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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

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By His Grace Alone

I recently heard an amazing story about a young boy from London who was wanting to hear the great evangelist D.L. Moody speak. The little boy risked much traveling through London on his own to go and hear him. He was very poor, had little food, ragged clothes and improper shoes. When he finally made his way to the church he was stopped at the door by an usher who asked, "What are you doing here?" The boy said that he was there to hear the great evangelist D.L. Moody. The usher, appalled at the boy's appearance, scowled at him and said "Not looking like that! You are filthy."



This of course crushed the little boy. He sat on the steps crying his eyes out when up pulled a black carriage. A large man stepped out and saw him crying there and asked, "What's wrong?"

The boy said, "I came to hear the great preacher D.L. Moody, but they won't let me inside the church."

The big man answered "Is that so? You just put your hand in mine, and I'll see what I can do to help."

The little boy put his small, dirty hand into his large clean hand and was led down the center aisle past the usher that had refused to let him in. He sat the boy down in a front row pew and then stepped up to the pulpit. Obviously, the big man was in fact D.L. Moody. The little boy couldn't get inside on his own, but when he held Moody's hand he walked through the door.

This is a perfect illustration of how it is the same for us. We are covered in our own filthy sin and have strayed away, and yet the Lord has washed us clean by the blood of His son Jesus Christ. We have zero hope of entering paradise on our own. It is only in our beautiful Lord Jesus that He takes us by our dirty hand and leads us to a front row seat in the presence of God. The Apostle Paul put it like this in Romans 3: "Yet God, in His grace freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding His blood."

If it's "All about who you know" then make sure you know Jesus.

Coram Deo,

Allan Esquibel
Director of Worship and Music Ministries



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 29
"A Message from Simon of Cyrene" (Mark 15:21)

This Palm Sunday we will be highlighting the little-known character known as Simon of Cyrene who had an unexpected and unplanned encounter with Jesus on the day of His crucifixion. This event is included in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but it only takes up one verse in each of these books. While the encounter is only described in one verse giving us a name and what happened, there is clearly a powerful message of discipleship for us today that is delivered in this almost hidden event on the day of Christ's death.



**NEW SERIES BEGINS EASTER SUNDAY
"The Jesus Encounters"**

Join us for our new series beginning April 5 entitled "The Jesus Encounters." What was it like to encounter Jesus after the resurrection? During this series we are going to look at the encounters that Jesus had with His disciples after the resurrection. Through these encounters, Jesus is teaching us about the nature of the resurrection: that if we believe in Him there's a future for us. He says there's a resurrection in the future that we are waiting for and there's a resurrection in the present that we can experience now. It's an understanding of both of those that radically shaped the early Christians and can also be transforming for us today.



BUILDING UPDATE

We are working through adjustments that were needed related to duct work and plumbing and the required approvals. Please keep up the prayers that permissions are approved and moving forward.



SANDIA FELLOWSHIP GOLF GATHERING

Would you like to have the chance to play golf with others from Sandia Fellowship? We are starting to organize a group to gather for a yet-to-be determined time for a round of 9 holes at one of the public courses in town. Grant Claycomb is going to be our point person, and if you are interested in

participating, click [here](#) and provide us your contact information and we will work on organizing this great time of fun and fellowship.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the luncheon this Sunday, March 29 at 11:30 AM!



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE Thursday, April 2

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 PM at the Sheraton ABQ Uptown.



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!

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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**.

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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:

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