



April 7, 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 Emergency Response
Meeting

This Week

- Apr 8 Women's Bible Study
- Apr 9 Men's Group at Walls'
- Apr 10 Hungry / Thirsty at Zolas'
- Apr 10 REFRESH
- Apr 11 Small Group at Fosters'
- Apr 11 Conejo School Tutoring
- Apr 13 Men's Breakfast at CVCC
- Apr 13 Potluck and Singing at
Johnsons'

Upcoming Events

- Apr 14 Palm Sunday
- Apr 14
- Apr 19 Good Friday Services

Welcome and Response



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A Step of Faith

By Jack Williamson

When I was a kid, I used to love taking walks in the winter, especially when the snow was on the ground. In the mountains of southern Oregon, the coldest days in the heart of winter left everything covered in white. The roads were a hard sheet of packed snow. Many days the sun would break through and warm things up just enough that there would be puddles along the side of the road. In the early morning on the way to school, these little frozen puddles were a game just waiting to be played. They were never more than a few inches deep. The chilling temperatures of the night before would leave them covered in a thin sheet of ice or, perhaps, even frozen completely through. That was the game.

I used to seek out these puddles along the way and try to guess if they were frozen solid enough to hold my weight. Finding one and making my guess, I would gingerly step on the ice, hoping it would hold. Often it held, but many times, much to my glee, it would almost hold and then crash away, dropping my foot with a splash. I never really wanted to get my foot wet, out there in the cold, but the thrill of either standing on solid ice or leaping to get my foot out before it soaked my shoe was much more than worth the risk. As I grew bigger, solid ice was harder to find, but my ability to discern what might hold and what might not also grew. Experience had taught me to read the signs and more accurately predict what could hold me and what could not.

Faith is kind of like that. In faith, there exists a tension between the unbelievable and the undeniable. I would never step onto the thin crust of a puddle I thought was deeper than my shoe top unless I had some strong assurance from puddles around it that it would hold. At first it might have seemed hard to believe that the temperature the night before was cold enough to freeze such a puddle so solid that I could stand on it. However, if I had experienced enough puddles along the way that had held me, I could conjure up enough courage to step onto that bigger, deeper puddle and hope it would hold. The idea that it could hold me may have seemed unbelievable but, with enough confidence to step on it and then see it hold, the unbelievable became undeniable. I would then encourage a friend or my sister to try it. If it were large enough, we might even see how many of us it would hold before breaking.

In the Gospel of John, the author tells us that he shares these miracle stories—he calls them signs—so that hearing of them we may believe that Jesus is the Son of God. The signs are stories of healing the sick and amazing tricks like turning water to wine or multiplying bread and fish to feed a crowd, even raising the dead. To us these stories seem utterly impossible—completely unbelievable. However, to John and to those who witnessed Jesus do these things and many others, these unbelievable feats became undeniable. They now stand as witnesses to us. They are standing on the frozen pond, deep enough to completely soak any who fall through, saying “Come on out!” They are thrilled not only to stand on the ice, but to run, jump, and skate around in the freedom of knowing it will not fall away under their feet. Are you willing to take the risk and trust the ice to hold you? That first step of faith is the hardest. After that, experience builds confidence, and faith slowly brings peace and freedom without fear.

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: "How Christianity Became American" led by Christina Eng.

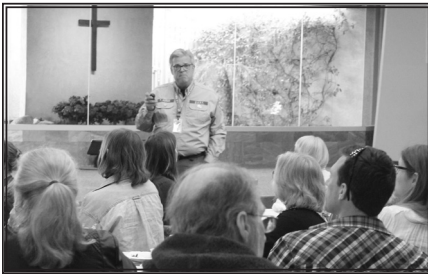
Calling CVCC Artists

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:

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| 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 |

Community Prayer Breakfast

Thank you to those who participated in last week's breakfast with our immediate neighbors—bringing smiling faces, welcoming spirits, and delicious breakfast sidedishes. Special thanks to Doug Hurley for serving as the pancake maestro and to Buzz Guilbault for helping us coordinate with the Thousand Oaks Police Department's Disaster Assistance and Response Team. It was a great morning!



CVCC Emergency Response Team

We are developing a CVCC Incident Action Plan, in order to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations at our building and in our broader community. Steve Kliet and Buzz Guilbault have agreed to oversee this project. They will lead a recruitment and planning meeting at the church on Sunday, April 7, immediately following the second service. All who are interested and willing to contribute to this effort in any way are urged to attend. A light lunch will be provided.

Church of Christ Foundation Scholarships

Conejo members, will you be attending a university or college affiliated with the Churches of Christ in the Fall of 2019? If so, we invite you to apply for a scholarship from the Church of Christ Foundation by visiting www.churchofchristfoundation.com. Scholarships often range from \$1,000-\$1,500 and can generally be renewed for up to four years. **Applications are due by April 15.** Should you have any questions, please contact Keith Hinkle at (310) 283-5007.

Potluck and Singing / April 13

The next Potluck and Singing at the home of the Johnson family (1211 Lynnmore Dr., Thousand Oaks) is scheduled for April 13, starting at 5pm. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert to share and be ready to enjoy an evening of fellowship and singing.



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!

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:

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

Help Needed at Harbor

Pepperdine Legacy Partners will continue our tradition of serving dessert and coffee in the evenings at Harbor and could use some help in 2 areas: (1) helping prep by cutting and plating desserts from 2-4 PM and (2) help man the event in the evening from 7:30-10:30 PM. Help is only needed on Wednesday, May 1 and Friday, May 3. If you can help or have questions, please contact Tami Williamson [tami.williamson@pepperdine.edu] or (805) 432-2975.

High School + Middle School

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

Registration is 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.

Teen Camp 2019

Registration for Teen Camp 2019 (July 14-20) is NOW OPEN! Teen Camp is for students entering 8th through 12th grades. Registration can be completed for Teen Camp at www.socalteencamp.org. Register before April 30th and save \$45 with early bird pricing!

2019 Summer Mission Trip TEAM Meeting

Next Sunday, April 14th at 3pm, those on the 2019 mission team will have their second mission trip team meeting. We will meet at the church building to discuss plans for working together in Tijuana.

Lip Sync 2019

Thank you for contributing to the fun evening last Sunday night at Lip Sync! This church family's generosity and ability to have fun together is such a blessing. We raised just under \$3,500 toward our Mexico mission trip. Thank you for supporting us with your presence at these fellowship fundraisers, through your investments in relationships with our young people, and by your generous giving toward our mission trip. Our youth group needs more of you!

Thanks to all who spent time preparing for their performances for Lip Sync! Without your involvement and work, the show

would not be as creative and enjoyable as it is. Thank you to Tony Lani for being the emcee and to James Stephens for running the sound and song playlist. Thank you to everyone who brought desserts to be shared. Thank you to our youth group for bringing life to this event by your involvement, preparation, and the joy you share together! Looking forward to next year already!



Children's Ministry

Bible Classes

This week 1st-3rd Grades will be in the "Museum of Biblical History" and the 4th-5th Grades will be in the "How Great Thou Art Studio" for Bible Classes. *See map at children's ministry sign-in table.*

Book Drive for Support for the Kids

Thank you church for your generous donations of books for Support for the Kids! We gathered hundreds of books for children of all ages and with a variety of interests as well as the very best in children's literature.

Palm Sunday Processional (both worship services)

On April 14, our children are invited to participate in a palm processional at both worship services. Please gather 10 minutes prior to the worship service in the 1st overflow room to receive instructions and palms. Family members of young

children are welcome and encouraged to participate by walking with or carrying your younger children!

Family Good Friday Experience

Please join us for a quiet and thoughtful Good Friday experience for families with children. Families travel together through 8 stations that combine scripture, activities, and questions to ponder. Advance sign up is required for a start time in order to eliminate overcrowding/waiting at the smaller stations. The sign-up sheet and sample guides are located at the Children's Ministry Information Table in the foyer.

Easter Sunday Living Cross (both worship services)

On Easter Sunday during both worship services our children are invited to create a "living cross using flowers and greenery. Items from your yard are perfect! We will have flowers on hand in case you leave home without something and for visitors.

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; 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 – disease has been identified. Pray for energy 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 31 Attendance	
8am Service	65
10:45am Service	119
Total Attendance	184

March 31 Giving	\$15,464
Weekly Giving Average (2019)	\$11,972
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)	\$12,995
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$881,362
Wall Settlement	\$225,000

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