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## SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

February 5, 2026

### Unbelievably Unprepared

Carl McCunn, an affable Texan with a love of the outdoors, moved to Alaska in the late 1970's. He took a trucking job on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, where he made good money, fast friends, and concocted and adventure that still stirs bewilderment in the forty-ninth state.



At the age of thirty-five, he embarked on a five-month photography expedition in the wild. Friends describe how seriously he prepared for the quest, devoting a year to planning and detail checking. He solicited advice and purchased supplies. And then, in March 1981, he hired a bush pilot to drop him at a remote lake near the Coleen River, some seventy miles northeast of Fort Yukon. He took two rifles, a shotgun, fourteen hundred pounds of provisions, and five hundred rolls of film.

He set up his tent and set about his season of isolation, blissfully unaware of an overlooked detail that would cost him his life. He had not confirmed any arrangements to be picked up. His unbelievable blunder didn't dawn on him until August. We know this because of a hundred-page loose-leaf journal the Alaska state troopers found near his body the following February. In an understatement the size of

Mount McKinley, McCunn wrote: "I think I should have used more foresight about arranging my departure." Ya think!

As the days shortened and air chilled, he began searching the ground for good and the skies for rescue. He was running low on ammunition. Hiking out was impossible. He had no solution but to hope someone in the city would notice his absence.

By the end of September, the snow was piling, the lake was frozen, and supplies were nearly gone. His body fat began to metabolize, making it more difficult to stay warm. Temperatures hovered around zero, and frostbite began to his attack fingers and toes. By late November, McCunn was out of food, strength, and optimism. One of his final journal entries reads, "This is sure a slow and agonizing way to die." Isolated with no rescue and trapped with no exit.

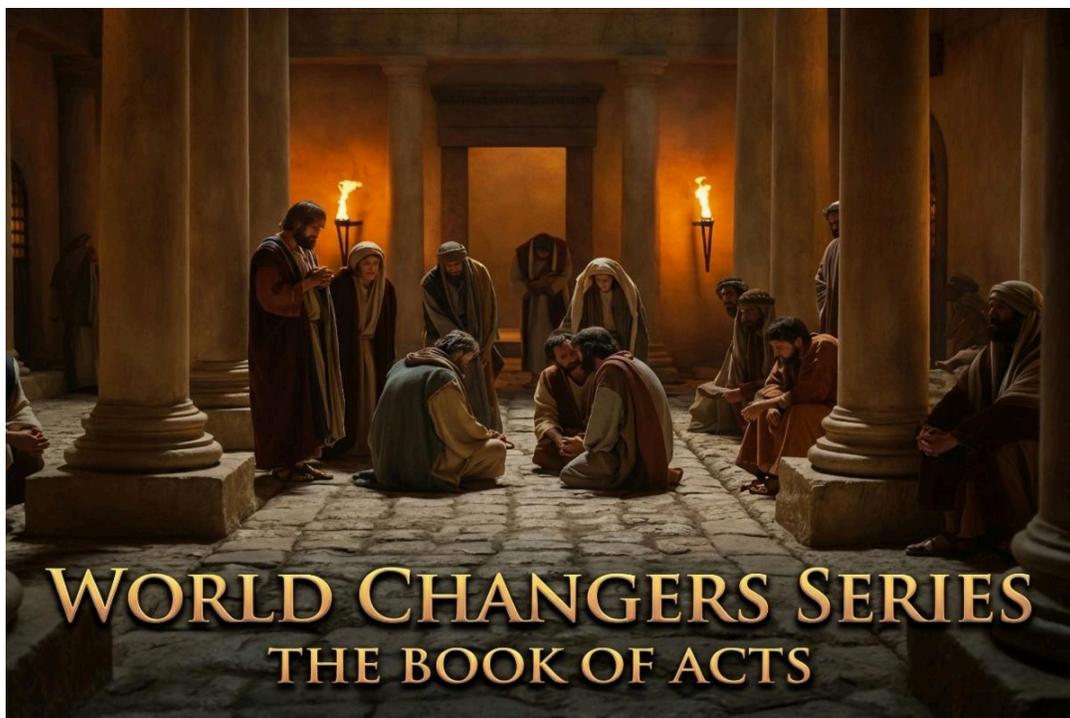
How could he be so "Unbelievably Unprepared?" Why was there no exit strategy? Didn't he know that every trip comes to an end?

Unfortunately, he is not alone as there are billions of people just like him who are "Unbelievably Unprepared" for their departure from this life. We all die. Over 2 people every second, more than 7,400 an hour, more than 178,000 every day and around 65 million a year. None of us, no matter how famous, healthy, wealthy or wise will ever escape death.

The irony is that while many people prepare for retirement, it seems like far fewer people prepare for their eternal departure from this physical life. Do we really believe that that our actions today set foundations for the reality of our eternal life? Do we really believe that our faithfulness or faithlessness matters for eternity? That's what Jesus taught and he's the only one who came back from the dead to validate what He said and who He is. That's why we gather and worship Him and encourage others to make the right and most important decision of their entire life and not end up entirely unbelievably unprepared!

In God's Grace,  
John

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**MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
**"The Other Peter Principle"**  
**Acts 10-11**

During this twelve-week series on the Book of Acts, we will discover and be challenged by the amazing group of Christian converts who turned the Roman Empire upside down through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This coming Sunday, the message is called "The Other Peter Principle" and is based on Acts 10 & 11. The modern "Peter Principle" highlights the concept that people in a hierarchy are promoted to their level of incompetence, where they remain because they are no longer good enough to be promoted further. In this story of Peter and the centurion Cornelius, God promotes Peter despite his incompetence at fully understanding and accepting God's saving work to all people.

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## BUILDING UPDATE

We are continuing to make progress on the build each week. Please keep praying for health and safety for everyone working on our building.

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## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fellowship Luncheon this Sunday at 11:30 AM.

We encourage you to pay by check (made out to Sandia Fellowship with memo: "Luncheon") or online via our website [here](#). (Under "Fund," select the drop down "Monthly Fellowship Luncheon.")

# Pastoral **PRAYER REQUEST**

## PASTORAL PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue prayers for Holly Klein as she will be undergoing the second surgical procedure this Friday at Mayo Clinic. She has endured serious respiratory issues for the last five years following a severe Covid infection in 2020 and we are praying for her healing on this matter. Please keep Holly and Bill in prayer during this surgery and recovery.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, February 10 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)

2nd Tuesdays,  
9AM

# WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

@ Dave's High  
Desert Grill



Our monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, February 10 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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## 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.

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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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## Sundays @ 10 AM

### Join us for worship this Sunday!

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:

Sandia Fellowship GMC  
P.O. Box 16702  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87191



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