



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

October 15, 2026

UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Family Discipleship Director

Thank you to everyone who has helped seed our new Family Discipleship Director position. We are grateful to have more than \$100,000 set aside for this ministry, and we deeply appreciate everyone whose generosity has made this possible.

We are currently searching for candidates and have posted the position. Our first step is to determine whether qualified candidates are available locally. If our local search is unsuccessful, we will expand the search nationwide.

If you know someone who might be interested, please direct them to the job description on our website [here](#) and share the opportunity with them. Please keep this search in your prayers. If you have questions or know someone who may be a good fit, feel free to [contact us](#).





Prayer Gathering at the Tennessee Building

Several weeks ago, I issued a personal prayer challenge as we prepare to move into our new Worship Center in the Tennessee building. I want to offer another opportunity for us to pray together as a church family.

On **Sunday, October 25, at 9:35 AM**—not this Sunday, but the following Sunday—I invite everyone to gather in the new Worship Center for 15 minutes of corporate prayer. We will pray for God's presence as we prepare to worship regularly in our new home and ask Him to remove every hindrance preventing us from holding our first service there as soon as possible.

I chose this time to accommodate both of our current worship services. Those attending the 8:30 AM service can come directly to the Tennessee building afterward, while those attending the 10 AM service are invited to arrive early. Both the front and back entrances will be open shortly before the gathering.

Please mark your calendar and join us for this important time of prayer as we seek God's direction and blessing for this next chapter in the life of Sandia Fellowship.



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

West Plains

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 15** |  **3:00 PM**
Sandia Fellowship GMC

- ✓ *Budget Matters*
- ✓ *Renew CLM Servants*
- ✓ *Presentation by Bishop Lyndol Loyd*

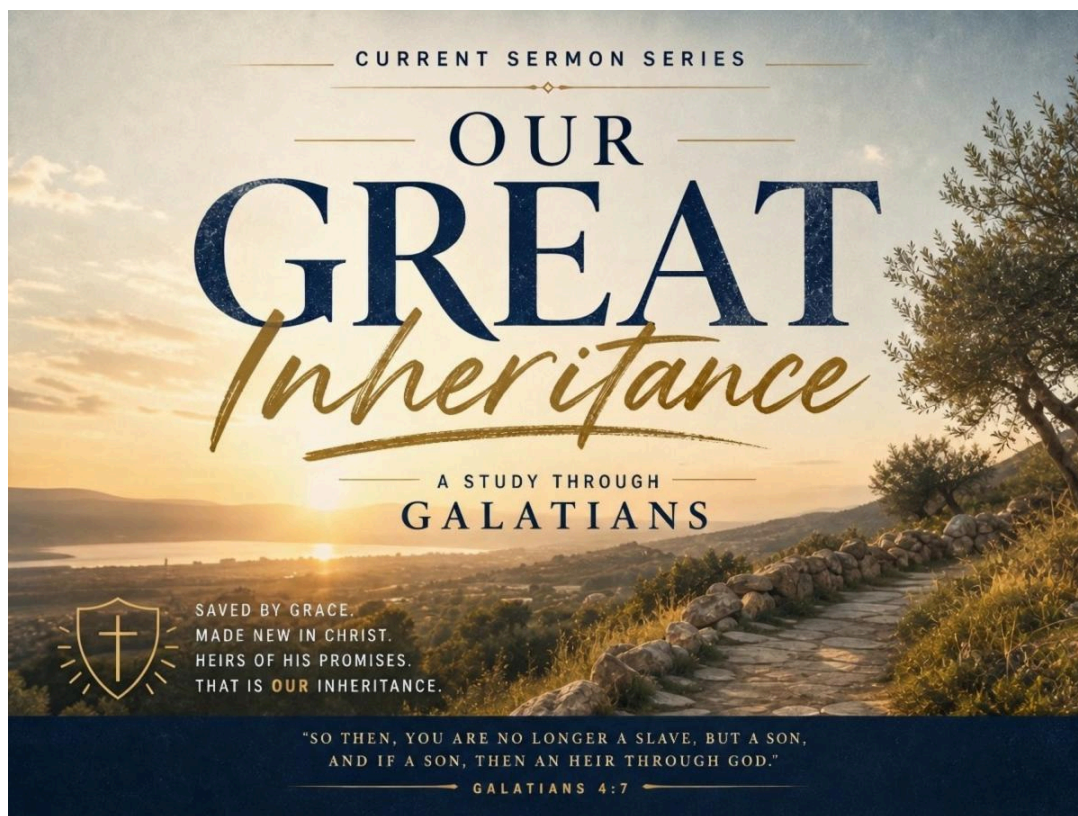
Church Charge Conference

Sandia Fellowship will host the area Charge Conference on **Sunday, November 15, at 3 PM**. This gathering will include our church and several other congregations in the area, with similar conferences taking place throughout the conference.

Everyone is invited to attend. We will address budget matters, renew Certified Lay Ministry servants, and hear a presentation from our new Bishop, Lyndol Loyd.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special opportunity to gather with other churches and participate in the life and ministry of our conference.

Blessings,
John



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 "Taking Responsibility" (Galatians 6:1-10)

We are continuing our sermon series through the book of Galatians, titled "Our Great Inheritance." This coming Sunday, we will be looking at Galatians 6:1-10 with a focus on the importance of taking responsibility on various matters of life that matter to God.



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month! We don't normally think of Pastor Appreciation Month as a cause for celebration, but I believe we should. In my opinion, we should celebrate the blessing of having such wonderful staff. John and Lindy's ministry, and also Allan's leadership of the music program, are truly a blessing to our church.

So much of what pastors do is behind the scenes. And we can become complacent and take for granted even the public-facing part of what they do. When excellence is what we see week after week, we can neglect to thank God for all the hard work that went into those uplifting worship services. And much of what a pastor does is done behind the scenes. I have seen John deal with some tough problems that must have weighed heavily on him, but I can't remember a time I have ever heard him complain.

So let's thank God for the great blessing of our professional leadership and celebrate all that means for our church. And if any of you would like to bring cards with words of appreciation to church this Sunday or next, I know they would be appreciated.

Blessing and joy,

Cliff Renschler
Chair of Leadership Committee

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:
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Thank You ♥ for making a difference!

PURSONALITIES PLUS ABQ
Gift Purses for Deserving Women

Sandia Fellowship Women's Breakfast Group has been collecting new or like new purses for Pursonalities Plus ABQ, a program that helps women in situations of domestic violence, trafficking, sexual assault, homelessness, incarceration, etc. Since 2016 Pursonalities Plus ABQ has collected, filled and distributed 16,000+ purses!

We are thrilled to announce the donation drive was a huge success: **we collected over 50 purses, scarves, hats, jewelry, and toiletry items!** Thank you so much to everyone who participated!

Sunday, October 25th is the last day for any donations. Donations will then be delivered to the Pursonalities Plus organization on Monday, November 2. They will start filling the purses that day to distribute for Christmas.

If you'd like to participate, needed items are:

- Purses
- 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 placed in the blue rolling cart in the coffee room.

Once again, THANK YOU!



BUILDING UPDATE AND CALL TO PRAYER

On September 27, at the conclusion of my message, I issued a “Call to Prayer” regarding the obstacles and recent roadblocks we have encountered in the final stages of renovating our new church building. Personally, I have sensed that this may be a form of spiritual warfare and have felt strongly that the “ball is in our court” to address these challenges through congregational prayer.

This challenge also addresses our potential dependence on phones, apps, and the distractions they bring. I am encouraging everyone to refrain from using their phones during the first and last hours of each day, dedicating part of that time to pray for the completion of our building renovation and for God's guidance as we prepare for the next steps in fulfilling our call to discipleship.

If you are experiencing spiritual benefits from this practice—a form of fasting from mobile devices—I invite you to email me at jrech@sandiagmc.org and share your experience. I would love to hear how God is using this simple discipline to deepen your prayer life and draw you closer to Him.



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, November 5 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP by October 29 by clicking [here](#) and provide us your contact information.



NEED ASSISTANCE WITH HEARING AT CHURCH?

If you are needing assistance with hearing, please download the **Listen Everywhere** app on your cell phone.

When you arrive at our service, please connect to our Wi-Fi. The password is: 17x9c9s0ua.

On your hearing aid, make sure your Bluetooth is turned on. If you do not want to use the app on your phone, we have two devices available. It has a headphone that goes over your ear and you can adjust the volume on the provided phone. Please ask an usher if you need one of these devices.



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@sandiagmc.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!

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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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