



## SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

May 7, 2026

### A Meaningful Mother's Day

Each Mother's Day is meaningful as it embodies the celebration of new life, the bonds of a family, and the new, lifelong role a woman is given. This message is about how God continues to work miracles today, and how His timing is perfect.



As many of you know, my husband and I welcomed a baby girl into our family last November. What you may not know is the journey we experienced to reach that moment.

We began trying to start a family near the end of 2022. Ryan and I met a little later in life compared to many of our friends, and we wanted to have at least a couple of years being married to one another before starting a family. Pressures and challenges at work and the busyness of life would at times distract us from our goal of starting a family, but it stayed on our radar.

This week, I was reading through my prayer journal and reflecting on past entries when the Lord led me to the times where I prayed for a child. I wanted our family to follow God's will and His timing. There were challenges and difficulties going on in other areas of life, and I

repeatedly sought God's guidance on what to do next. I yearned to be a mother, and in June 2023, after months of praying about this topic, I wrote "Lord, I pray that You will please make Your signal unmistakable. Please give me a clear sign when things can/will/should start happening." I did not know God's timing on when, or even if, we would be blessed with a child, but I asked Him for an unmistakable sign that would indicate we would soon start a family.

In His goodness and mercy, an unmistakable sign is exactly what He gave me, but it would take patience and nearly a year before I would receive it.

On Mother's Day 2024, after church I took a load of donations to Goodwill. The gentleman who helped me unload the donations from my vehicle was kind and jovial, and told me "Happy Mother's Day! Are you a mom?" I said thank you and replied that I was not a mom. He kept his upbeat attitude and told me that I was a daughter, so the "Happy Mother's Day" still applied.

While we were unloading my vehicle, we maintained a pleasant conversation, even laughing a couple of times. During the conversation, he asked me, "Do you have any kids?" I thought to myself, "That's odd, he already asked if I was a mom, and I told him no." Being courteous, I kindly replied to his question and said that I did not have kids. We finished unloading the donations while continuing to converse, said our goodbyes, and as I walked along the opposite side of my vehicle to leave, I heard him say, "Do you have a baby?"

I froze. His question stopped me in my tracks, and my inner voice (the Holy Spirit) said, "It's Him." Immediately, I had flashbacks of the story where Peter was asked three times after Jesus' resurrection, "Do you love Me?" There was nothing I could do but turn around, go back to him, and say, "I'm sorry. What did you say?" He kindly repeated the question, "Do you have a baby?" I replied that I did not.

What happened next was the most surreal and poignant exchange I have had in my life. He gave me the guidance I had been searching for from the Lord, and I knew that everything was going to be ok. I knew that the Lord would bless us with a child, even if I didn't know the exact timing.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this message, God's timing is perfect. Forty weeks after my experience at Goodwill, which is the span of a typical pregnancy, Ryan and I successfully began our family's pregnancy journey, and Emma was born this past November. During the waiting season, I saw God's hand continue to guide and direct us through other facets of life, and I know that without those experiences I wouldn't be the person I am today. Those experiences gave me hope for future endeavors and better prepared me for my new role as Emma's mom.

I realize this message may sound far-fetched or extraordinary to some people. They are welcome to have their thoughts and opinions. I know what I experienced and how I have seen God working in my life, and He placed it on my heart to share this testimony with others. I'm not

sure who may have needed to hear this, but please do not give up hope. Things are so much better and greater when we follow God's timing.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this year, my first as a mom, I am reflecting on God's goodness and faithfulness, and I am giving Him all the glory for the wondrous works of His hands.

"For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well."

Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

Blessings,  
Sarah Terpsma



*Sarah, Ryan, and Emma Terpsma*



**MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, MAY 10  
"Mary Meets Jesus" (John 20:11-18)**

We are continuing our *Jesus Encounters* series and looking at the first person to actually meet Jesus after His resurrection. Jesus' revelation of Himself first to Mary underscores a number of significant realities that parallel how Jesus reveals Himself to us today. Mary has a unique experience with her encounter with Jesus at the empty tomb that has much to teach us about experiencing God in our call to discipleship.



**UPDATE FROM THE HUNTERS  
Missionaries to Armenia**

On March 27 at 4:45 AM, Bartholomew "Bardo" James Hunter was welcomed into the world! He was just under nine pounds and just over a foot tall; we were praying for a big baby, so God said "yes and amen" to that one.

Since the beginning of March, the doctors had some concerns about the baby's heart rate dipping low, and on Bardo's due date (March 26th) we came into the clinic because I (Amelia) thought my water was leaking, and as the nurses were doing a general examination, they discovered that my blood pressure was pretty high, and that the baby's heart rate was dipping lower than it had before and was staying low.

After a few hours of close monitoring and seeing if labor would progress with some mild intervention, Bardo's heart rate was still very low and staying low, so the doctors decided the best way forward would be to perform an emergency C-section.

It of course wasn't what we originally planned, but I'm so thankful for the great medical team we had, and more than anything I'm so glad that baby Bardo arrived into the world safe and sound and is a healthy, beautiful baby!

The transition into motherhood for me has been a mix between really difficult and unbelievably sweet and tender. I have a hunch that maybe this is typical..?

I've never experienced the kind of love that I have for our baby boy, but it's still been a huge adjustment to be constantly needed, and to have to drastically slow down from the pace of life and productivity that I'm used to (c-section recovery didn't help with that either).

However, in the midst of all of this, I've felt Jesus with me each step of the way - guiding me, helping me adjust my expectations, and really being an "ever present help" in time of need.

So please thank God with me for a successful delivery, and please keep us in your prayers as we adjust to being parents.

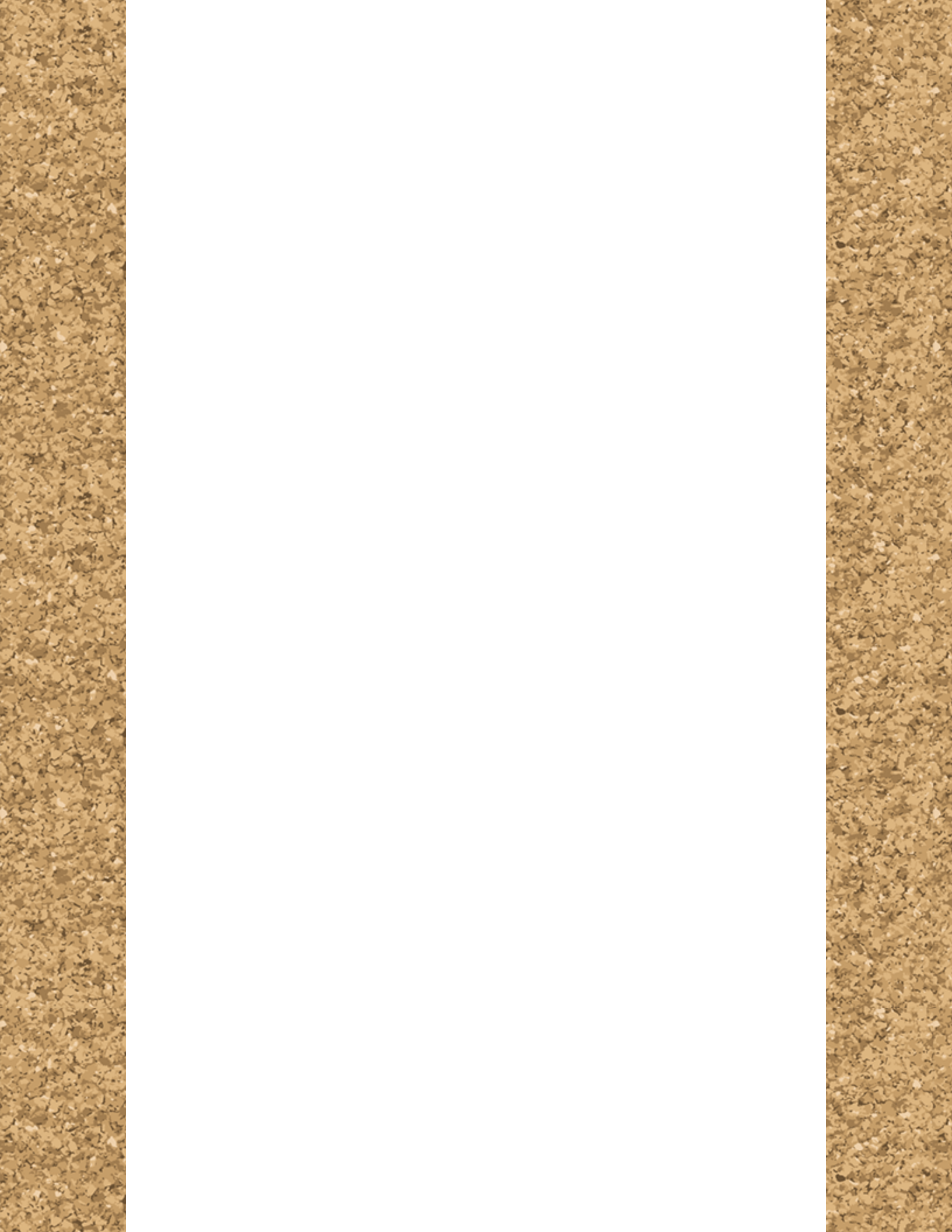
We love you all very much.

In Christ,

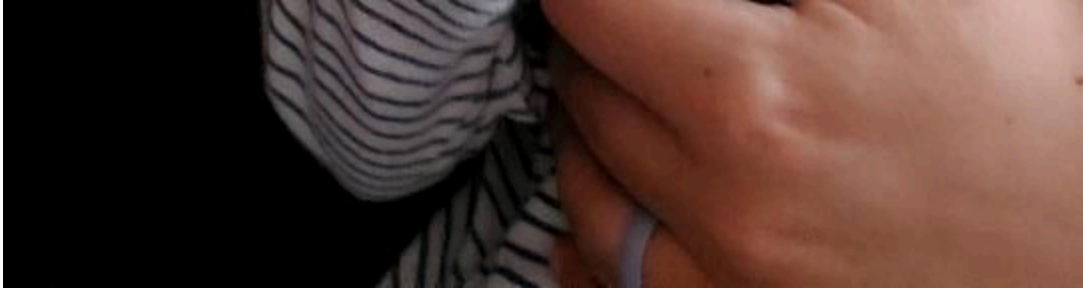
Ken, Amelia, and baby Bardo

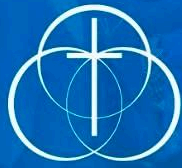
P.s. enjoy the baby pics!











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**THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH IS NOW FOUR YEARS  
OLD!**

Last Friday, May 1, marked the four year anniversary of the Global Methodist Church! Over these past four years we have seen God move in powerful ways through new churches planted, annual conferences formed across the world, communities reached for Christ, and lives transformed through faithful witness. ***There are now over 7,000 GMC churches worldwide!***

We give thanks to God and to everyone who has prayed, served, sacrificed, led, and loved so faithfully on this journey.

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# KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY



CHANGING HEARTS, TRANSFORMING LIVES, IMPACTING THE WORLD

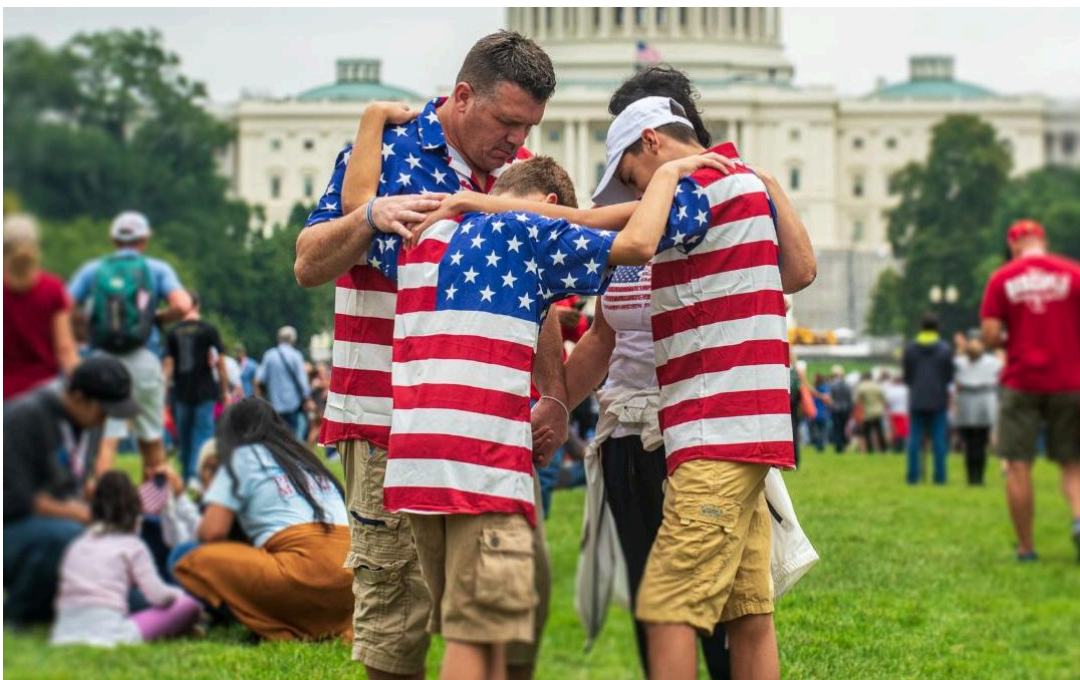
## **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY - Weekend Follow Up Report**

On behalf of our Sandia Fellowship GMC team of Brent Bateman, Lee Beard, Ed Boucheron, Grant Claycomb and myself (Pastor John), I want to express our deep appreciation to everyone who baked cookies, purchased dinners, attended closing, and/or prayed for our Men's Guadeloupe County Correctional Facility Kairos #26. We had a great response from the 24 residents who attended this past Kairos weekend event and we only lost one participant for health reasons.

On Saturday night during an "open mike" opportunity, nearly all of the participants stood up to share of how Kairos either deeply impacted their life or helped them gain a greater understanding of God's love for them. I also sensed that there were a large number of participants with leadership gifts or responsibilities on this Kairos weekend which is significant as the population of this prison recently increased almost three-fold in the past several months.

Thanks again to so many of you who helped make this weekend a success! If you are interested in being a team member, we are always in great need of more volunteers. Sandia Fellowship has teams that serve both men's and women's prisons here in New Mexico as we seek to be faithful to the calling of Jesus in Matthew 25:36 saying, "I was in prison and you visited Me."

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## 50 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12

This year marks America's 250th anniversary, and in honor of this momentous occasion, please join us for 50 days of prayer. The 50 Days of Prayer begins May 15 and culminates on July Fourth. Christians from every state will join together in this special season of prayer, thanking God for how He has blessed the United States and seeking His mercy, direction, and provision as we celebrate our nation's founding on the Fourth of July.

You can be a part of this initiative by visiting [OneNationUnderGod.com](http://OneNationUnderGod.com) starting May 15. Together, let's ask the Lord to work mightily in our country and draw many people to faith in Jesus Christ.

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!**  
**Every 2nd and 4th Sunday**

We offer Children's Church on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** of each month. This program is for children in kindergarten through 6th grade and 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).



**BUILDING UPDATE**

We are continuing to make progress. Nearly all the sheet rock is in place and we will begin taping the walls this week. A small team will be meeting with our interior decorator next week to decide the specific shade of wall coloring.



*Sandia Fellowship*  
**GOLF**

THURSDAY  **May 21** | AT  **9:30 AM**

— *Arroyo del Oso* —

— **RSVP by 5/14** —  
**SFGMC-golf@sandiagmc.org**

### SANDIA FELLOWSHIP GOLF GATHERING

Would you like to have the chance to play golf with others from Sandia Fellowship? Join us for a round of 9 holes at Arroyo del Oso. Our next date is Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 AM. Grant Claycomb is our point person, and if you are interested in participating, click [here](#) and provide us your contact information.



**2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays, 7 AM**

**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**  
**@ Sunnyside Up**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, May 12 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](http://www.sandiagmc.org/life-groups)

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### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Our monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, May 12 at 9:00 AM at Dave's High Desert Grill (5200 Eubank Blvd NE). Reservations are helpful but not required. Please email Linda Hess [here](#).

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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!

[www.sandiaagmc.org](http://www.sandiaagmc.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](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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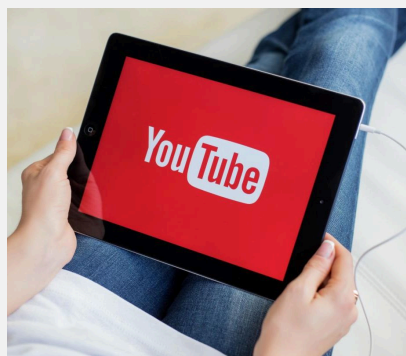
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**Sundays @ 10 AM**

**Join us for worship this Sunday!**

Childcare is available for ages six months through five years old.



## SANDIA FELLOWSHIP YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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Search [@sandiafellowship](#) on YouTube (or just click the photo).



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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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