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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

October 2, 2025

A Weed Wacker Witness

We have a number of members who have helped us this summer and fall with the maintenance our church property by weed eating, spraying and general cleaning. However, we have one member who had an interesting interaction last Saturday with one of our neighbors which led me to think of this encounter as a "Weed Wacker Witness."



Whenever Hovey Corbin is working on our property, I often get updated text messages on the progress and challenges along the way which are quite interesting. Here is a portion of one of those messages.

Aloha John, [Hovey spent years working in Hawaii]

It has been an interesting and productive day in the north parking lot. I was going to help my son-in-law work on his new gate at their house on Vallecitos Rd., but it had been a steady rain at their house, so I

changed gears and went back to church and attacked the north parking lot again. I used up the 50 feet of vinyl coated wire, so I loaded up the spool on my weed eater with the plastic trimmer string I had in my truck, and I worked my way toward the northeast corner of the parking lot.

As I got close to the northeast corner, a nice young man came out of the sign company and put some trash in their dumpster. I waved to him and kept on weed eating. He came back with more trash, and I stopped to talk with him. His name is Casey Pruitt (owner/manager of Aspect Signs & Wraps) . As we stood by his dumpster, I saw that there were several huge goat head plants growing up against the metal fence at the front of the business. I had my Sawzall with the carbide tooth 12" saw blade in it, and I told Casey that I could easily remove the huge goat head plants that were growing wild by the metal fence.

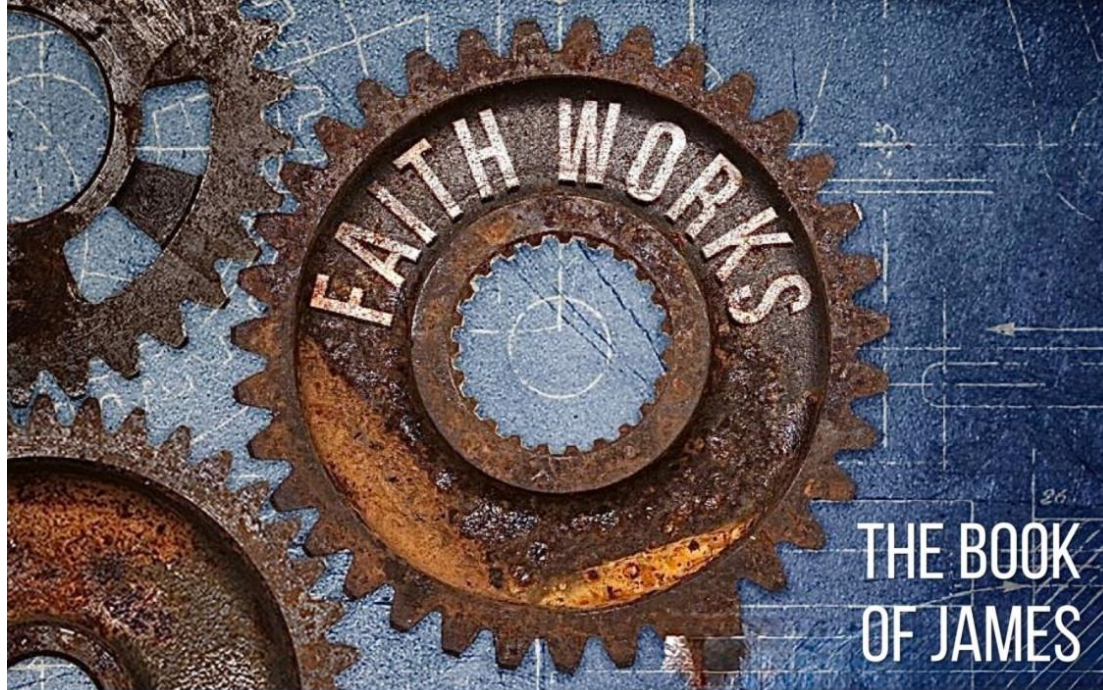
In summary, Hovey and Casey worked together to help clean up part of the growth on Casey's property. Hovey then continues,

I asked him if he had a church home, and he said he did not. I invited him to church tomorrow morning at the Sheraton and he said he needed to do something with his Great Aunt tomorrow, but he said he would definitely check us out when we start holding church in the new building.

Cliff Renschler, Allan Esquibel and I met this Tuesday to go over some temporary signage at our church location. As a result of Hovey's conversation with Casey, we walked over and offered Casey the opportunity to offer a bid on the signage work. We visited together, walked around the property to discuss signage needs, and then at the end I offered our business card with another invitation to join us on Sunday morning.

That second invitation was a result of Hovey simply asking Casey, "Do you have a church home?" It's not a hard question, but one that we just need to be reminded to ask others who may not have a church home but who might respond positively to an invitation (or multiple invitations). I appreciate Hovey's concern and willingness to ask the question -- and may we all follow the lead of this "Weed Wacker Witness."

Blessings,
Pastor John



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
"Mouth Matters"
James 3:1-12

This Sunday we are continuing in our series on the Book of James, "Faith Works." In this first half of chapter three, James gives guidance on matters of our mouth and how our words can become our world. Our words not only set the course and direction of our lives but can also both positively and negatively affect those around us.



COMMUNION OFFERING FOR JOY JUNCTION

Our communion offering this month is for Joy Junction, an Albuquerque faith-based ministry that offers emergency and short-term essentials such as food, clothing, counseling, transportation, and shelter to homeless men,

women, children, and families throughout Albuquerque. Joy Junction serves approximately 350 people (including 60 to 80 children) every day, with over 340,000 meals each year provided to the homeless in Albuquerque.



SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Anna Beery who passed away early Friday morning. Please pray for the sustaining comfort and peace of God to surround her husband Chuck and their entire family as they mourn this loss.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow, October 3 at 10:00 AM at French's at 7121 Wyoming Blvd NE. Friends and family are warmly invited to gather in her honor.



BUCKET LIST BIBLE CLUB MEETING

Our next Bucket Bible List Club meeting is coming up on **Monday, October 6**. The in-person meeting is at 12 noon at our 2609 Texas St NE building, and Pastor John will also host a Zoom meeting on Sunday, October 5 at 4:00 PM.

You are welcome to bring a lunch with you and eat while we meet at noon. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

Thank you for participating in this great opportunity to regularly study God's Word together, stomp out biblical illiteracy, and grow together with others as we strive to be faithful as disciples of Jesus Christ who are anchored in the Scriptures.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOR OCTOBER

Our next Fellowship Luncheon is coming up on Sunday, October 26! It will be held at the Sheraton Uptown at 11:30 AM, after our worship service.

Click [here](#) to RSVP by October 20 and let Holly know how many are planning to attend, as well as which entree selection each person in your family would like.

Choose from one of these three options

- Chipotle Orange Gazed Pork Loin with Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables
- Chicken Piccata with Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables
- Vegetarian Dish - Squash Ravioli

For kids 10 and under: chicken strips, French fries and fruit cup

Cost is \$25 and children are free.



VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sandia Fellowship is wanting to offer a Children's Church to take place on the first and third Sunday mornings during the pastor's sermon. We can only start this when we get a significant response of members willing to offer at least one Sunday a quarter to teach a 25-30 minute lesson to our 5-12 year olds during the morning message time. Lesson materials will be provided and we will be offering the class in the Serenade Room at the Sheraton. If you are interested in helping, please click [here](#) to send us an email. We will follow up with more details.



NEW LIFE GROUP STARTING IN THE FOOTHILLS

If you haven't joined one of our Life Groups, this is a great opportunity to participate and get to know and fellowship with other members of Sandia Fellowship. This **Tuesday, October 7 from 2-3 PM** is the launch date for our Foothills Life Group that will be hosted by Cliff and Fran DeWent and led by Jim Turner. This Life Group will be meeting on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month for six weeks from 2-3 PM at 504 Aragon Street SE. Jim will be leading a discussion on the book by E.M. Bounds, "A Guide to Spiritual Warfare." Books will be provided and you can sign up on Sunday mornings or online by clicking [here](#).



BUILDING OUR FUTURE - UPDATE

We are still awaiting permit approval. Please keep praying on this. Joe Simons our architect is continually following up on this. We have received estimates on the demolition work and a new water meter and wider water lines (required by the city) from Definitive Construction and are closer to finalizing details to start work on this.



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.
- 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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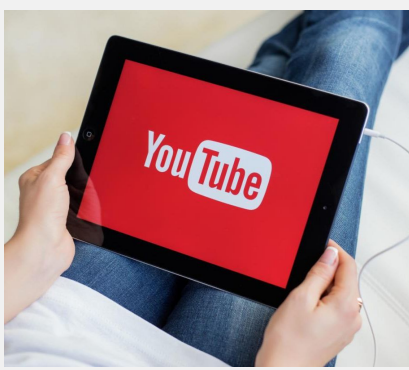


Sundays @ 10 AM

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](#).

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.

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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