

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTOR

A new staff position to provide leadership, vision, and support for discipling children, students, and young families throughout our church.

EQUIP PARENTS Empower parents and caregivers to lead their families spiritually and confidently.	STRENGTHEN MINISTRIES Develop and support ministry pathways for children, students, and young families at every stage of life.	BUILD CONNECTION Create greater connection and continuity between the church and the home.	MAKE DISCIPLES Cultivate a culture where the next generation knows, loves, and follows Jesus.
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PLEASE PRAY WITH US
Pray for God's direction as we seek the right person for this role—someone with a heart for families, a passion for discipleship, and a calling to invest in the next generation.

PARTNER WITH US
You will soon be hearing about an opportunity to help financially resource or "seed" this position that will be vital for the establishment of this ministry.

Together, let's raise up a generation of disciples who know and love Jesus.
FOR HIS GLORY. FOR OUR FAMILIES. FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

As we continue to grow in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ, we believe there is an important area where we can strengthen our ministry: family discipleship.

Our Leadership Team recently met to begin preparations to prepare for a new staff position of **Family Discipleship Director**. This person will help provide leadership, vision, and support for discipling children, students, and young families throughout our church. This role will help equip parents and caregivers to lead their families spiritually, strengthen our ministries to the next generation, and create greater connection and continuity between the church and the home. We believe discipleship begins in the home, and the church has the privilege of coming alongside families to encourage, equip, and support them. This position will be an important part of helping us pursue that vision.

We ask our congregation to **pray** for God's direction as we seek the right person for this role. You will soon be hearing about an opportunity to help financially resource or "seed" this position that will be vital for the establishment of this ministry. Please pray for wisdom for our leadership, for the person God may be calling to serve in this capacity, and for the families and children who will be impacted through this ministry.

If you or someone you know may be gifted and called to serve as our Family Discipleship Director, we would love to **hear from you**. More information about the position and how to express interest will be available soon.

Thank you for continuing to invest in the spiritual growth of the next generation. We are excited about what God may do through this opportunity and look forward to pursuing it together as a church family.

Let's pray, trust God's leading, and faithfully invest in the discipleship of our families.

DEADLINE

FOR

newsletter submissions



Items must be submitted by **TUESDAY** morning at **10 AM** in order to be included in the weekly newsletter which is published every **THURSDAY**.



Email submissions to → hklein@sandiagmc.org

⇒ *Thank you!* ⇐

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you have an item you would like advertised in the weekly newsletter, please email your submission to Holly (hklein@sandiagmc.org) by Tuesday morning at 10 AM in order to be included in the Thursday newsletter. Thank you!

**Faith & Family
Night @
the Isotopes!**



**Sunday, Aug. 23
1:35 PM**

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE ISOTOPES!

Pick Up Tickets on Sunday

If you signed up for "Faith and Family Night at the Isotopes" on Sunday, August 23, please pick up your ticket(s) this Sunday morning at church. If you won't be at church this Sunday, one of us can meet you by the front gate. Contact us [here](#). We look forward to a fun evening together!



PURSONALITIES PLUS ABQ
— Gift Purses for Deserving Women —

We're Seeking
PURSES
(NEW & LIKE NEW)
& TOILETRY ITEMS

 **Help us uplift and empower!**
Your donations will bring dignity, confidence,
and joy to women in our community.

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

Thank You ♥ for making a difference!

PURSONALITIES PLUS ABQ Gift Purses for Deserving Women

Sandia Fellowship Women's Breakfast Group is once again assisting Pursonalities Plus ABQ in collecting new or like new purses to be delivered to over 35 area women's programs. These programs are for those out of domestic violence, trafficking, sexual assault, homelessness, incarceration, etc. Since 2016 Pursonalities Plus ABQ has collected, filled and distributed 16,000+ purses!

In October and November, Pursonalities Plus ABQ will start preparing the gift purses for the Christmas season. Any donations you can make are greatly appreciated.

Needed items include:

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo, brush/comb, and hairspray
- Mirror
- Lipstick and make-up
- Hand cream

- Socks/mittens/scarf/hat
- Hand sanitizer
- Lip balm
- Tissue packages
- Notebook

Also, if you have costume jewelry (new, used, broken pieces or jewelry supplies) they have creative artists to curate a jewelry set for each purse.

Purses and filler items can be brought to the next Women's Breakfast which takes place on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd NE). Purses and filler items can also be put in the blue rolling cart in the coffee room during both church services through October.

"He will cover you with his feathers, He will shelter you with His wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection." Psalm 91:4



HELP AT THE ASBURY PIE CAFE!

Volunteers are needed to work at the Asbury Pie Café during the New Mexico State Fair. Sandia Fellowship will be sending a crew to work the morning shift, 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM, on Tuesday, September 15. Six or seven workers are needed.

If you'd like to participate or want more information, please contact Stacy Camacho by phone/text at 505-585-8969 or via email [here](#).



BUILDING UPDATE

We appreciate your prayers and patience as we are coming closer to completing the renovation of our Tennessee building. The ceramic tile flooring is completed in all the bathrooms. The HVAC units are beginning to be installed. The final flooring prep is being done to prepare to start laying down the carpet. We are getting closer!



Sandia Fellowship
GOLF

THURSDAY
Sept 3

AT
9:30 AM

— *Arroyo del Oso* —

RSVP

SFGMC-golf@sandiagmc.org

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, September 3 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP by August 27 by clicking [here](#) and provide us your contact information.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, August 25 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



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**

"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:

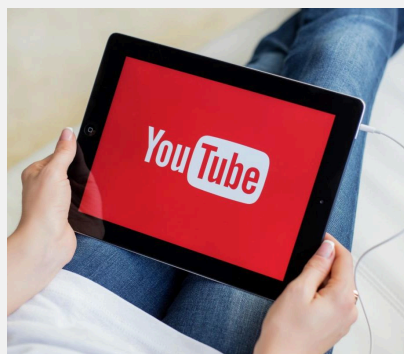
- Send a request through our **website** or click the red button below.
- Email us at **prayer@sandiagmc.org**.
- Fill out a **Prayer Request card** available at the Welcome Tables on Sunday mornings.

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

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST HERE



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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P.O. Box 16702
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87191



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