



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

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Ignoring the Signs

It seems there's always a news story about someone who ignored warning signs and entered alligator-infested waters, usually culminating in tragedy.

Two weeks ago, there were three alligator attacks within days of each other. One of these involved a young woman and her friends who were hiking in a Florida state park. Despite numerous signs warnings of alligators in the river, they decided to stop for a swim. The victim's friend later recalled that as they were kneeling in the murky water, they had laughed about seeing air bubbles ominously rising just a few feet away. (Air bubbles are indicators of an alligator breathing directly beneath the surface.) Moments later, the victim was grabbed by the massive alligator, tearing off both her arms during the "death roll" while her boyfriend tried to pry her out of the alligator's jaws. She died on the way to the hospital. Local news reported that a man hiking near the trio that day had warned them not to enter the water because of alligators. And yet – they did.



Ignoring a “Do Not Swim” sign is a deadly mistake, often driven by the false illusion of safety. Scripture is filled with similar guardrails, yet how often do we read God’s warnings and dismiss them simply because we think they don’t apply to us or that we know better? Like victims of alligator attacks, if we don’t clearly “see” an immediate threat, we convince ourselves it isn’t dangerous. But just as a submerged alligator remains hidden until it strikes, spiritual perils aren’t always obvious, which is exactly why warning signs are posted in the first place.

We’re all familiar with the biblical warnings against obvious sins like murder and lying. But Scripture also warns of subtle dangers we may not always see coming:

- In Mark 4, Jesus warns our spiritual vitality can be crowded out by the worries and cares of life. We can be so consumed with everyday pressures and the busyness of life that we don’t take the necessary time to nourish our souls. The Bible warns in Exodus 20 and many other passages not to allow even good or noble things to take the place that rightfully belongs to God alone. John Wesley’s mother Susanna said, “Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, and dulls your desire for spiritual things: that to you is sin. Whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may seem in itself.”
- Hebrews 2:1-3 warns against imperceptible spiritual drift that can creep in. Charles Spurgeon visited a man who had missed several Sundays. He told the pastor he just didn’t think he needed to go to church every week. Without saying a word, Spurgeon took the tongs from the crackling fireplace and removed one coal, setting it in the corner away from the others. The coal soon went out and the man instantly understood. As coals need each other to stay hot, Christians too need one another. Hebrews 10:25 warns us “not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some.” Repeated practices quickly become habits.

The biggest dangers in the Christian life aren’t always the obvious sins, but rather letting our love for the Lord grow cold by apathy and neglect.

As King Solomon wrote,

“Above all else guard your heart; it is the wellspring of life and everything you do flows from it.”

It is the ultimate warning sign, because what we allow into our heart determines the very course and trajectory of our life - even our destiny.

Blessings,
Holly Klein
Director of Communications

Thinking, Thanking, and Loving.

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-13

MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, JULY 12 "Thinking, Thanking, and Loving" (Philippians 4:1-13)

This Sunday we are going to take a close look at the wise and powerful advice of the Apostle Paul on how to deal with the anxieties and fears of life. There are few people who have faced serious trials and tribulations like Paul experienced ever since he chose to be a disciple of Jesus. With great wisdom and clarity, Paul gives us three powerful steps to confront and overcome the great variety of fears that we face on a daily basis.



BUILDING UPDATE

This is probably not a surprise to everyone, but unfortunately we are not going to be finished with our building in time to host our Grand Opening by July 26th. I am very sorry to announce this, but while we are closer to finishing the building we are not going to meet this deadline. Our Leadership Team has since decided that a Grand Opening date will not be set until after we are actually in the building. Next week we'll offer more details on when we think we can start worship in our new building, but for now the July 26th Grand Opening date will not be taking place.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP GOLF GATHERING

Join us the first and third Thursdays of each month for a round of 9 holes! We meet at Arroyo del Oso Dam 9 at 9:30 AM. Our next date is Thursday, July 16 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP TODAY by clicking [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, July 14 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

**2nd Tuesdays,
9AM**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

**@ Dave's High
Desert Grill**



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Our monthly Women's Fellowship Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, July 14 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](#).



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**

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!

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**.
- 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



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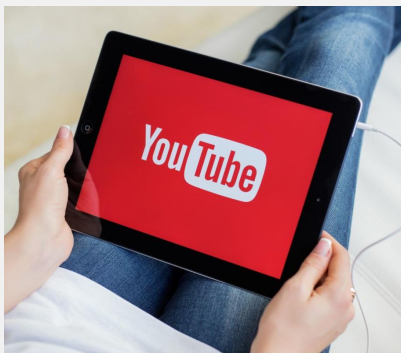
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Sundays @ 10 AM

Join us for worship this Sunday!

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



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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.

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