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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

September 25, 2025

Didn't See That Coming!

Sunday afternoon I was driving home after a couple of hospital visits and was able to start listening to the live broadcast of the memorial service for Charlie Kirk. I managed to connect to the broadcast about the time Secretary Marco Rubio was talking. I was a little surprised when he closed his comments with a basic outline of the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



When I arrived home, Lindy had the TV on and was watching the memorial service and I heard several more presentations of the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. What surprised me was that this entire service was presented without commercials on ABC! When was the last time ABC broadcasted a Special Report that contained repeated presentations of the message of saving faith through Jesus Christ? I can't recall and I sure didn't see that coming!

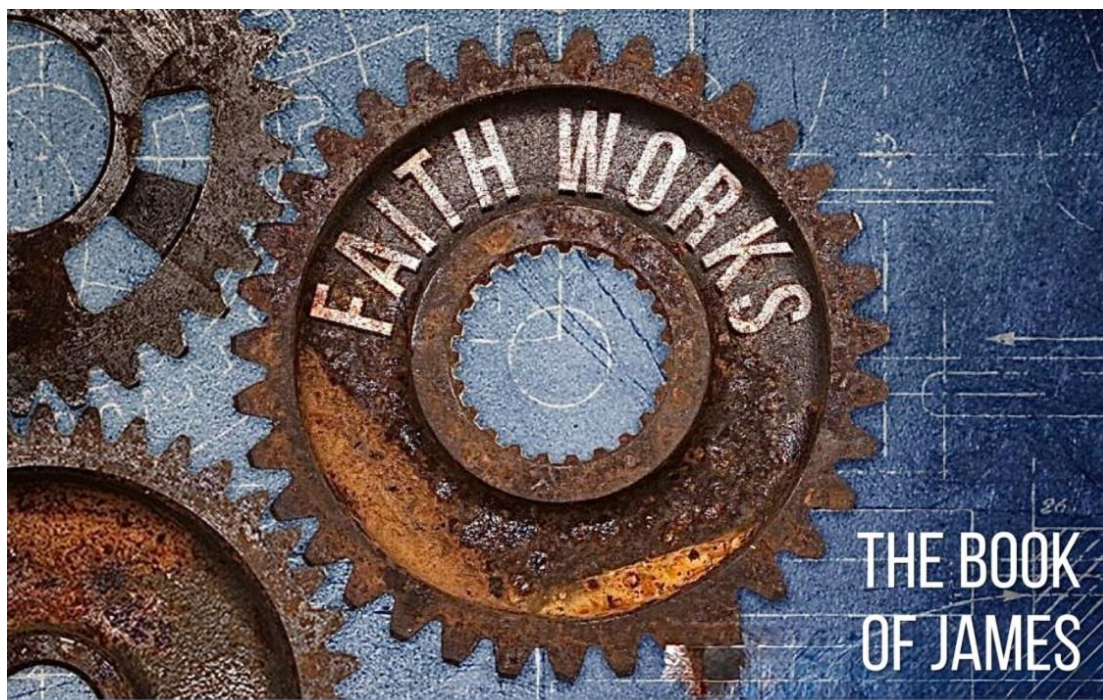
The person that many of us were most eager to hear from during this

memorial service was Charlie's wife, Erika. She shared her memories, encouragements and commitment to further the mission of Turning Point USA into the future which was amazing to watch. However, when she shared her decision to forgive the man who killed her husband -- that was an amazing expression and witness to the grace of God. This was probably not expected given that it was only less than two weeks when Charlie's life was taken.

I mentioned in my message a couple of Sundays ago about the comparisons between Charlie and Stephen, the first martyr of the New Testament Church. Both Stephen and Charlie were about the same age. Both were brilliant communicators with an in-depth knowledge of the Scriptures. Both died outdoors in a public setting where they faced supporters and adversaries. Both died almost instantly.

In my opinion, when Erika spoke about her forgiving the man who killed her husband and quoted the words of Jesus and Stephen saying, "Forgive them Lord, for they do not know what they do," she in my estimation completed that similarity between her husband and Stephen. She not only communicated the saving message of Jesus, but she also released it demonstrably through forgiveness. It is estimated that the total viewership through all forms of media surpassed 100 million. I didn't see any of that coming! What a witness and yet what a price to pay. Love is costly and is amazing when seen and experienced.

Blessings,
Pastor John



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
"Faith: Dead, Demonic, or Dynamic"

This Sunday we are continuing in our series on the Book of James, "Faith Works." In this second half of chapter two, James divides one's faith into three categories of either being Dead, Demonic or Dynamic. The title of this sermon reflects the bluntness of James in his description of a believer's faith or lack of faith. James also uses some great illustrations of dynamic faith found in a famous patriarch and a prostitute. This portion of James summarizes the theme of the entire letter and is also historically one of the more controversial chapters in the Bible.



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 do this if 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. 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](#).



SEPTEMBER'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thank you to everyone who attended Sunday's Fellowship Luncheon!

Our next Fellowship Luncheon is set for October 26. Please watch this space as we will have menu options soon!











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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 once approved by our committee, this should begin soon.

Sandia Fellowship Women's Breakfast Group
is collecting

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& TOILETRIES**



MORE INFO: www.sandiagmc.org/current-news

LAST SUNDAY TO BRING DONATIONS!

This Sunday, September 28 is the LAST DAY to DONATE items for PERSONALITIES PLUS ABQ through our Women's Fellowship Breakfast Group. Donations are really appreciated and can be placed in the blue cart

near the name tag table or given to Linda Hess.

Thanks to everyone who has generously supported this project through your donations. We are very grateful!



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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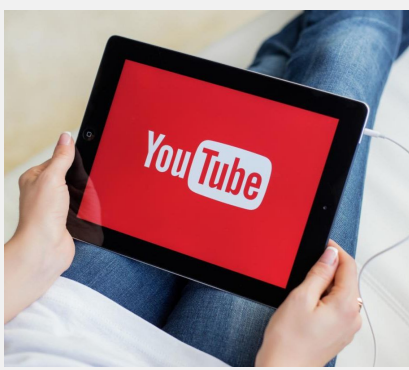


Sundays @ 10 AM

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.

Checks can also be mailed to

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