



# CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BE the BLESSING

March 24, 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
- 2pm Prayer and Blessing Hike

### This Week

- Mar 25 Women's Bible Study
- Mar 26 Men's Group at Walls'
- Mar 26 Many Mansions Game Nite
- Mar 27 Hungry / Thirsty at Zolas'
- Mar 27 REFRESH
- Mar 28 Small Group at Fosters
- Mar 28 Conejo School Tutoring
- Mar 30 Community Breakfast with T.O. DART presentation

### Upcoming Events

- Mar 31 Lip Sync Mission Fundraiser
- Apr 6 Springfest Youth Rally in Bakersfield

### Welcome and Response



### Signs of Life

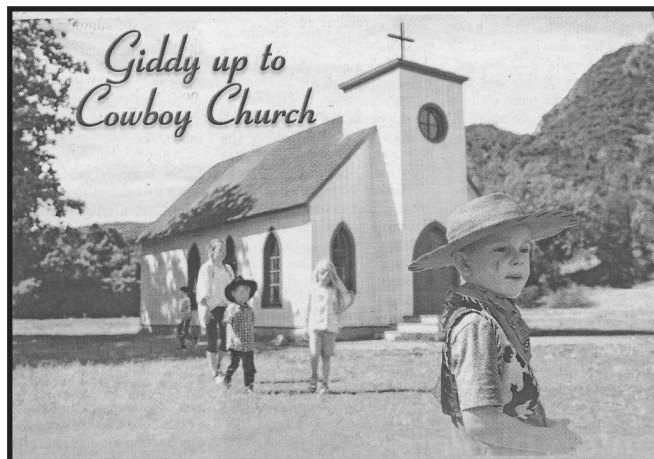
By Jack Williamson

I took a drive this past week out to Paramount Ranch. If you've been at Conejo for a few years, you know that this is a special place for many of us. Paramount Ranch is the setting for so many beloved stories on television and the silver screen. It is the place where I have taken friends and family to see the set of Dr. Quinn or other Westerns. It is the place where you could hike out and find the old M\*A\*S\*H site. None of these things, however, are what make it special to Conejo. Paramount Ranch is the site of Cowboy Church. It is the place of the Greens and their horses, and kids enjoying free horseback rides. It is the place of kids' games in the fields, of barbecued hamburgers, and great potlucks. It is also the place of scorching hot Sunday services when we all could use a little more shade, cold water, and any little breeze on a September afternoon. Still, it was magical and fun. For now, all these things are just great memories because the Woolsey Fire took the Western town down in a literal blaze of glory. All that was spared of the man-made Western props is the sparse train station and the old church. Everything else is a pile of charred wood, twisted metal, and rubble.

In the middle of the Western town stood a massive, ancient oak tree. This tree was the primary reason I took this trek to Paramount Ranch. I have always been impressed by the sheer size and majesty of this tree. I wanted to see how it fared through the flames. It is still standing—a testament to the will to live and weather any storm. It is severely burned, but looks like it is going to survive. All the buildings and fences that surrounded it are gone. Yet it still stands, broad and tall as ever. Not everything was destroyed by this fire. That is the essence of hope.

The hills all around Paramount Ranch are bursting with green, and the rolling knolls are blooming in yellow, orange, and purple. This past season, November through February, has been the most difficult period of disasters, both natural and human inflicted, that we have seen in the twenty-five years I have lived in Thousand Oaks. Still, life comes back. Regeneration reminds us that resurrection awaits its chance to shine in the periods of life that follow devastation. Life can be hard. There are dark days that seem like they last far too long. Still, God is good. To quote a beloved disciple, "...the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

***If you need a glimpse of the beauty that is rising from the ashes, join us this afternoon at 2pm to walk the hills and enjoy what is happening. May it be a reminder to us all***



***that just as God raises up the flowers of the field that are here today and gone tomorrow; He raises the sun each day and promises to never leave us. He created beauty in creation that regenerates to remind us of hope. Through this, I believe, God strains to remind us that we are all valuable and not forgotten. In the end, life wins...always.***

# 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!"

## Many Mansions Game Night

Tuesday, March 26 at 6pm, is a game night at Villa Garcia (1419 Thousand Oaks Boulevard) with Many Mansions. The coordinator needs a count of all who plan to come because they provide pizza for all present. RSVP by emailing the office if you plan to come. Be a blessing in the lives of the children and families in our neighborhood!

## Thank You to Mud Muckers!

What an encouragement to see 25 volunteers working to remove the mud from our playground and nursery patio area on Sunday. Thank you to David Stephens and Phil Daringer for leading the clean-up team (and working several hours on Saturday preparing for the cleanup crew)! And thank you to our volunteer team: Zach Labnow, Nico Heard, Rene Heard, Jack Williamson, Tami Williamson, Michael Ditmore, Tammy Ditmore, Tim Willis, Chris Gast, Rick Marrs, Gabe Watson, Jay King, Wendi King, Allan Argano, Nathan Eng, Tim Rockey, Willis Hix, Matt Joyner, Bill Foster, Travis Moore, Jim White, Rachel White, and Penny White.

## 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 the resurrection and the life
- April 21 - I AM the way, the truth, and the life

## 40-Days Prayer and Blessing Hike / Today

Today, we will 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 recovering from the Woolsey fire. We will meet at the church building at 2pm to go to the trail head together. Dr. Davis chose Newton Canyon Trail off of Kanan Dume Road for our hike today. It is accessible for young families, as well as our older members. We will observe plants that grow in the "cool burn" areas, as well as those that grow in the "hot burn" areas.

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

# High School + Middle School

## Lip Sync 2019 / March 31

There is still time to sign up for Lip Sync which is set for next 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 may also create a video of your lip sync to be viewed at the fundraiser. You need to sign up and provide your song info by **THIS Wednesday, March 27**. This fellowship event raises support toward the summer mission trip that the youth group participates in annually.

## SPRINGFEST Bakersfield Youth Rally

The annual Springfest Youth Rally in Bakersfield is just a few weeks away! The youth rally will be April 5-7, and this year's theme is "This Changes Everything." The lessons will be centered on the transformative power of the good news of Jesus Christ. We will serve the community in Bakersfield and develop relationships with other SoCal teens. This is a great

opportunity for your teen to spend the weekend nurturing their faith, building relationships, and coming to know who God is. The youth rally cost is \$60. This cost includes youth rally registration and lodging. Please register by **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, April 3**. **CHAPERONES ARE NEEDED FOR THIS TRIP. WE NEED TWO CHAPERONES. IF YOU CAN SERVE, PLEASE SEE TRAVIS.**

## 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](http://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](http://www.kingskamp.org). Fill it out and mail it in or email it to [king.skamp.camp@gmail.com](mailto: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

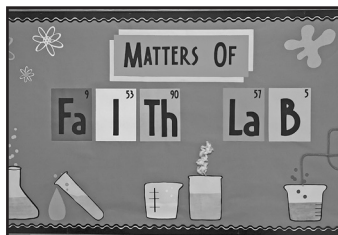
Registration for Teen Camp 2019 (July 14-20) will open on March 31. Teen Camp is for students entering 8th through 12th grades. After March 31, registration can be completed for Teen Camp at [www.socalteencamp.org](http://www.socalteencamp.org).

# Children's Ministry



**"Let There Be Light"**  
theater  
Grades 1, 2, and 3

## "Matters of Faith" Lab Grades 4 and 5



## 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)  
For **Cielo Iglesias** (friend of Grace Price) – cancer is in remission

## THOSE GRIEVING

**Grace Price** – loss of brother, Mark Poblete  
**Ron Hall** – loss of father, Maurice Hall  
**Alexis Lasiter** – loss of mother, Mary Bell  
**Cary Mitchell** – loss of father, Carl Mitchell; loss of mother, Frankie Mitchell  
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

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

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

**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 hospital; starting physical therapy  
**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  
**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 17 Attendance	
8am Service	63
10:45am Service	119
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>182</b>

March 17 Giving		\$10,898
Weekly Giving Average (2019)		\$11,138
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)		\$12,995
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$864,592
Wall Settlement		\$225,000

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