



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

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Divine GPS

We all have a longing for heaven. We have an instinct inside of us to go to a place we have never been.

C.S. Lewis put it like this, "If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."



A great analogy for this is the Golden Plover. This bird lives in Hawaii, but when it comes time to lay their eggs they fly over 2500 miles away to the Aleutian Islands to do so. When the baby birds hatch there is no mom and dad – and yet they know how to fly to Hawaii. They have a Divine GPS so-to-speak.

We too have this for heaven. If you can think of the most beautiful sunset you have ever seen or ocean view or really any scenic beauty and multiply it by 1000, that is but a glimpse of the reality of heaven.

Our hearts have a homing device to make it home to our creator. The Apostle Paul caught a glimpse of this and tells us about it in 2

Corinthians 12:2-4. Paul stated that he heard things so holy and magnificent that humans are not permitted to speak them, calling them "inexpressible words." Paul was also unsure whether he was "in the body or out of the body." He implores us to remain humble as we seek the kingdom.

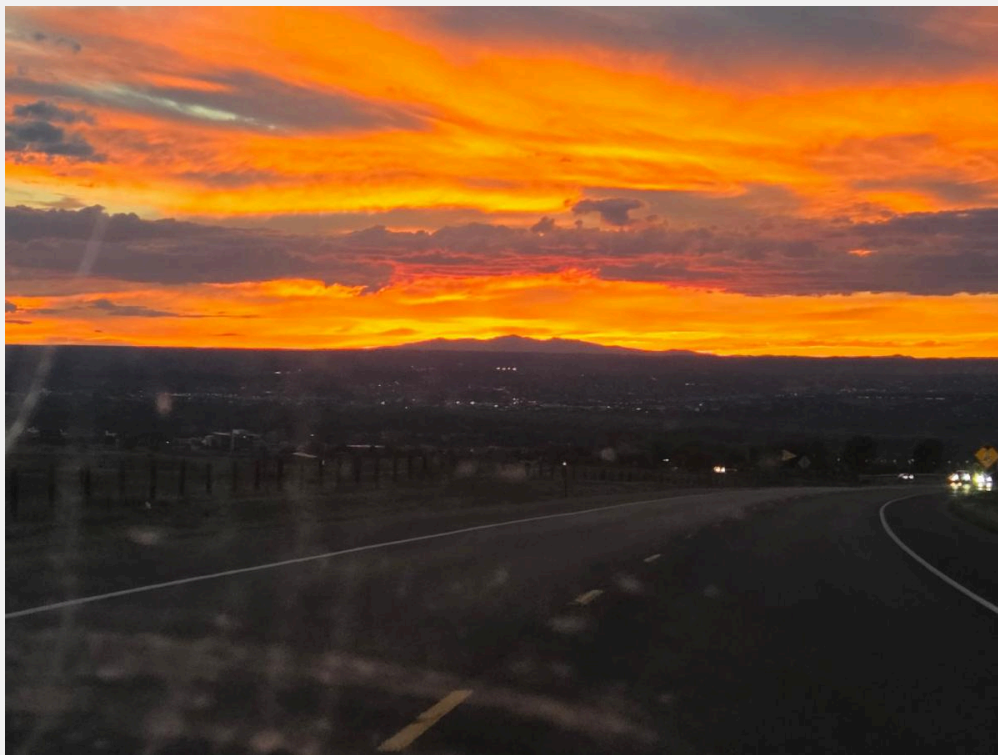
This Monday on my way home with the kids from Emily's ice skating class I was able to catch one of these remarkable New Mexico sunsets laying behind Mt. Taylor. It was amazing and yet what lies ahead in heaven will be far greater.

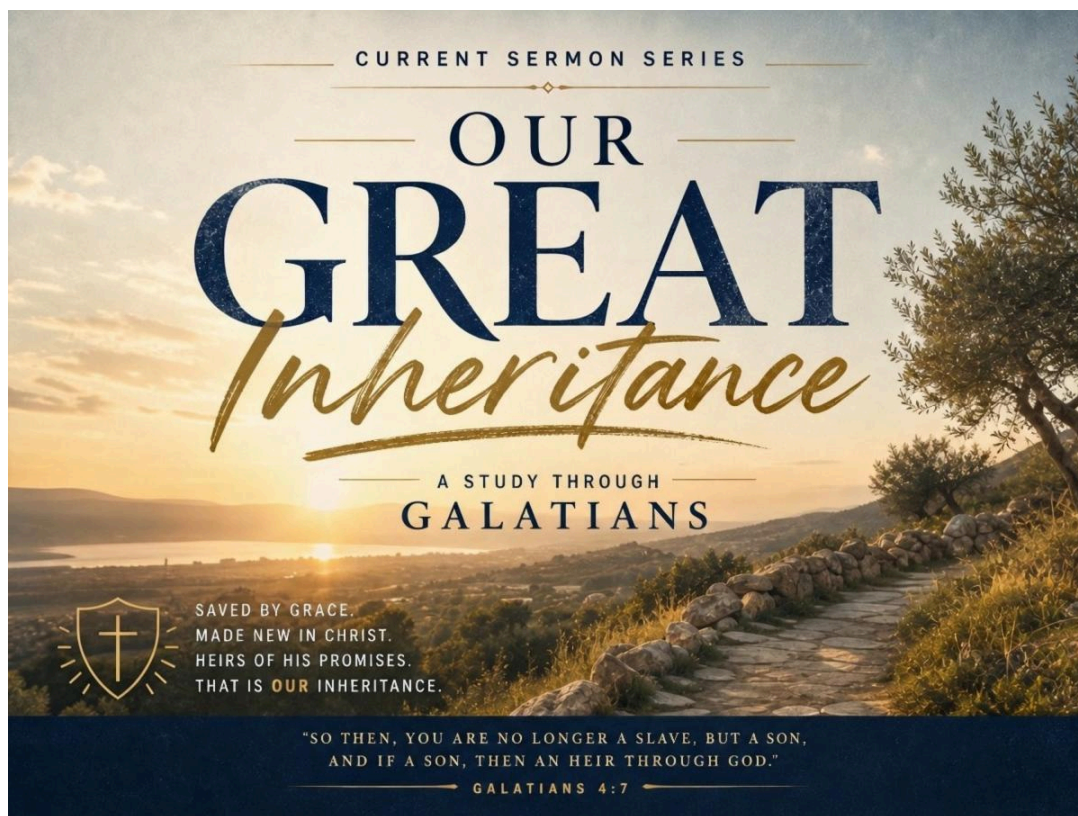
As Paul writes in 2 Timothy 4:7 nearing the end of his life, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Let us also stay steadfast and run with fervor so that we may get the greatest prize of all and be in the presence of Christ Jesus in heaven.

God Bless,

Allan Esquibel
Director of Worship and Music Ministries





MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
"Walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16-26)

We are continuing our sermon series through the book of Galatians, titled "Our Great Inheritance." This coming Sunday, we will be looking at Galatians 5:16-26, where Paul challenges the Galatians to walk in the fruit of the Spirit. This message will also include passages from John 15 where Jesus gives instructions on bearing spiritual fruit.



MISSIONARIES KEN AND AMELIA HUNTER JOINING US SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Ken and Amelia Hunter are Youth with a Mission (YWAM) missionaries working in Armenia. Their earnest desire through their work is to lead people into greater depth in their relationship with Jesus; and the natural result of that is to live like Jesus and worship Him through obedience to Him in their lives. Armenia has recently experienced devastating loss and heartbreak; but God is close to the brokenhearted -- and the grief they're now experiencing is not the end of the story! Ken and Amelia believe that the transformation, healing and depth of relationship with Him that they experienced is also available to the people of Armenia and the surrounding Muslim countries.

That is the cause for which the Hunters are committed and the cause for which they are in Armenia: to see God bring the people of the Middle East to restored relationship with Him, through Jesus and Jesus alone. Sandia Fellowship is honored to partner with Ken and Amelia in this vital mission to the people of Armenia.

Fellowship Luncheon @ Sheraton ABQ Uptown

Sunday, September 27
11:30 AM



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY

We're looking forward to a great time of food and fellowship at the Fellowship Luncheon this coming Sunday, September 27! It will be held at the Sheraton ABQ Uptown at 11:30 AM, after our late worship service. We will be meeting in the Roxy Room.



BUILDING UPDATE

We appreciate your prayers and patience as we are coming closer to completing the renovation of our Tennessee building. Currently while the HVAC units have been installed and we are currently in the process of connecting the vents and wiring.



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

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTOR UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the call to help seed the first-year salary for our new staff position of Family Discipleship Director. We are already receiving a great response.

Concerning this giving opportunity, we are asking that donations or year-end pledges be turned in by September 30 so that we can determine where we stand regarding our total expected income. If anyone would like to take advantage of a tax-free IRA donation, we would welcome that as well. Those donations can extend into January of next year, if needed.



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, October 1 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP TODAY 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.

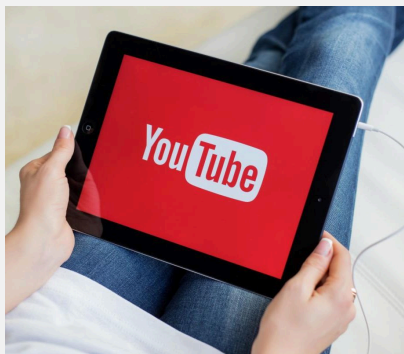
If you'd like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please email Holly at **hklein@sandiagmc.org**.

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
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