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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

June 18, 2026

The Origin of Father's Day

I was reflecting about writing an article about Father's Day and the question came to me, asking: How did this all get started?

Here is what I found out. Father's Day is a special occasion that is now celebrated in many countries around the world; however, the holiday began in the United States in the early twentieth century.



The idea for Father's Day is most commonly credited to Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. Dodd was inspired by the growing popularity of Mother's Day and believed that fathers deserved similar recognition. Her own father, William Jackson Smart, was a Civil War veteran who raised six children as a single parent after the death of his wife. Dodd admired her father's dedication and wanted to create a day that celebrated the sacrifices and responsibilities of fathers everywhere.

In 1909, Dodd proposed the idea of Father's Day to local religious leaders and community organizations. The first official Father's Day

celebration took place in Spokane on June 19, 1910. Churches held special services, and community members gathered to honor fathers and express their appreciation.

Although the holiday gained support, it took many years to become a nationally recognized celebration. Some people initially viewed it as unnecessary or overly commercial. However, advocates continued to promote the observance, and its popularity gradually increased across the country. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge encouraged states to observe Father's Day, helping to spread the tradition nationwide. The movement received further support in the following decades. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed legislation making Father's Day a permanent national holiday in the United States.

Today, Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June in many countries. Families often mark the occasion by spending time together, giving gifts, sharing meals, or expressing gratitude to fathers and father figures. The holiday serves as a reminder of the important role fathers play in nurturing, supporting, and shaping the lives of their children.

For me, Father's Day is also a great time to remember that we have the greatest Heavenly Father who is eternally faithful, generous and watchful over every detail of our life and blesses us more than we could ever deserve.

Happy Father's Day!

Pastor John

SUNDAY MESSAGE

Grant Claycomb | Sunday, June 21

MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 21

“A New Beginning: Building More Than Walls”

As we anticipate our move into our new building on Tennessee Street in a few weeks, we are thinking about the new opportunities this move will mean for God’s Kingdom. It will create space for people who haven’t yet walked through those doors—people searching for hope, healing, and belonging. It will create room for ministries to grow... For relationships to deepen... For the message of Christ to reach further than ever before. This week we will be looking at how God has created new beginnings in the lives of His people since He created mankind, always with a purpose of a new and better future. This new place of worship will be yet another new beginning for Sandia Fellowship Church and for each one of us.



PRAYERS FOR OUR GRAND OPENING

Wow! We are almost there. We are going to be starting the next phase in the life of our church, Sandia Fellowship Global Methodist Church, with the Grand Opening at our permanent location! As we near the finish of this project, we are again asking all of our members and friends to take a moment each day and ask God to bless our ongoing mission in this new place. Remember, moving into our new church home is only the starting line for what God desires for our congregation!

The Scriptures tell us in Philippians 4:4-8, “Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” God wants us to keep in constant touch with Him so that He may bless us with the peace of knowing He is always near and wants only good for us. We can rejoice that He keeps His promises!

In the coming weeks, beginning the week of June 28th, we will again provide a daily prayer guide containing Scriptures and prayers to meditate on prior to the opening of our church home. We believe in corporate prayer and know that God hears the unified requests of His disciples. If you wish to join this activity, please look for the guide in the weekly newsletter or printed form available at Sunday service. We are also asking, if you are comfortable, that you sign four strips of colored paper that we will provide at the Welcome Table at services committing to each week of this prayer campaign. These papers will be assembled into a “prayer chain” that will be displayed with the decorations at our Grand Opening.

Finally, special thanks to Gina Rivera, Pat Housman, and Vesta Ferguson for all their help in this project!

Blessings!

Kris Jaffa



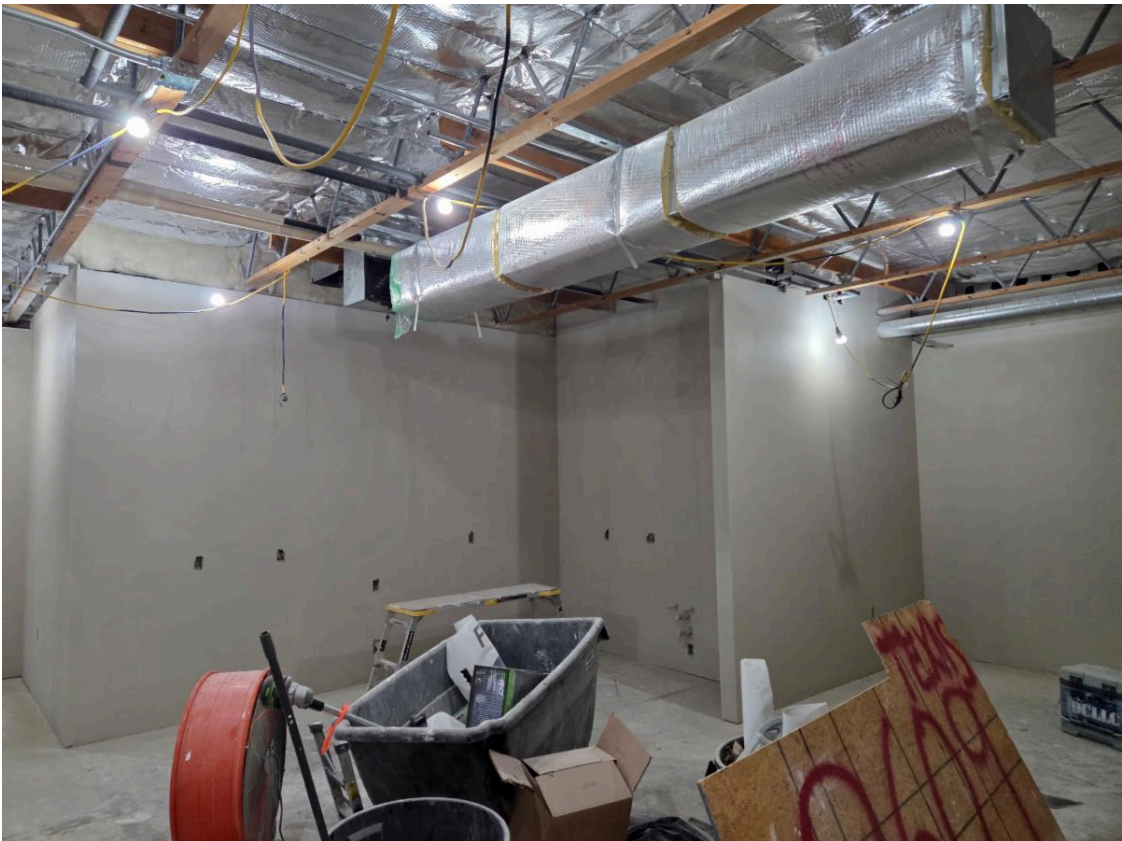
HELP NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE DOOR HANGERS FOR GRAND OPENING

We are needing your help to distribute 500 door hangers in our surrounding neighborhood. We will be sending out teams in pairs up to two weeks prior to our Grand Opening on July 26. If you would be willing to distribute a batch of the door hangers, please email us by clicking [here](#) and provide your name, email, and phone number.



BUILDING UPDATE

Tape and texture are finished and sub-contractors will be starting their portions. Lorenzo let us know the ceiling person will be coming in this week to begin as well as the flooring. Painting is currently underway. Things are moving along well!





Sandia Fellowship
GOLF

THURSDAY July 2 AT 9:30 AM
Arroyo del Oso

RSVP
SFGMC-golf@sandiagmc.org

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 2 at 9:30 AM. Please RSVP by June 25 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, June 23 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

LIFE Groups



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!

www.sandiamc.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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(THEATER #13)
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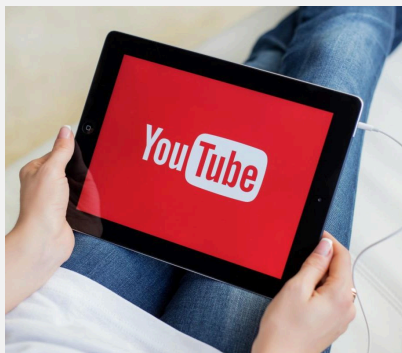
VISIT US ONLINE
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Sundays @ 10 AM

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
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87191



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