



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

August 27, 2026

Salt & Light

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, and the light of the world."

Pastor Greg Laurie shared some more insights on this: Some original translations say YOU (alone) specifically are the light and YOU (alone) specifically are the salt. In this life, to so many people you may be the only representative of Christianity that they know. What if their entire view of Christianity is based on your life? You may think "Golly, that's a lot of pressure." Yeah, it certainly is. But it's true that you may be the only visible Christian to many people you encounter. They may not know any other Christians. So, we must do the best we can. God knows that we are not perfect, but he is asking us to be faithful and to do our best to represent Jesus Christ. I have often heard that there are 5 gospels – you're saying NO, there's 4, Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. Yes indeed, but the 5th gospel is you. You may be the only gospel that anyone is going to read. It's been said that Christians are walking epistles written by God and read by men. So, let's live in such a way that people will see Jesus; as you are the salt of the earth, stimulate thirst in their lives for spiritual things



and then you can be the light of the world and share your faith in Christ.

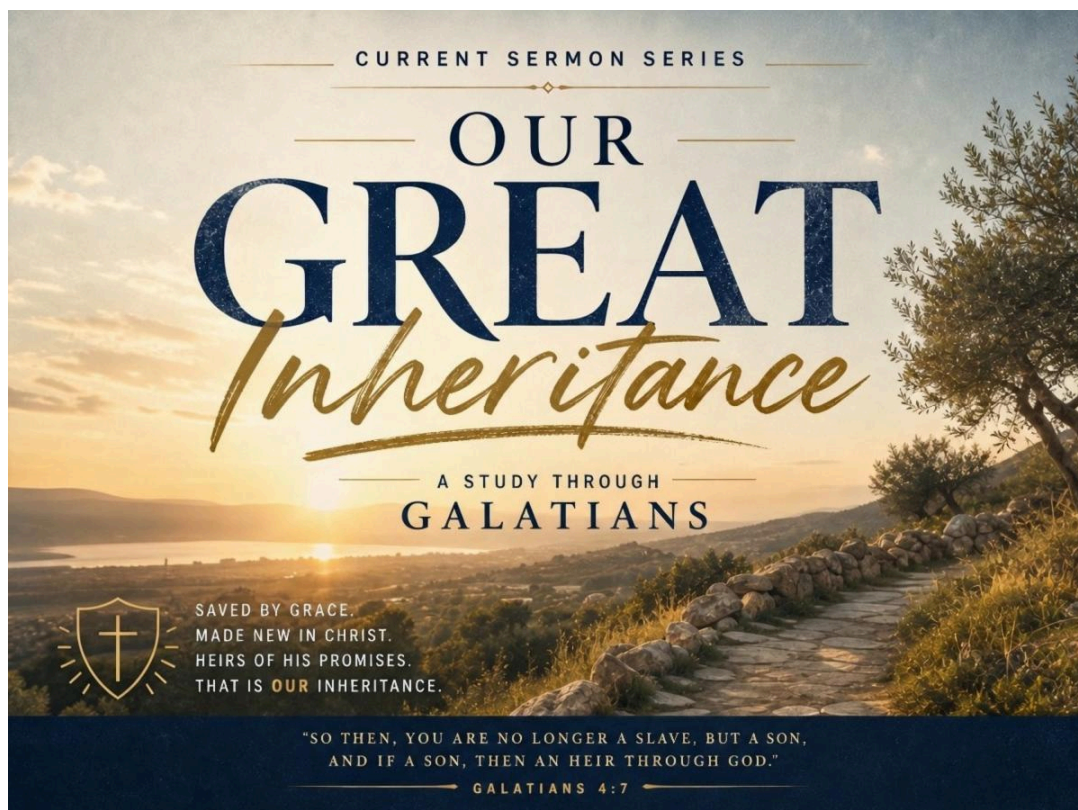
Often times we have opportunities to share in small ways but may feel apprehensive. As Christians we need not be afraid. Maybe every week you go to the same grocery store or convenience store and see the same clerk. Perhaps, ask to say a small prayer for them. Or as Pastor John has often told us - a great way to open the door, so to speak, is "Do you have a church home?"

I was recently thinking about how important it is to share the gospel to those who have never heard it. If someone has no grounding in Christ, they may have an "ok" sense of morality because we have grown up in a Judeo-Christian nation, and those values they have adopted as "their own." They still need to hear the rest of the story as Paul Harvey would say. But imagine those who lack any morality or have outright rejected the societal norms of our Judeo-Christian culture. They truly need this light in their life. I'm sure many of us can look at ourselves and wonder where might I be or what things might I have done in this life if I did not have a relationship with Christ? That is why we must be so filled with gratitude and joy and be anxious to share that love and joy with all whom we encounter in this life.

Do your best to be salty and to give out light.

God Bless,

Allan Esquibel
Director of Worship and Music Ministries



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

"Blind to the Obvious" (Galatians 3:10-22)

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 looking at Galatians 3:10-22 with the title, "Blind to the Obvious." Through this passage, Paul helps us see a reality about Abraham and the Law of God that is unbelievably overlooked and yet key to understanding how God wants to relate to on a daily basis.



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!



OUR PARKING LOT STRIPING IS DONE!

We want to say thanks to Allan Esquibel (team organizer), Lee Beard, Lisa Rae Scott, Doug Black, Randy and Imee Duke, David Auten and Betsy Strodman for their work on restriping our parking lot and making it a little easier to know where to park. Thanks guys!!



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.



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.

Last Sunday in worship Pastor John gave a general financial update and overall plan to finance 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 weekend we will be snail mailing letters to members and regular attendees offering the details of this fund-raising campaign. They should arrive by the middle of next week at the latest.

If you don't receive a letter, it is very possible that it got lost in the mail, redirected (they occasionally return to us even with the right address) or we don't have a correct address. Feel free to email us [here](#) and we can email you a copy of this letter.

Thank you for continuing to invest in the mission and vision of Sandia Fellowship. We are excited about what God may do through this opportunity and look forward to pursuing it together as a church family.



BUILDING UPDATE

We appreciate your prayers and patience as we are coming closer to completing the renovation of our Tennessee building. We are in the process of completing the flooring. Here is a picture of the Worship Center as of Monday. We are getting closer!





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 TODAY by clicking [here](#) and provide us your contact information.



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!

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@sanddiagmc.org

Thank you!



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**](http://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:

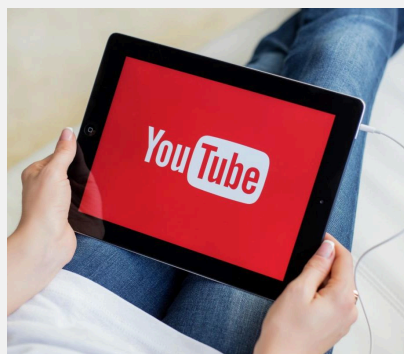
- Send a request through our **website** or click the red button below.
- Email us at **prayer@sandiagmc.org**.
- Fill out a **Prayer Request card** available at the Welcome Tables on Sunday mornings.

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:

Sandia Fellowship GMC
P.O. Box 16702
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87191



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