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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

August 7, 2025



**LOCATION CHANGE FOR THIS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

We are meeting at the Marriott
Albuquerque (2101 Louisiana Blvd)
this Sunday, August 10.

We will resume meeting at the Sheraton
Uptown (2600 Louisiana Blvd)
the following Sunday, August 17.

A Perspective Reset

I mentioned in last Sunday's message that at the end of July I had finished five years serving as an Albuquerque Police Chaplain. It has been an

incredible experience working with an amazing staff of volunteers and getting to meet and serve with a great variety of those who work with the Albuquerque Police Department. All those with whom I had the pleasure to work and serve with in the APD I experienced as courageous, compassionate, and very disciplined. I am so thankful for those who are called to serve in our community in one of the toughest jobs that I have ever witnessed.



While I am going to miss serving with the fellow chaplains and those who serve in a variety of levels of the APD, there is another blessing that came with serving as a chaplain that I am going to have to replace in some way. Serving as a chaplain, I encountered people who not only were experiencing the worst of family tragedies related to the unexpected death of a loved one, but I was regularly exposed to people living in what appeared to me to be some of the most difficult and depressing living conditions.

Countless times I would be finishing a call out to a scene and then be driving home thanking the Lord for the incredibly blessed life that I have. Serving people in need in those circumstances repeatedly reset my perspective on life. I needed that. We all need a perspective reset in life. Here’s the key question. Where are you serving others where God can regularly reset your perspective on life? This is one of the reasons that it is more blessed to give than receive. The regular giving of our time, effort, gifts and resources opens a door to encounters with Jesus and the blessings of the Kingdom of God like nothing else.

Do you have a “Perspective Reset” ministry in your life? If not, why not? What are you waiting for? Are you willing to pray and ask the Lord to open that door?

Blessings,

John

LOVE IS...

FIVE WEEK
SERMON SERIES

JULY 27 - AUGUST 24

1 CORINTHIANS
13:4-8

LOVE

IS PATIENT & KIND
IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST

IT IS NOT PROUD
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

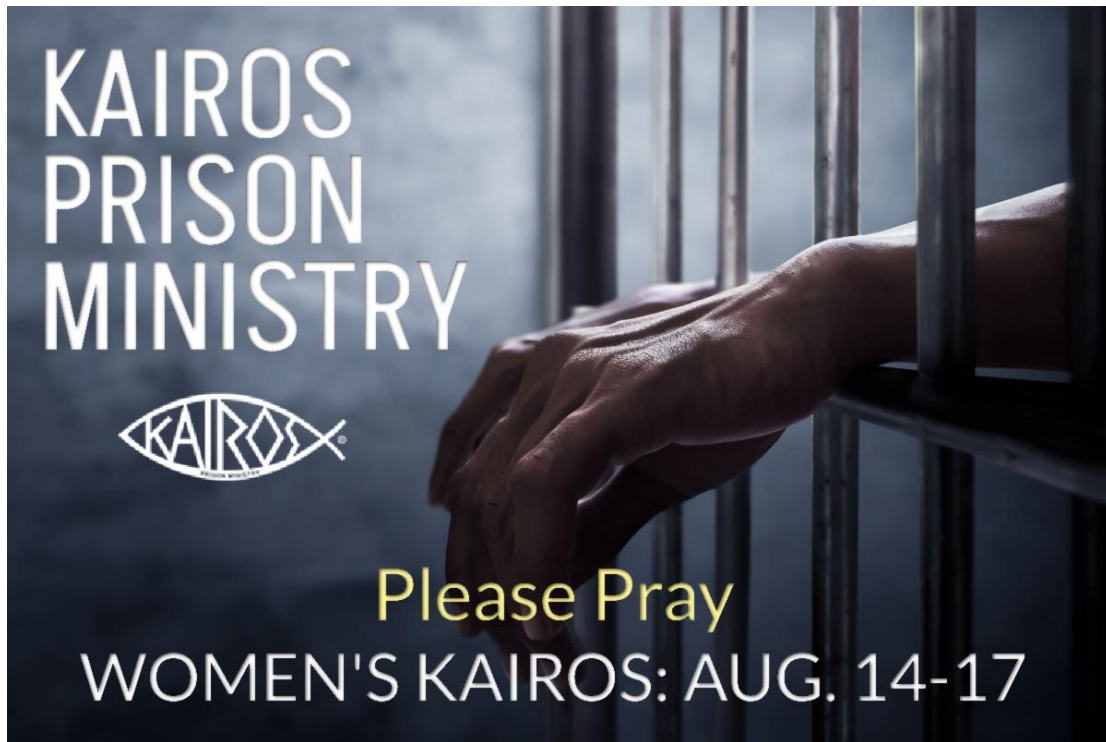
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS

IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS
ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES

LOVE NEVER FAILS

MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
"Loving Others"

This Sunday we are continuing our series on “Love is...” as we look at the reality of love through the lens of Paul’s famous 1 Corinthians 13 chapter on this significant reality related to Christian discipleship. This Sunday we are going to look at a particular obstacle that Paul had to overcome in the church in Corinth: this matter of love and how we often struggle with this same problem in our life today.



KAIROS WEEKEND UPDATE

Sandia Fellowship, what a blessing you are to the Women’s Kairos Ministry! We have over 126 dozen cookies baked, over \$700 in meal tickets, 32 prayer slots filled, along with many posters and placemats decorated. You are truly people who are following Jesus’s command to minister to the prisoners.

If you have not been able to sign up for the prayer vigil or donate for meal tickets, we will be available before and after church this Sunday. Please bring your placemats, posters and cookies -- or stop by and make arrangements to get them to us before Thursday, August 14.

Also, please pray for the prison and residents as we get closer to the Kairos weekend to have no issues or problems that would prevent the women from attending or the team getting to go in. Our team will be going into the Western NM Correctional Facility in Grants during the weekend of Thursday, August 14-Sunday, August 17. Keep your church members in prayer: Imee Duke, Pat Housman, Michele Lommasson and Gina Rivera. Pray that we would take Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit into the prison so that lives would be changed, His love would be made known, and everyone would be drawn into a closer relationship with Jesus.

Blessings,
Gina Rivera



TICKET INFORMATION

For those who reserved tickets for the "Faith and Family Night at the Isotopes" on Sunday, August 10, tickets can be picked up either at the Texas building (2609 Texas Street NE) this Thursday or Friday between 9:00-11:00 am, or Sunday morning at our church service at the Marriott.

Reminder that the game starts at 6:05 PM and there will also be a pre-game worship concert beginning at 4:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!



THIS WEEK'S UPDATE ON OUR NEW CHURCH HOME

Our project is still in the city permitting go-round. We have not heard what the issues are, if any.

The mechanical engineer has responded to our comments /ideas and our contractor is exploring cost savings on the air-conditioning.

Please continue to pray for these matters and for the whole process in general.

Thank you for your patience and prayers as we continue the building renovations for our permanent church home!

**Sandia Fellowship Women's Breakfast Group
is collecting**

**GENTLY USED
PURSES, JEWELRY,
& TOILETRIES**



MORE INFO: www.sandiafellowship.org/current-news

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Sandia Fellowship Women's Breakfast group is again collecting gently used purses and new toiletries for Pursonalities Plus ABQ for distribution to deserving women in our community.

We are collecting:

- Gently used purses and handbags
- Personal items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, brush and comb, hairspray, mirror, hand cream, hand sanitizer, lip balm, lipstick and makeup
- They are especially in need of jewelry donations of any kind (new, used, broken, jewelry making supplies) because they make jewelry sets to put into the purses they deliver.

Pursonalities Plus ABQ is a program that provides purses to women in various programs: victims of domestic violence, sex trafficking, homelessness, sexual assault, and incarceration. Since 2016, the organization has collected, filled and distributed 11,469 purses! Currently the program gifts purses to 35 groups such as A Peaceful Habitation, Barrett House, CareNet Pregnancy Center, Family Promise, Joy Junction, SAFE House, and many others.

Please bring purses, jewelry, and toiletries and join us for our Women's Fellowship Breakfast this upcoming Tuesday, August 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](#).

Learn more here: [Pursonalities Plus ABQ](#)

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

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST
@ Sunnyside Up**



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, August 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.



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**



Join us for worship this Sunday!

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





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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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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87191



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