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## SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

April 16, 2026

### A Holy Partnership

Growing up, I experienced many great memories flying with my dad in a variety of small private planes he either owned or co-owned over the years. Flying was one of his passions that started in his childhood making model planes, which later grew into flying SNJ's in the Navy. When Michael was growing up, Dad took us flying every chance we got, which Michael always enjoyed.



When Lindy and I were trying to help Michael get direction about a career, she asked, "What do you want to do when you grow up? What do you love doing?" He loved flying. We then sent Michael to Midland College which had a two-year aviation program. Michael went from an academically-average student to getting straight A's in college because he loved studying everything related to flying.

About a year after Michael got his pilot's license, Lindy, Michael and I took a trip to see Mom and Dad in Florida. Dad had recently lost his pilot's license being unable to pass his physical, but he still had his plane. Fortunately, thanks to Michael's license, we were still able to go flying together. Michael was now the pilot and for the first time

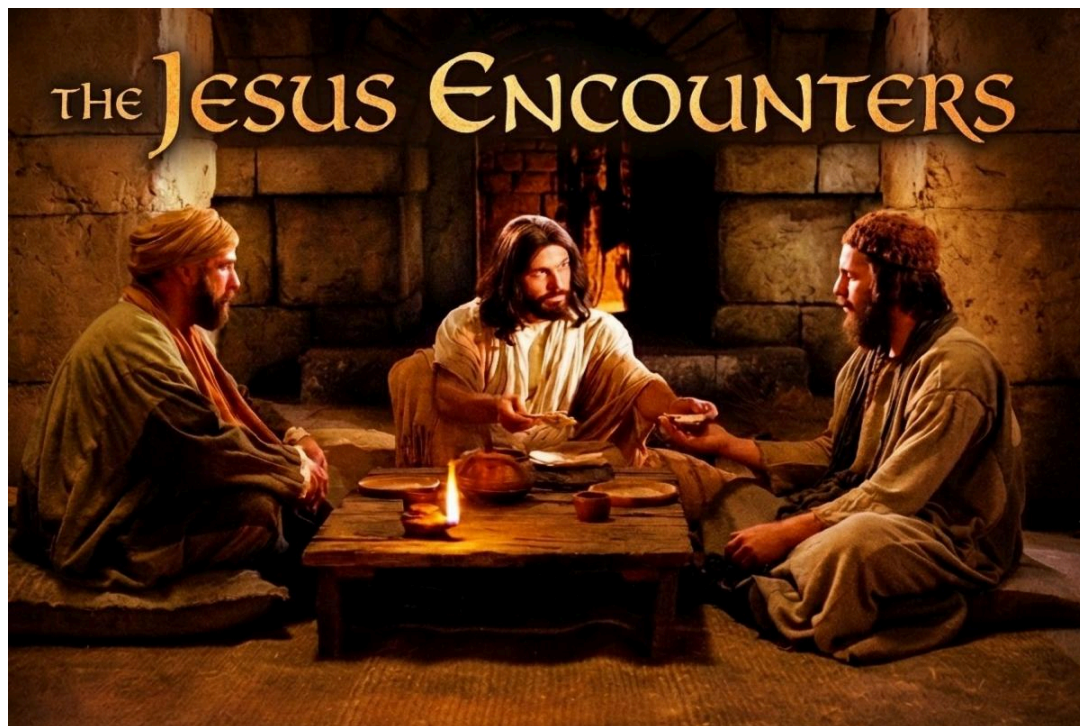
Dad/Grandpa sat in the co-pilot seat. I was in the back just enjoying the flight and reflecting on three generations flying together.

When Dad passed away in 2016, Michael shared at the memorial service about Grandpa and his passion for flying, and then closed with, *"My Grandpa took me up for my first flight and I got to take him up on his last flight."* Today Michael enjoys a great calling and career flying for American Airlines.

Can you see a connection in that story with you and Jesus? Here's one. When my dad couldn't legally fly anymore, his passion and ability to fly was and still is in Michael. Michael is also flying planes that Dad never flew, to places and elevations that he never experienced as a pilot. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and minister the life of Christ through us so that He could touch countless lives that could never be done as one person in one body.

Ever since Pentecost, Jesus and the Holy Spirit have been changing billions of lives across the globe through people like you and me. This partnership allowed the Lord to share with us the greatness of the fruits and blessings of brining the increase in the Kingdom of God. It is a "Holy Partnership" of which don't have a clue as to its greatness, but it is definitely worth taking a moment to think about it and thank the Lord for sharing in such an eternal blessing.

Blessings,  
Pastor John



**MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19**  
**"Thomas Meets Jesus" (John 20:24-29)**

We are continuing our 'Jesus Encounters' series, and this week is the well-known encounter that Thomas has with Jesus wherever since Thomas has

been known as “Doubting Thomas.” It is an unfair title as we will see, but life isn’t always fair. It is over a week since Jesus first appeared to the other ten disciples, and yet thanks to the delayed encounter that Thomas has with Jesus, we learn some interesting insights about Jesus that might have been missed had this event never happened.

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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!**  
**Every 1st and 3rd Sunday**

Children's Church is held on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. This program takes place during the message portion of the morning service. Please inquire at the Welcome Desk on Sunday if you have any questions, or email us at [info@sandiagmc.org](mailto:info@sandiagmc.org).

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## **PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Palm Sunday luncheon!  
The date for our next Fellowship Luncheon will be announced soon!

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# KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY



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## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Kairos Men's Weekend #26 is coming up April 30-May 3 at Guadeloupe County Correctional Facility. A sign-up table will be available with opportunities to participate before and after worship with a volunteer present to answer any questions.



## AN EXCITING WAY TO HELP EQUIP OUR NEW BUILDING!

Hello Church! We have a 'building update' of sorts for you.

For all of you who are looking past the construction aspect and for whom the thoughts of drywall, carpet and bathroom fixtures are just not your cup of

tea.....we have an opportunity for you!

We are equipping the building to be used for worship services and invite you to help in the following way. Like we did last Sunday, we will again have a table set up in the hallway with sign-up sheets for you to explore. There will be lists of specific items needed for the building. You can sign up for an item or two (or more) that you would like to purchase and bring it to us by the end of the month.

So, if you want to buy crib sheets, dish soap, kitchen scissors, or children's Bible story books, (and oh so much more!) this is a great opportunity to participate. We are grateful that so many of you have asked about how you can be a part of this exciting time for our congregation. Look for the table Sunday morning.

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## **BUILDING UPDATE**

New pictures of recent progress will be shown this coming Sunday!

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## SANDIA FELLOWSHIP GOLF GATHERING

Would you like to have the chance to play golf with others from Sandia Fellowship? We are starting to organize a group to gather for a yet-to-be determined time for a round of 9 holes at one of the public courses in town. Grant Claycomb is going to be our point person, and if you are interested in participating, click [here](#) and provide us your contact information and we will work on organizing this great time of fun and fellowship.

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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!

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:hklein@sandiagmc.org).

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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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