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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

July 17, 2025

A NOTE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES TO ARMENIA Ken and Amelia Hunter

Hello from the Hunters,

We have some news we're excited to share with you! In many ways, our team is transitioning from "settling in" and learning to live in Armenia to starting the good work we feel God has called us to do.



As our team has been working on discerning our next step here through prayer, counsel, and discussion, we feel that the next step for us as a team is to start a business here in Armenia.

We already have an idea of what the business could be, but we are in the very early stages of starting up, and our primary responsibility right now is to invest time into Appreciative Inquiry (a form of data collecting) in our community. Since we are so early on, we will share more details with you about what the business is later, when things are a bit more solidified.

What I will tell you now is a bit of the "why" behind business. If you know me, you know that I (Amelia) really have no experience with business or entrepreneurship (yet), but I have had the pleasure of knowing many Christians who felt that they were *called by God* to business and to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to their communities through that avenue.

To keep this from being a very long update, I'll summarize what I've seen through their lives like this:

There is something about Business, when it is fully yielded to and in the hands of Jesus, that inspires people to <u>dream</u>. I have seen and heard of many examples where people, specifically in the context of Christian businesses, learned to look beyond what is and actually start asking "what <u>could</u> God do here?"

Our ultimate hope for the Armenians is for them to have restored hope through a living and vibrant relationship with Jesus. And I really think the avenue that God wants to do this in could be business!

So please join us (especially in prayer!) as we seek out how to bring God's Kingdom to Armenia in this way.

I also want to share with you an invitation to prayer, and what I sense (and hope) God may be "up to" here.

If you've been up to date with the news at all, I'm sure you've seen that this region of the world is in a lot of turmoil, and Armenia individually is in the midst of major tension and turmoil between the Church and State.

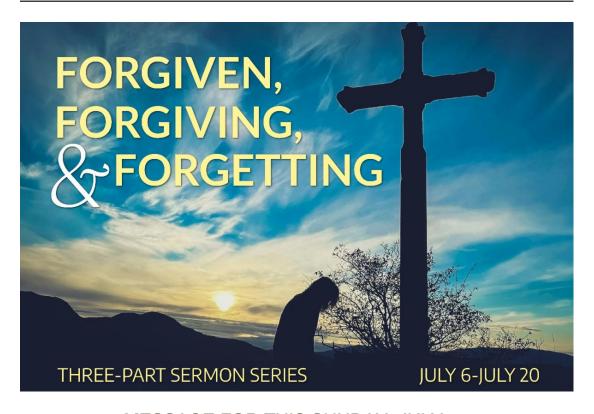
In the midst of all this, I've felt very inspired to pray that God would pour out His Spirit on the Nation of Armenia, and on the Bible Study we're hoping to get going here. I'm praying that people would really encounter Jesus through His Word, and that the Lord would work miracles to confirm His Word!

I really think that the Lord wants to move in a mighty way in Armenia soon, and that all the turmoil we're seeing is sort of like birth pains.

- Please join me in praying for breakthrough and an outpouring of God's Spirit!
- Please pray that our team would have wisdom from God and that we'd be sensitive and responsive to His Spirit, both regarding the business and the Bible Study.
- Please pray for patient endurance for me to continue to pray for God's will to be done.

Lots of love, In Christ,

Ken and Amelia Hunter



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, JULY 20 "The Flip Side of The Peter Principle"

The last message in this series is called "The Flip Side of The Peter Principle" which is based on the wonderful yet mysterious reconciling of Peter with Jesus following his disastrous denial and betrayal of Jesus. The steps that Jesus walks Peter through in this process of redeeming their relationship is quite interesting and very insightful in understanding how Jesus helps us forgive ourselves while restoring our relationship with Him.



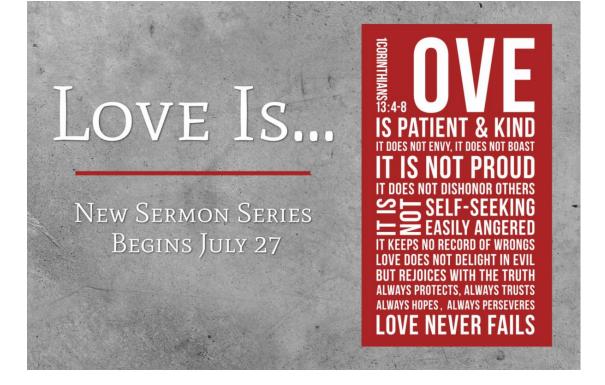
TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY!

We're looking forward to celebrating Sandia Fellowship's two-year anniversary luncheon at the Sheraton this Sunday at 11:30 AM! See you there!



FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE ISOTOPES!

Come join your church family for "Faith and Family Night at the Isotopes" on Sunday, August 10! The game starts at 6:05 PM, and there will also be a pre-game worship concert beginning at 4:30 PM. Group tickets must be purchased in advance, so please email us **here** to let us know if you and/or your family would like to participate.



NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JULY 27

In I John 4:8 we are told that "God is love." In Galatians 5:22 Paul tells us that the "Fruit of the Spirit is love." However, when it comes to defining what love is, few seem to describe it more clearly than the Apostle Paul in the 13th chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians. It is one of the most popular Scriptures read at wedding ceremonies, yet I'll bet that this was not what Paul had in mind when he was writing this letter to this church. I encourage you to read and meditate on this incredible chapter daily in this five-part series discerning the reality of love.



LOCATION CHANGE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

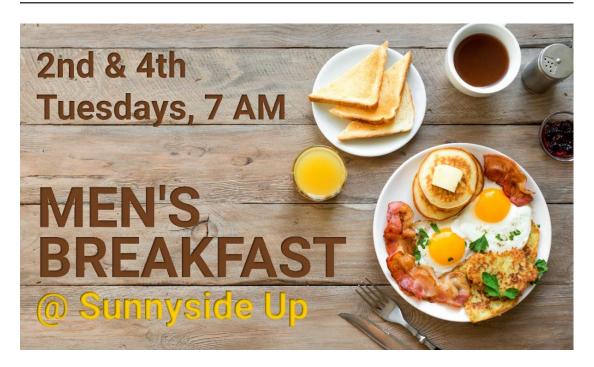
Please note that we will be meeting at the Marriott Albuquerque (2101 Louisiana Blvd NE) on Sunday, August 10 as our regular room at the Sheraton will be unavailable that day. We will be back at the Sheraton the following week on Sunday, August 17.



THIS WEEK'S UPDATE ON OUR NEW CHURCH HOME

Several departments have now signed off on our building plans and the remaining city department approvals are underway! Things are moving forward -- praise be to God!

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, July 22 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.



COME EARLY FOR FELLOWSHIP AND PASTRIES!

Did you know we have coffee and pastries available every Sunday before church? Make plans to come early on Sunday mornings to visit with others and enjoy coffee and pastries!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Have you visited our website lately? There's always fresh content being added: <u>announcements</u> and church news, current <u>sermons</u> as well as <u>past</u> <u>sermon series</u>, weekly <u>newsletters</u>, and more.

You can also <u>submit a prayer request</u>, learn about our various <u>Life</u> <u>Groups</u>, read about the <u>missionaries and outreaches</u> we support, set up <u>online giving</u>, learn more about the <u>mission and vision</u> of Sandia Fellowship as well as the <u>Global Methodist Church</u>, and so much more!

Bookmark our site and check back regularly!

www.sandiagmc.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, "<u>Do not be anxious about anything</u>, but in <u>everything</u> by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving <u>let your requests be made known to God</u> 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.



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.

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.

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<u>NOTE</u>: 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.

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