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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

October 9, 2025

Our Anchor in a Quaking World

Halfway across the world on the last day of September, a devastating 6.9 earthquake struck the island of Cebu, Philippines. 72 people died, 560 injured, and 20,000 people are currently displaced from their homes. It was the worst earthquake to strike Cebu in 12 years. My son Allen was on his third visit to the Philippines visiting his fiancée Francia and had flown back to the United States just two days before the earthquake struck. Francia and her family have been in North Cebu all week purchasing kilos of rice and other supplies to distribute. She shared with me photos and videos of long lines of exhausted and weary survivors waiting for their bagged portions of rice, deep gratitude etched on their faces. They are grateful to have survived. Others were not so fortunate.



One such family struck by tragedy was Jane and Jeffrey Baquilta. Having had their home destroyed by a typhoon in 2013, they were

filled with hopeful relief when they moved into a home built for survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest typhoons ever recorded.

The New York Times relayed their story:

Jane Baquilta and her family lived in a house they thought would keep them safe from the natural disasters that frequently batter the Philippines. Instead, it became her grave.

“She was excited to move to that house because it was made of concrete, unlike our shanties here in the fields,” Jeffrey said.

The 6.9-magnitude earthquake that struck Cebu on Tuesday night reduced that promise to rubble. It rendered several hospitals unusable, disrupted water and power lines and damaged bridges and government offices. Some died in landslides. Others were crushed by the structures meant to protect them.

Jane and two of their children perished in the earthquake. They thought they were safe, taking comfort in the concrete walls which actually proved to be the instruments of their death.

In life, we often operate with a false sense of security, believing ourselves to be insulated from sudden disaster or misfortune for myriad reasons. Jane believed her house to be strong enough to withstand a typhoon; it was instead devastated by an earthquake. We often believe we are insulated from sudden misfortune because we have financial resources, good jobs, solid health insurance, acumen and ingenuity, or other reasons. But no one is immune. I’ve always been struck by the somber truth of Ecclesiastes 9:12: “People can never predict when hard times might come. Like fish in a net or birds in a trap, people are caught by sudden tragedy.”

In conversations with Francia, we talked about our hopes that the survivors will be drawn to God as they experience the tangible nature of God’s provisions of rice.

“Yes,” she replied. “Maybe it’s also His way of showing people who no longer believe in Him to repent and come back to Him.”

I thought of the words of CS Lewis: “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains: It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

God often uses tragedy to call us back to Him. And that is our message as Christians – repent and believe the Gospel. That is the message we must take to the ends of the earth. “Man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward,” lamented Job in the midst of his own suffering. Nothing in this life can ever fully shield us from

sudden misfortune. Our sole place of refuge is and always will be Jesus and Jesus alone. Though sudden misfortune befall, we are everlastingly safe in Him.

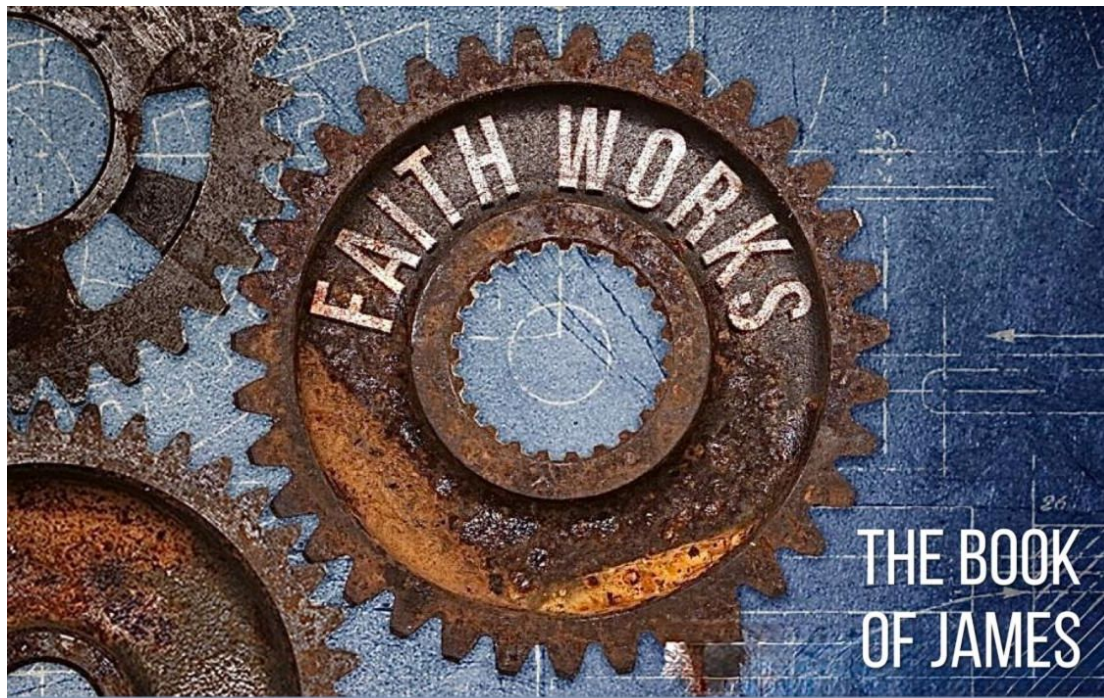
Blessings,

Holly Klein
Director of Communications



PHOTOS: Left: Francia's father and mother assembling bags of rice into portions for distribution.

Right: A grateful Filipino recipient.



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
"Words of Wisdom"
James 3:13-18

This Sunday we are continuing in our series on the Book of James, "Faith Works." In this second half of chapter three, we will be examining how James looks at the connection of faith and wisdom and how that works out in our daily lives. He contrasts the wisdom of this world to the wisdom coming from God.



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 preparing to offer a Children's Church on Sunday mornings during the morning message. We are still receiving volunteers to teach a lesson to our 5–12-year-olds during the morning message time. Lesson materials will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please click [here](#) to send us an email and we will follow up with more details.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE - UPDATE

While we have still not received our permit (keep praying), we have started some demolition work and limited construction will follow. First we are removing a lot of electrical and computer wiring prior to the demolition of

various walls.



**2nd & 4th
Tuesdays, 7 AM**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

@ Sunnyside Up



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Our Men's Breakfast meets this upcoming Tuesday, October 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, October 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](#).

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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.

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST
HERE

A promotional banner for Sandia Fellowship Global Methodist Church. The background is a dark blue gradient with a bright light source in the top right corner, creating a lens flare effect. In the center, there is a circular logo with a white cross and a white mountain silhouette. To the right of the logo, the text "SANDIA FELLOWSHIP" is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with "Global Methodist Church" in smaller white text below it. In the bottom center, there is an image of an open book with a small orange flame or light above it. Below the book, the text "Sundays @ 10 AM" is written in large, white, sans-serif font. On the left side, the text "SHERATON ABQ UPTOWN 2600 Louisiana Blvd NE" is written in white. On the right side, the text "VISIT US ONLINE www.sandiagmc.org" is written in white.

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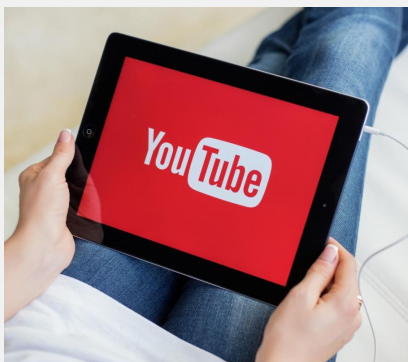
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Join us for worship this Sunday!

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



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PARTNER WITH US!

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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