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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

April 2, 2026

Not Just Any Body

This coming Sunday, Christians around the world will celebrate what we believe to be the greatest event in the human history. It is without question the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The bodily resurrection of Jesus confirms that we can trust our eternal life to Him and to His Word. Like one preacher said, “If a man can predict the timing of his own death, burial and resurrection and pull it off, you might want to follow Him.”



Is there something else important about Jesus being bodily raised from the dead? To be clear, this was not a body like the revived physical bodies of Lazarus and numerous others. Everyone that Jesus raised from the dead got their old bodies back and they “continued” where they left off. They then still died years later.

Jesus returned in a resurrected body that never died nor ever will. This was a body that could eat food and then walk through walls. This body existed in a reality that made our current earthly reality appear like a hologram by comparison. We think that this world we live in is the greatest expression of reality, but we don’t have a clue. But we are

given a clue as to what our eternal resurrected bodies might look like because of Jesus' body.

First, Jesus was fully recognizable and was fully whole and healthy. I'm sure Jesus felt awesome with no aches, pains, nor any physical limitations. Talk about something to look forward to as we age and our body parts and minds wear down.

However, Jesus still had scars. What does that mean for us in our resurrected bodies? There is much debate as to whether we will have any scars in heaven as Jesus did. Here are my "two cents" on this matter. I wonder if the scars on Jesus' resurrect body were in part a continual testimony of His love for us who are the recipients of His unmerited mercy.

I believe that our resurrected bodies will not have scars in the sense of how we see scars that are disfigurements, but we might have "scars" that are a testimony of our love for Jesus and others while we lived on the earth. I can't help believing that throughout eternity, our resurrected bodies will in some way be a testimony or revelation of His glory that we hosted in our physical bodies while living on this earth. We'll see.

While I don't know all the details of our resurrected bodies, I do know that our bodies will no longer experience sin, evil, hate, suffering, wounds and brokenness. I do know that by receiving grace through faith, the final chapter of our life isn't one of being lost, defeated, or even hopeless -- but instead we will be formed into our best physical, spiritual and emotional version ever. Jesus revealed that reality and it is one among many things He expressed that we can look forward to.

In God's Grace,

John



JOIN US FOR OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE TONIGHT

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service tonight, Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 PM at the Sheraton ABQ Uptown.



NEW SERIES BEGINS THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 5 "The Emmaus Encounter" (Luke 24:1-6, 13-15)

This Sunday as we begin our series on *The Jesus Encounters*, we will look at the resurrection through the eyes of a couple of disciples who were walking the road to Emmaus on that amazing first day of the week. This

unexpected and unusual walk that Jesus had with these two disciples offer some great insights on how Jesus walks with us today.



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. On Sunday morning, we will 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.



BUILDING UPDATE

Due to the advance preparation of this newsletter, we won't have an update until April 16. Until then, please keep our building renovations and permit adjustment approvals in your prayers.



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.



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!



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**.

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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**.



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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