



BE *the* BLESSING

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 3, 2019

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!
We pray that you will encounter
God as you worship with us.

Today

- 8am First Worship Service, Nick Zola preaching
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 9:30am College and Young Adults Class
- 10:45am Second Worship Service, Nick Zola preaching
- 2pm Swishin' for a Mission

This Week

- Mar 4 Women's Bible Study
- Mar 5 Men's Group at Walls'
- Mar 6 Hungry / Thirsty at Zolas'
- Mar 6 REFRESH
- Mar 7 Small Group at Fosters
- Mar 7 Conejo School Tutoring

Upcoming Events

- Mar 9 Potluck and Singing at Johnsons'
- Mar 10 40-Day Spiritual Adventure begins
- Mar 10 Mentor Sunday
- Mar 10 Summer Mission Trip TEAM Meeting
- Mar 15 Middle School Madness
- Mar 26 Many Mansions Game Night
- Mar 30 Community Breakfast
- Mar 31 Lip Sync Mission Fundraiser
- Apr 6 Springfest Youth Rally in Bakersfield

The Written Word

By Penny White

Next Sunday, March 10, marks the beginning of our next community outreach. All are invited to donate gently used children's books and young adult books which we will distribute throughout our community to children and teens. We are partnering with *Support for the Kids*, an organization that assists children and teens in foster care as well as children who need support for food, clothing, and school supplies. *Support for the Kids* delivers donations directly to each child.

As I eagerly began gathering up books to donate, I began reflecting on the power of the written word in my life. My early memories include sweet afternoons listening to my mother read to me followed by memories of my learning to read with Dick, Jane, and Spot. Hours and hours of my elementary and teen years were spent reading my favorite books over and over again and anxiously awaiting the delivery of new books to our school library. My allowance money was spent exclusively buying books – many of which I still have today.

In my faith journey, the written words of scripture introduced me to words of life and love, mercy and forgiveness, hope and strength, salvation and deliverance. I have been brought to my knees and had my heart pierced, with words revealing the greatness of God, the love of Jesus, and the faith of so many of the followers of Christ who came before me. As I encounter life's struggles and questions, experience God's goodness, and seek to follow his call, I am thankful for the written accounts revealing God's love and care for his people in their brokenness and his presence and deliverance in their lives. For Abraham who followed God without any hint of where he was headed and then doubted God's ability to fulfill his promise. For Joseph who spoke rashly to his brothers and was sold into slavery, but whom God did not forget. For Gideon and Moses who were afraid, yet received God's strength. For Ruth and Jonathan who showed their loyalty to family and friends in the midst of great loss. For David who loved God passionately, but who struggled with coveting. For Peter who acted before thinking, but recognized Jesus, saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And then there are the words of Jesus, red-lettered in my first Bible. Words that continually deliver me from my sin and shame, my pride and fear, and fill me with his love and forgiveness. His words are powerful; they are alive and they continue to speak to me, drawing me to him and challenging me to grow and embrace a life of freedom, fullness, and trusting in him.

We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

Psalm 33:20-22

What's Happening at Conejo



Adult Education

Our Sunday morning adult education program includes the following options:

College/Young Adults: This discussion class meets at 9:30am across Hillcrest Drive at the Williamson home (261 Quinta Vista) and includes breakfast.

Auditorium Class: "Exploring the Gospel of Luke." Eugene Peterson writes, "Luke is the most vigorous champion of the outsider...As Luke tells the story, all of us who have found ourselves on the outside looking in with no hope of gaining entrance now find the doors wide open."

Overflow Classroom: "Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know," with Chris Heard. Come to this class and learn what you're *really* saying when you shout "Hallelujah!"

Calling CVCC Artists

During the 40-Day Spiritual Adventure this year (which starts March 10), rather than having written devotionals sent out each weekday, we would like to invite the artists of our congregation—young and old—to create a drawing inspired by the "I AM" statement for the week. We ask that our artists send a copy of their creation to the office via e-mail by 10am Monday morning for us to e-mail to the congregation. Please contact the office if you are interested in participating. The schedule is as follows:

- March 10 - I AM the true vine
- March 17 - I AM the door of the sheep
- March 24 - I AM the good shepherd
- March 31 - I AM the bread of life
- April 7 - I AM the light of the world
- April 14 - I AM the resurrection and the life
- April 21 - I AM the way, the truth, and the life

40-Days Prayer and Blessing Hikes

Next Sunday, March 10, will begin our 40-Day Spiritual Adventure for 2019. As we spend the weeks preparing our minds for Easter, we are planning one, two, or three (depending on interest and weather) hiking trips in the hills surrounding the church building. We will spend time seeing first-hand the remarkable way that God restores life after devastation. We will pray for ways to be a blessing in the lives of the people in the neighborhood around our church. We will give thanks for the blessings God has given us in our community and for the deliverance that he allowed during the fires and floods.

Community Breakfast / March 30

Save the date! On Saturday, March 30, 2019, come share a breakfast with our immediate neighbors around the church property. We are planning to have the Thousand Oaks Disaster Awareness and Response Team (DART) to speak to us and our neighbors about disaster preparedness and recovery.

Be the Blessing Update - BIG NEWS!

We have a very positive update to share regarding our three-phase building plan. **After many months of planning and hard work, we have received approval from the City of Thousand Oaks to move forward with our building project!**

This is great news! It means that we are cleared by the city to move forward with our building plans, not just for phase one, but for all three phases of our building project!

As a result of this approval, we are currently gathering proposals from contractors to solidify our construction costs. This will be a vital aid in seeking the necessary funding to complete phase one. We are eager to get all this in place so we can get started on the drainage and parking construction as well as all of the residual ADA accessibility, hardscape and landscape plans included in phase one of our project. City approval is an important milestone for us and well worth celebrating. Let us be thankful to God for guiding this process and leading us in the months ahead as construction begins!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our vision for *Be the Blessing*. We're very excited about what God is doing in this season of our church family. If you'd like to learn more about the campaign, pick up your copy of the *Be the Blessing* brochure on the entry table or visit our *Be the Blessing* website: betheblessing.conejochurch.org.

Help for the Scheirmans

As many of you may know, Samantha and Brandon Scheirman lost their home to the Woolsey fire. Many have asked how they can help. Since they were married recently, they have edited their wedding registry lists to indicate some items they currently need as they settle into their new apartment. They have registries at Crate & Barrel and on Amazon. Links are provided on the **CV Church Family Facebook** page.

Preaching Schedule

In coming months, our preaching schedule will be as follows:

- **March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21.** Jack Williamson
- **April 28.** Youth-led worship service
- **May 5.** Bert Ballard



Conejo School Tutoring

Spring Tutoring at Conejo Elementary School is underway. Tutors work with students from 6:30-7:30pm each Thursday. Being a tutor means spending an hour of your time each week with first grade students, helping them with their reading, with math, or just playing games. This ministry takes place on the school campus in the students' classrooms, and tutors have access to a wealth of exciting educational tools and supplies. Please contact Rob West at (805) 657-2911 if you can serve as a tutor, a substitute, or if you would like additional information.

High School + Middle School

Swishin' for a Mission Fundraiser / 2pm Today

TODAY, from 2-4:30pm, at Pepperdine's Firestone Fieldhouse we will be hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, free-throw contest, and a knock-out contest. Come support the Conejo Valley mission team and help us raise money for a great cause! Each team of three must include at least one person 16 or under. If you don't have a team, come anyway and we will try to put you on one! You can also enter the free-throw and knock-out contests as an individual. If you don't want to play, come support and watch...there will be goodies to eat!



Mentor Sunday

Next Sunday, March 10, those who are participating in the youth mentor program will have their first mentor Sunday. Mentor groups will meet for lunch after second service at a location each group has decided upon. Parents are reminded to provide lunch money and transportation to and from lunch unless they have arranged transportation with the mentors ahead of time.

2019 Summer Mission Trip TEAM Meeting

Next Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 p.m., those who have RSVP'd to go on the 2019 mission to Mexico will have their first mission trip team meeting. We will meet at the church building to discuss this year's theme and plans for working together in Tijuana.

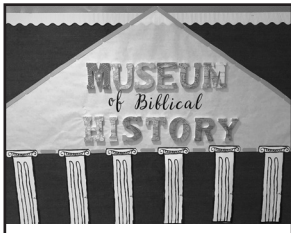


King's Kamp 2019 - "King's Knights of Idyllwild"

Registration is now open online for King's Kamp (July 28 – Aug 3). King's Kamp is for students entering 4th through 8th grades in the fall of 2019. Registration can be completed for King's Kamp at www.kingskamp.org. Be sure to register soon to take advantage of early registration discounts. Early bird registration ends May 3.

*****KING'S KAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED** – If you are at least 16 years of age or older and interested in being a counselor, you can print out a form from www.kingskamp.org, fill it out and mail it in or email it to king.skamp.camp@gmail.com. Counselor applications must be postmarked or emailed by **May 1**. Come help us have another great year at camp!!

Children's Ministry



"Museum of Biblical History"
Grades 1, 2, and 3

"How Great Thou Art" Studio" Grades 4 and 5



Scripture Memory

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil,
but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Book Drive / March 10-March 31

In partnership with *Support for the Kids*, we will be collecting 'Gently Used' Books for Children and Young Adults in Foster Care as a part of our 40-Days service to our neighbors. Please place your donations on the table provided in the foyer. Please direct your questions to Penny White or Kellie Van Atta.



Vacation Bible School – Save the Date!

The dates for this year's Vacation Bible School are June 17 - June 20. Please note that this is **Monday through Thursday** with the closing program on Thursday evening.

Prayer Corner

Devote yourself to prayer being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2

PRAISES

PREGNANCIES: Erin Opdahl (September)

BAPTISMS: Silas Opdahl

THOSE GRIEVING

Alexis Lasiter – loss of mother, Mary Bell (1/21)

Cary Mitchell – loss of father, Carl Mitchell (12/20); loss of mother, Frankie Mitchell (1/6)

Family and friends of **Linda Marcinkoski**

Nicole Montanez – loss of her grandfather, Howard Segar

Rob West – loss of his mother, Helen West

Michael family - loss of Joella's brother, Jon Hayes

Christina Eng – loss of father, Cleve Littlefield

FIGHTING CANCER

Robin Brown (former member) – breast cancer; undergoing chemo

Ted McAllister (former member) – multiple myeloma

Dick Williams (father of Heather Phillips) – esophageal cancer that has spread to lungs and liver

James Wooley (uncle of Rene Heard) – bone cancer

Taneisha Schuman (friend of Buzz Guilbault) – diagnosed with Stage IV cancer

Valerie Corbet (sister of Abby Wilson) – inoperable Stage IV brain cancer; undergoing chemo and radiation

Kurt Krebs (friend of Ed and Sheryl Sanders) – multiple

myeloma, loss of job

Ryan Lohoff (Julia Chesson's dance teacher) – Stage IV brain cancer

Dede Koldyke (cousin of Steve Scott) – responding well to treatment for Stage IV squamous cell thymic carcinoma

Joella Michael – recovery following mucosal melanoma treatments

Yashica Budde's friend, **Ruth** – final stages of cancer

Cielo Iglesias (friend of Grace Price) – uterine cancer

Dana Sheehan (friend of Lisa Scott) – undergoing chemo treatments

Jesse Carrington (Michele Carrington's father) – spine cancer, pain relief

Mark Poblete (Grace Price's brother) – lung cancer

Aaron Robinson (friend of the Audeninos) – grade IV glioblastoma multiforme

Marlene Michaels (friend of Lisa Scott) – stage IV cancer

Susie Baston (Cindy Randolph's cousin) – spinal cancer

Justice Howard (Yashica Budde's cousin) – thyroid cancer

VARIOUS CONCERNS

David and Allegro Rankin (uncle and aunt of Daelan Blankfein) – involved in severe car accident. Allegro has been in ICU for several weeks

Adria Ballard – relief from acute chronic pain including its effects

on school absences

Claudia de Bruyn and family – seeking answers for Claudia's fainting and dizzy spells

Sarah Ballard – recovering from surgery to relieve chronic back pain

Ashlyn Thomas – continued health issues. Pray for answers and successful treatments

Dale DeForest (father of Char Hurley) – on ventilator with cardiac issues for six weeks; remains unconscious; prayers for guidance and wisdom for family

Nadine Tiner McBee (mother of Sandy Stivers) – recovering from surgery for broken hip

AJ Rivera – recovering from broken collar bone

Pat Tudor – unidentified disease causing severe fatigue and kidney damage. Pray for diagnosis and healing

Peter Thompson (Pepperdine's Volunteer Center Director) – recovering from surgery to remove brain tumor

Kathy Cocke – pulmonary fibrosis and pulmonary hypertension

Margie Caldwell – heart issues

Vera Davis – aortic valve tear

Sam Audenino – recovery from bicycle accident

Harriet Nutter (Daphne Green's mother) – received a defibrillator/pacemaker

Betty Brown – pain relief, healing, and regaining of strength

Karla Chismar – for daughters, Rachael, Kiara, and Hannah

Carol McNutt – neuropathy

Mary McQuillan (Kay Falletta's sister) – Parkinson's disease

Caleb Rodriguez (8-year-old son of Marcus and Julia) – ongoing seizures

Conejo Tutoring

MILITARY SERVICE

Tyler Scott – serving in the Navy in Camp Lejeune, NC

Bobby Blackburn – serving in the Navy in Pensacola, FL

Micah Smith – serving in the Army Rangers

Derek Willis (Tim Willis' nephew), serving in PA in the Army

Michael Warford – stationed in San Diego with the Navy

MISSION EFFORTS

Megan Randolph – teaching in Thailand

Michael and Sarah Rivas – Por Los Niños in Honduras

Julie Broyles – Bible English Study Center in Cambodia

Raul & Betty Alvarado – mission efforts in Panama

Charles & Darlene Coulston – mission work in Kenya

Tom Bonner – mission work in Albania

David & Danna Willis – mission work in Samoa

Attendance + Giving

February 24 Attendance

8am Service	65
10:45am Service	106
Total Attendance	171

February 24 Giving

\$7,686

Weekly Giving Average (2019)	\$10,972
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)	\$12,569
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$840,833
Wall Settlement	\$225,000

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