



CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

October 13, 2019

Welcome!

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

Today

- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 10:45am Combined Worship Service
- 5:30pm TO Alpha Group (Fosters')
- 6pm Alpha Youth Series
- 7pm Guests from MITS

This Week

- Oct 14 Women's Bible Study
- Oct 14 Monday Night Guys' Group
- Oct 15 Alpha Group - Pepperdine
- Oct 16 REFRESH (Church Building)
- Oct 16 Hungry Thirsty Bible Study (Walls')
- Oct 17 TO Small Group Bible Study (Fosters')
- Oct 19 Potluck and Singing (Warfords)

Upcoming Events

- Oct 20 Taco Fest Mission Trip Fundraiser
- Oct 25 High School Hangout
- Oct 26 Harvest Festival
- Oct 27 Crafty Women

Welcome and Response

Please fill out a Welcome Card located beneath the chair in front of you, or text (805) 214-8384

Hidden Treasure

By Andy Wall

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

- Jesus, Matthew 13:44

On the Greek island of Milos in 1820, a man named Yorgos unearthed several carved stone blocks while digging in his field. Excavating deeper, he found several statues, including one of Aphrodite, an ancient goddess of love. Three weeks later, an archaeological expedition purchased the Aphrodite, taking it to France. King Louis XVIII dubbed her Venus de Milo and presented her to the Louvre Museum, where she is now on display as one of the most famous artworks in history.

In 1961, Hollywood librarian Barbara Test inherited six steamer trunks from her grandfather, James Gluck, who had died in 1895. For thirty years, she deliberately sifted through the trunks, until in 1990 she discovered what turned out to be the first half of Mark Twain's original manuscript for Huckleberry Finn. Eventually, it was reunited with its other half at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library in New York.

For years, a 27 inch black rock in the basement of God's House Tower Archaeology Museum in Southampton, England, served as a place for employees to lean their bikes. Two visiting Egyptologists in 2001 identified the "bike rack" as a 7th century BC Egyptian statue portraying a Kushite monarch. The curator of archaeological collections, Karen Wordley, acknowledged it was a "mystery" how the sculpture wound up in the basement.

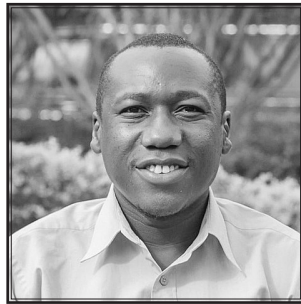
A farmer's field. A trunk in an attic. A museum basement. Each turned out to be hiding a whole lot more than meets the eye. Each place had a valuable treasure buried, concealed, or hiding in plain sight. While stories such as these will occasionally make how-cool-is-this headlines, I'm even more fascinated by the existence of the remarkable phenomena that exist around us in the universe of God's creation, everything from sub-atomic particles to vast black holes, from the incredible diversity of flora and fauna to the infinite variabilities found in each human being.

So here's my invitation. Perhaps that dirt trail is just a dirt trail to nowhere. Perhaps that student in your class is just an average student. Perhaps that oak tree is just a garden-variety oak tree. Perhaps that Bible verse is just a familiar verse. But take a closer look. Engage more deeply. Linger a little longer. Because the God of our universe delights in embedding the wondrous within the seemingly ordinary.

What's Happening at Conejo

Guests From Made in the Streets / Today!

Please welcome Moses Okoth and Brad Voss, of the Made in the Streets Ministry, to today's worship service! They are currently "on tour" and are looking forward to visiting with old friends at Conejo and to making new ones. This evening at 7pm, we'll share in a pie-and-coffee fellowship with them at the building. They will update us on their amazing work with Made In the Streets (started by former Conejo members Charles and Darlene Coulston) and about opportunities to serve from the U.S. and/or by sending a team to Nairobi, Kenya! Please bring your questions. For more information, see madeinthestreets.org.



Attention Conejo Women

Please join us tomorrow evening for the beginning of the Women's Bible Study. We'll meet weekly at 7pm in the church office and will spend time studying, praying, and building relationships. We need you! Questions? Contact Paula Marrs at (805) 479-7267.

Meals for the Kliest-Blankfein family

Bonnie Rockey is coordinating meal delivery for Daelan and Lauren as they adjust to life with little Callan. If you would like to bring them a meal, please go to <https://www.takethemameal.com/WBNE4431>.

Conejo Elementary Tutoring

The Fall Tutoring session is almost underway, and we could use a few good tutors! Tutoring at Conejo Elementary School will begin this Thursday night, **October 17**. Tutors work with students from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 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.

New this fall, we have an opportunity to expand our support to Conejo Elementary's second grade students. Ana Alvarez from the CVUSD is looking for a small number of high-energy volunteers to participate in the second grade program's group math activities. This program is also from 6:30 to 7:30 Thursday evenings.

Please contact Rob West at (805) 657-2911 if you can serve as a first grade tutor, a second grade tutor, or as a substitute, or if you would like additional information.

Planning Center Notifications

We've made a slight alteration in the way that we communicate with the members who will be serving in various roles on Sundays. Each Monday, if you are participating in the worship service the following Sunday (leading prayer, reading scripture, etc.), you will receive a reminder e-mail. On Fridays, those with worship / server roles will receive an end-of-the week reminder.

By noon on Wednesdays, the songs and scriptures for the coming Sunday will be available to review through Planning Center so that those who need to see the flow of the worship service can do so any time from noon Wednesday forward.

Also on Wednesday, an additional e-mail will go out (only to those members who remain "unconfirmed" in the Planning Center schedule) asking that they "accept" or "decline" at that time. The goal is both to share materials with those who need them and to send fewer e-mails to fill the inboxes of those who reply early in the week.

Thank you to all who volunteer to serve in the various roles of our worship time together.



Fall Adult Education

Below is a listing of our classes and their locations. The classes located at the church building will meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings unless otherwise indicated:

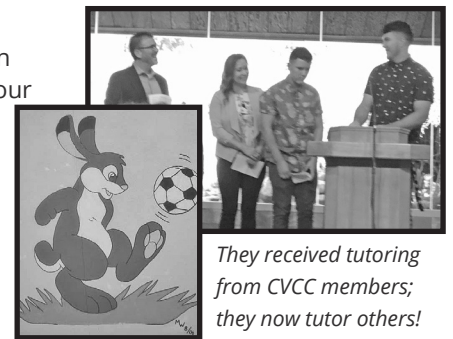
- **Auditorium Class:** "A Journey Through Exodus" (a study of one of the most formative books of Scripture).
- **Growing Families Class** (parents with kids at home) Discussion of *Marriage-Ology* by Belinda Luscombe in the north overflow room.
- **College and Recent Grads Group:** This group meets following second service directly across Hillcrest Drive at the home of the Williamsons' (261 Quinta Vista).

Fall Alpha Groups

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. It's an eight to twelve week course that is run in churches, coffee shops, prisons, and homes worldwide. Essentially, Alpha is a safe place to explore life's biggest questions.

Our Alpha groups have launched for the fall (see schedule below). Please be in prayer about all who are taking part in Alpha. We're excited for this opportunity to put our trust in God and share Jesus with our community.

- Thousand Oaks, Sundays at 5:30 pm
2327 Gillingham Circle, TO
- Thousand Oaks (for teens) – Sundays at 6:00 pm
2525 East Hillcrest Drive, TO
- Pepperdine University – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
24543 Mariposa Circle, Malibu



They received tutoring from CVCC members; they now tutor others!

High School + Middle School

REFRESH

From 6:30pm to 8pm every Wednesday during the school year, the entire youth group is encouraged to gather at the church building to reconnect and encourage each other in the middle of the week. Bring your own meals and meet for dinner at 6:30. At 7:00, everyone gathers to focus on building community and studying God's Word. Come, connect, and be refreshed!

IMPACT Middle School Retreat

IMPACT is an annual weekend retreat specifically designed for middle school students in the Churches of Christ of Southern California. The retreat will take place November 8-10 at Angeles Crest Christian Camp in Palmdale, CA. The majority of the weekend is planned and led by junior and senior high school students who have a passion for leading and an excitement for making an impact on their peers for Christ. This year we have eight high school student leaders who have volunteered their time to prepare lessons and interactive learning activities. These activities will bring to life three commands from Jesus' teachings to highlight the life that Jesus calls His followers to live. We want our middle schoolers to better grasp how Jesus challenges us to live differently and "shine from within" our culture! Registration for Impact is due by Monday, October 28.



Alpha Youth Series 2019

The youth ministry is hosting an Alpha group tailored for our youth. This is an opportunity for our youth to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. They are also encouraged to invite friends who may be open to discussions about God, faith, and Christianity. Alpha creates an environment of hospitality for our teens and their friends. Our students will have the opportunity to explore life's biggest questions, giving them the opportunity to dig deeper in their own faith. Alpha also creates an environment where those who might not call themselves Christians can discover and develop a relationship with Jesus. This group will meet TONIGHT and meet every Sunday night through November 10 (with the exception of Sunday 10/20 for Taco Fest Mission Fundraiser). The youth Alpha group meets at Conejo from 6-8pm on Sunday nights. These meetings will include a meal, an Alpha talk, and time for discussion. Middle school students, high school students, and their friends are welcome!

Taco Fest Mission Fundraiser!

Next Sunday night, **October 20**, the youth group and their families will host a night that will make you think you died and went to taco heaven. A plethora of different types of tacos will be present, along with ice cream and churros for dessert! Come join us in a night of fiesta and fundraising for the 2020 Mexico mission trip. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the foyer today, so that you can help make our first Taco Fest a memorable one!

Children's Ministry

Bible Classes

1st - 5th — Combined Elementary Bible Class

Harvest Festival / October 26

Harvest Festival sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Please sign up if you wish to attend or volunteer. It has been set for **Saturday, October 26** from 5-7pm. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an evening of fun and games! And, as always, please do not wear scary costumes.



Scenes from Children's Worship

Children's Worship is a time when God's stories are shared in a variety of unique and understandable ways for our kids. It is also a time for our children and teens to have an opportunity to step into the role of leadership sharing their joy and abilities they've been



gifted with as they lead others in singing and worshipping God. Volunteers also perform safety checks on the playground, assist with playground supervision, and serve snacks.

Playground Fort Replaced

After more than a decade of supporting the children at CVCC, the old fort became unsafe from age and use. A special thanks to our demolition crew: Frank Hagemann, Stu Warford, and Co Warford who helped remove the old fort earlier this week. And thanks also to our installation crew: Frank, Stu, Co, Allan Argano, and Nathan Eng who worked to build and install the new fort. May the children who spend time with us benefit from deepening friendships, learning to take turns, and making wonderful memories and tying them to Christ.



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

BAPTISMS: Quintt Landis, Jett Landis, Gwen King, Caroline Wilson, Caitlin Gifford

BIRTHS: For the safe arrival of **Adelaide Sanders** (granddaughter of Ed and Sheryl Sanders), born October 6 to Arthur and Lindsey

For the safe arrival of **Callan Grey Kliest-Blankfein**, born September 18 to Daelan and Lauren

For the safe arrival of **Maelyn Delaney Opdahl**, born August 15 to Silas and Erin

ENGAGEMENT: Eric Rogers and Shannon Markiewicz

NEW MEMBERS: TJ and Suzanne Reynolds

MEDICAL: Phil Daringer – recovering from heart attack

THOSE GRIEVING

Carol McNutt – loss of sister, Judy Erickson

Heather Phillips – loss of father, Dick Williams

Gunderson family – loss of Miriam Gunderson

Scarlett Lani – loss of father, John Taylor

Char Hurley – loss of father, Dale DeForest

Sandy Stivers – loss of mother, Nadine Tiner McBee

Grace Price – loss of brother, Mark Poblete

Alexis Lasiter – loss of mother, Mary Bell

Tony Alvarado – loss of mother, Linda Marcinkoski

FIGHTING CANCER

Jenna Sepulveda (sister of John Downey) – metastatic thyroid cancer; recovering from neck surgery, awaiting tests and chemo

Clifton Tuggle (uncle of Rene Heard) – diagnosed with prostate cancer

Michael Smith (friend of Coupe family) – 4-year-old diagnosed with neuroblastoma

Shirley Moore (mother of Nicole Montanez) – diagnosed with leukemia, started chemo

Robin Brown (former member) – breast cancer

Ted McAllister (former member) – multiple myeloma

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

James Wooley (uncle of Rene Heard) – bone cancer

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

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

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

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Pat Tudor – pray for answers at the November appointment at Mayo Clinic

Tom Montanez (father of Nicole Montanez) – fighting a serious infection in lower spine

David and Allegro Rankin (uncle and aunt of Daelan Blankfein) – continuing physical therapy

Adria Ballard – relief from chronic pain

Sarah Ballard – relief from chronic back pain

Ashlyn Thomas – continued health issues; pray for answers and successful treatments

Peter Thompson (Pepperdine's Volunteer Center Director) – recovering from brain tumor removal

Kathy Cocke – pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension

Margie Caldwell – heart issues

Vera Davis – aortic valve tear; smooth transition to new home in Vermont

Sam Audenino – recovery from bicycle accident

Harriet Nutter (Daphne Green's mother) – struggling with depression and loneliness

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

Carol McNutt – neuropathy

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

Caleb Rodriguez (son of Marcus and Julia) – ongoing seizures

MILITARY SERVICE

Tyler Scott – serving in the Navy in Camp Lejuene, 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

October 6 Attendance		October 6 Giving	
8:00 Service	55	Weekly Giving Average (2019)	\$11,371
10:45 Service	130	Weekly Giving Budget (2019)	\$12,995
Total Attendance	185	Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,003,353
		Wall Settlement	\$225,000

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