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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving

This week is Thanksgiving, a wonderful time to spend with friends and family. What I find beautiful and special about Thanksgiving is that it is the least watered-down holiday by pagan influence or commercialism. Its purpose is to give thanks to God. We gather together, have a meal, and share our gratitude for the abundance of love and blessings the Father has bestowed upon us.



I want to remind us how fortunate we are to live in the USA and to have such a holiday. Our founders were godly men and created this great land for those who are a God-fearing people. John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." This quote reflects a belief, shared by many Founding Fathers, that the success of a republic and its constitution depends upon the virtue and morality of its citizens. Moreover, our first president, George Washington, was the

one who made Thanksgiving a national holiday. The first paragraph of his Thanksgiving proclamation states this:

“Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

The founders knew that this country was a miracle and wanted to acknowledge that it was only through God that it was made possible. I am so grateful to be in a place where the foundation is one that proclaims we were created by God and our rights come from Him alone. This Thanksgiving remember what a blessing the United States is and that it is a true miracle.

Let us also give great thanks and praise for our church building! It has been a long time coming, but we will be in very soon and that is a blessing. I am thankful for our wonderful congregation and for your contributions which made it possible for us to purchase this building. God will continue to guide us as we move forward with our church.

May God bless your Thanksgiving gatherings, your families, and your travels.

In Christ,
Allan Esquibel

TALES FROM THE TAXMAN

MATTHEW'S CHRISTMAS STORY



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 "The Genealogy of Jesus" Matthew 1:1-17

Our new Christmas Advent series begins this Sunday, November 30: "Tales from the Taxman: Matthew's Christmas Story." We'll spend several weeks looking at the Christmas story from Matthew's vantage point. This Sunday we'll begin the Matthew 1 focusing on the significance of the listing of the genealogy.



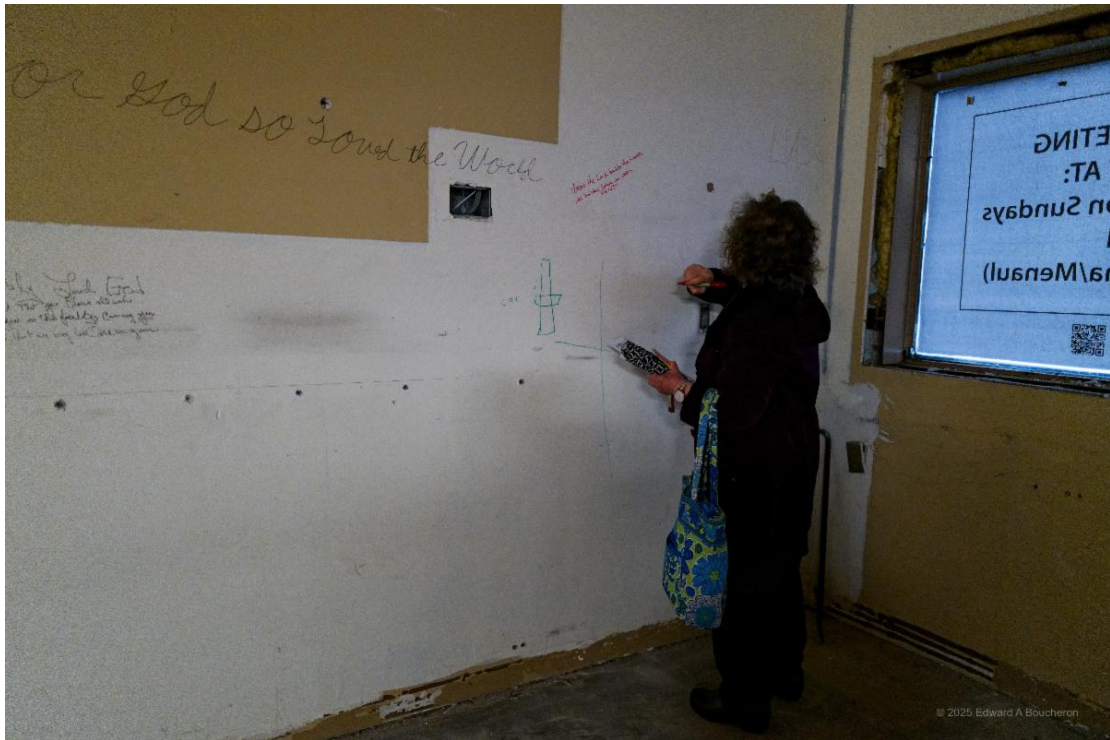


PRAYER GATHERING LAST SUNDAY AT OUR NEW PROPERTY

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Prayer Gathering at our new church location to pray over our property prior to construction. It was an amazing event with a great turnout as our Sandia Fellowship family walked through our new property to write prayers and scriptures into the walls of our new church home and then gather for a time of corporate public prayer. The time of corporate public prayer was a great inspiration as we lifted up prayer requests, words of thanksgiving and declaration of God's word over our building and campus.

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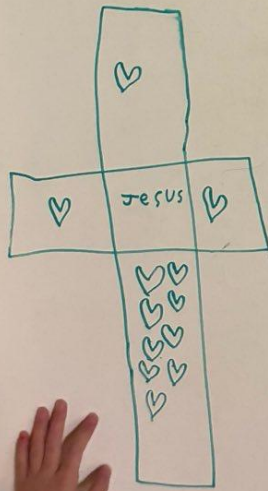
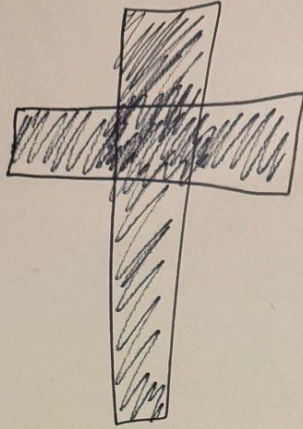








The Cross



Beautiful
Lord - you
died for us
that are
yours.



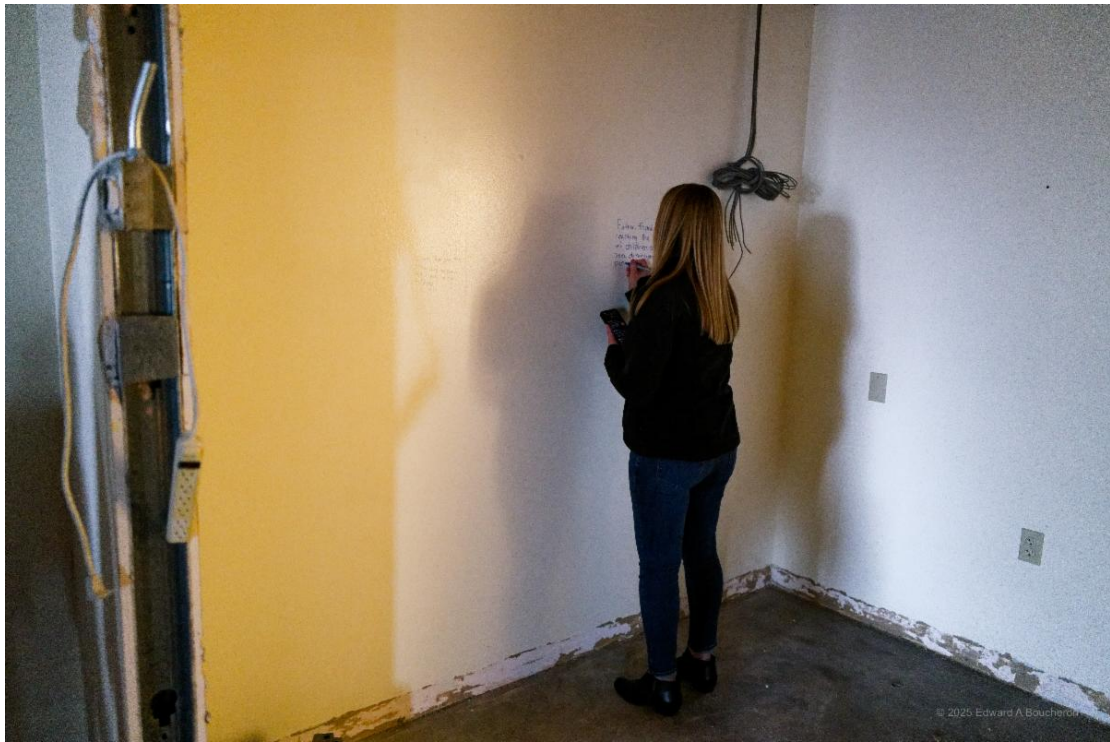
You Bless
you my
Lord - a
Savior

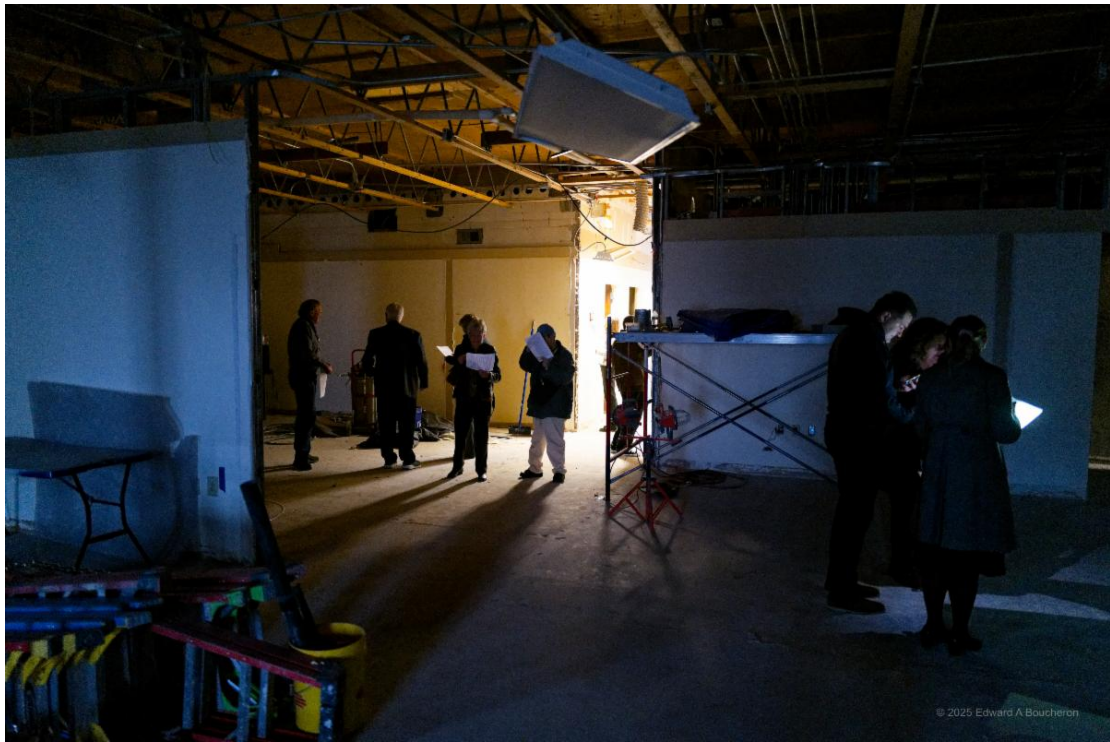


Amen
God Bless
you!



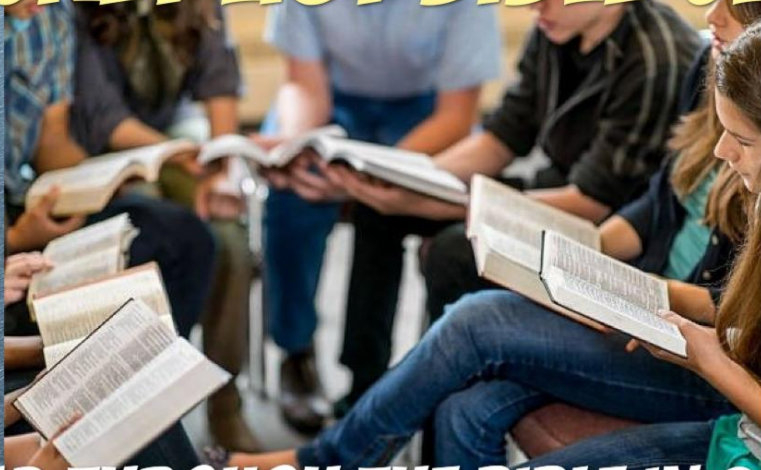








BUCKET LIST BIBLE CLUB



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2025

LAST MEETING OF THE BUCKET LIST BIBLE CLUB

Can you believe we're almost at the end of our year-long Bucket Bible List Club? We've spent the year on a journey to study God's Word together, stomp out biblical illiteracy and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ anchored in the Scriptures.

Our final Zoom meeting is coming up this **Sunday, November 30** at 4:00 pm. The in-person meeting will take place **Monday, December 1** at noon at our 2609 Texas St NE building. As always, feel free to bring a lunch with you and eat while we meet at noon. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in this great opportunity to grow in God's Word together as a church family!

Thank you
. for your support .

THANK YOU for Your Response!

We want to thank everyone who participated in our Stewardship Sunday and turned in an Estimate of Giving card. Currently we have received 59 EoG cards totaling \$522,500. This is a great response and to this total amount we will be adding additional projected income that will help us in setting our budget for 2026.



NEW CHURCH INTERIOR DESIGN

We have hired an interior designer to help with decisions on the colors and overall atmosphere of our Tennessee property that will include our Worship Center, Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Children's Area, Youth Room, Welcome Center, and Café. If you would like to offer suggestions and ask questions of our Leadership Team on this important matter, we encourage you to join us as we will present several potential options offered through our interior decorator. This event will take place following our Christmas Luncheon on **Sunday, December 7 at the Sheraton**. We encourage you to join us for the luncheon and for the presentation and discussion that will follow.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

TEMPORARY ROOM CHANGE

Please note that we will be meeting in the **Ambassador Room** this Sunday, November 30. We will return to the **Baldwin Room** next Sunday, December 7.

Thank you for your understanding and patience!



CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Please join us for our Christmas Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, December 7! It will be held at the Sheraton Uptown at 11:30 AM, after our worship service.

Click [here](#) to RSVP by this Monday, December 1 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 options:

- Sliced turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy
- Roast beef with burgundy mushroom sauce
- Vegetarian option

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

Cost is \$25 and children are free.



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**Join us for our
Christmas Eve Service**

**Wednesday, December
24th, 2025 at 4pm at**

Ramada Plaza
2020 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107



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LIFE Groups



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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:

Northeast Group: This LIFE Group meets the first and third Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Tim Ownbey**

Tramway Group: This LIFE Group meets the first and third Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact: **Ed Boucheron**

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**

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!



BUILDING OUR FUTURE - UPDATE

The demolition work is completed. We are now progressing toward the beginning of the construction work.



Listen **EVERYWHERE**

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH HEARING AT CHURCH?

If you are needing assistance with hearing, please download the Listen Everywhere app on your cell phone.

When you arrive at our service, please connect to our Wi-Fi.

The password is: 17x9c9s0ua

On your hearing aid, make sure your Bluetooth is turned on. If you do not want to use the app on your phone, we have two devices available. It has a

headphone that goes over your ear and you can adjust the volume on the provided phone. Please ask an usher if you need one of these devices.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Every 1st and 3rd Sunday

Thanks to an enthusiastic response to our call for volunteers to help with our Children's Church, we now have a great team in place for this new ministry. We now offer Children's Church on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month. This program is for children in kindergarten through 6th grade and it will take place during the message portion of the morning service.



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

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST
HERE



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SHERATON ABQ
UPTOWN
2600 Louisiana Blvd NE

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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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