

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

March 17, 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, Jack Williamson preaching
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 9:30am College and Young Adults Class
- 10:45am Second Worship Service, Jack Williamson preaching
- 12:30pm Women's Book Club
- 2pm Mud Mucking Sunday

This Week

- Mar 18 Women's Bible Study
- Mar 19 Men's Group at Walls'
- Mar 20 Hungry / Thirsty at Zolas'
- Mar 20 REFRESH
- Mar 21 Small Group at Fosters
- Mar 21 Conejo School Tutoring
- Mar 23 Wedding Shower for Alicia Williamson

Upcoming Events

- Mar 24 Prayer and Blessing Hike
- Mar 26 Many Mansions Game Night
- Mar 30 Community Breakfast
- Mar 31 Lip Sync Mission Fundraiser

Welcome and Response



The Profound and Intimate Power and Mystery of Prayer

By Jack Williamson

During these forty days, I am going through a daily reading plan on the Bible app called *Lent for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. It is a specific plan written for every day of Lent with scripture taken from the Gospel of Matthew. I chose this one specifically because it is not focused on the Gospel of John. I find it better for me to do my devotional reading out of a text that I am not preaching. Otherwise my personal devotion just becomes sermon prep. Anyway, if you are looking for a reading plan or a way to guide you through Scripture for this season, I have found this to be an excellent resource. I was encouraged this week by Wright's view on prayer as he reflected on the Sermon on the Mount. He writes:

Prayer is a mystery. I have often heard people saying with a sneer, "It doesn't go beyond the ceiling, you know." But the point of prayer, at least as Jesus saw it, is that it doesn't have to. "Your father," he says, "is there in the secret place with you. He sees and knows your deepest thoughts and hopes and fears. He hears the words you say. He hears, too, the things you can't put into words but want to lay out before him anyway." Prayer, in fact, isn't a mystery in the sense of a puzzle we can't understand. Prayer is a symptom, a sign, of the mystery; the fact that heaven and earth actually mingle together. There are times when they interlock; there are places where they overlap. To pray, in this sense, is to claim a time and place—it can be anywhere, any time—as one of those times, one of those places.

In our current sermon series and in the Gospel of John, we get a clear picture that Jesus is God in the flesh. Within the mystery of this great truth, we find a unique overlapping of heaven and earth as God becomes man—the creator mingles with the creation. I have plumbed the depths of this mystery for many years. I will likely never find the end of pursuing what we have to learn from the incarnation. Still, I had never actually considered prayer in this way—as a profound mingling of heaven and earth in its own right. Wright says that it doesn't matter if our prayers never reach above the ceiling because they don't have to, since God is there in the room with us! What a wonderful thought! What a magnificent, profound, and yet simple and beautiful insight!

May we all seek to commingle with God in prayer during this season and find that the Creator is closer to us, His creation, than we might often have thought.

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!"

Book Club Meeting / Today

The Women's Book Club meets **today** at 12:30pm. The group will discuss chapters 8 and 9 of the book *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion*. Bring your lunch if you wish. For more information, contact Paula Marrs at (805) 479-7267.

Mud Mucking Sunday / Today!

Please plan to join us this afternoon to help remove mud and restore the playground. We will meet this afternoon at 2pm to make a community effort to remediate damage done by the recent rains. Please grab lunch, change into your work clothes, grab a shovel, and meet back at the building ready to "dig in" and make project playground recovery go smoothly.

Calling CVCC Artists

During the 40-Day Spiritual Adventure this year, rather than having written devotionals sent out each weekday, we are inviting 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 Saturday evening before the Sunday listed below. Please contact the office if you can help us with creations for these weeks. 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

Wedding Shower for Alicia Williamson / March 23

Please mark your calendars for a wedding shower for Alicia Williamson at 3pm this coming Saturday, March 23, at the home of Shirlene Watson, 2397 Moberly Court in Thousand Oaks. Please bring a wedding picture of yourself and your groom if you would like to. Alicia and Reilly are registered at

Target and at Bed Bath & Beyond. They would also like gift cards to Home Depot. If you have questions, please contact Paula Marrs.

40-Days Prayer and Blessing Hikes

As we prepare our minds for Easter, we are planning a hike into the hills to see first-hand the remarkable way that God restores life after death and devastation. Dr. Steve Davis, professor of biology at Pepperdine, will be our guide as we hike through areas that are recovering from the Woolsey fire. We will meet at the church building at 2pm (after everyone has had lunch), on Sunday, March 24, to get directions for where we will be hiking as a group. The trail that Dr. Davis chooses will be accessible for young families, as well as our older members.

Community Prayer Breakfast / March 30

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, come share a breakfast with families from the immediate neighborhood around the church building. We will enjoy breakfast and a presentation from the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Disaster Assistance and Response Team (DART) about disaster preparedness and recovery.

We need help from our CVCC members. First, please let us know you if plan to come for the morning so that we will have an idea of the number that will attend. Secondly, if you do plan to attend, please sign up to bring a side item—eggs, meat, fruit, juice, or milk—to go along with the pancakes that the church will be preparing. There are sign-up sheets on the Events Wall.

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.

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

High School + Middle School

Swishin' for a Mission Fundraiser Thank You!

Thank you to those who came out to Pepperdine's Firestone Fieldhouse for Swishin for a Mission! It was a blast and we are already looking forward to next year! Congratulations to Team Hinkle for winning the 3 on 3 tournament, to Wes Johnson for winning the knock-out contest, and to Matt Joyner for winning the free throw contest! We raised \$1,700 toward the Mexico mission trip!



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. This year's King's Kamp theme is King's Knights of Idyllwild, coming from the passage in Ephesians 6 about the armor of God.

*****KING'S KAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED** – If you are 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!!

Teen Camp 2019

Registration for Teen Camp 2019 (July 14-20) will open on March 31. Teen Camp is for students entering 8th through 12th grades. After March 31, registration can be completed for Teen Camp at www.socalteencamp.org.

Lip Sync 2019 / March 31

Start searching for your songs to lip sync to on Sunday, March 31 at 6pm. We're looking forward to another awesome year of Lip Sync fun and memories.



This event is for both young and old who are willing to show off their lip sync talent. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer to sign up as an individual or as a group of performers. You can also create a video of your lip sync to be reviewed before the fundraiser. You need to sign up and give your song info by Wednesday March 27. This fellowship event earns support toward the annual summer mission trip.

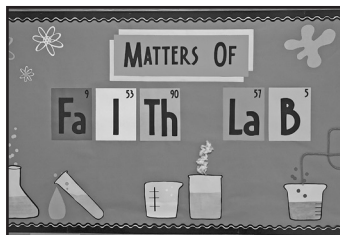


Children's Ministry



"Let There Be Light"
theater
Grades 4 and 5

"Matters of Faith"
Lab
Grades 1, 2, and 3



Scripture Memory

Jesus said to her,
"I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me will live, even though they die..."
John 11:25

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.



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.

Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

PREGNANCIES: **Erin Opdahl** (September); **Lauren Kliest-Blankfein** (September)

BAPTISMS: **Silas Opdahl**

THOSE GRIEVING

Ron Hall – loss of father, Maurice Hall (3/8)

Alexis Lasiter – loss of mother, Mary Bell

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

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) – Severe car accident; Allegro released from ICU, remains in hospital; long road to recovery

Adria Ballard – relief from acute

chronic pain including its effects on school absences

Claudia de Bruyn and family – seeking answers for 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

Ryan Campbell – mission work in Philippines

Attendance + Giving

March 10 Attendance	
8am Service	62
10:45am Service	125
Total Attendance	187

March 10 Giving		\$7,834
Weekly Giving Average (2019)		\$11,162
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)		\$12,995
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$862,448
Wall Settlement		\$225,000

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