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CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 23, 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,
Rick Marrs preaching
Prayer for YG Mission Trip
- 9:30am Bible Classes (all ages)
- 10:45am Second Worship Service,
Rick Marrs preaching
- 5pm Unity Worship Service in
Reseda

This Week

Jun 23-28 Youth Group Mission Trip

Upcoming Events

- Jul 7 Mission Trip Report
- Jul 14-20 Teen Camp
- Jul 21 All-Sing and Ice Cream
- Jul 28-Aug 3 King's Kamp
- Aug 4 Won By One
- Aug 11-15 Pismo Camping Trip

Welcome and Response



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Laying Down Your Life

By Andy Wall

*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

- John 15:12-13

At a recent wedding I performed, John 15:9-12 served as one of the Scripture readings. The key thought here relates to Jesus' teaching, "Love one another as I have loved you." In the next verse, Jesus says: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." This word for **lay down one's life** points to Jesus' sacrificial love as shown on the cross. When the time comes for Jesus to show the full extent of his love, he doesn't expound some theory. Instead, he follows the storyteller's creed of "Show, Don't Tell." Jesus shows his love through his deeds.

I then asked the couple, "How will you lay down your lives for one another?" I observed that it is highly unlikely that the husband would ever have to dive in front of a speeding car to save his wife's life. Or that the wife would ever be given the opportunity to take a bullet for her husband.

So how might a husband and wife lay down their lives for one another? In a thousand and one daily ways: cooking for each other; taking out the trash; making the bed; putting the lid down; emptying the dishwasher; folding the laundry; flushing; going to work and earning a living; giving each other goodbye kisses and welcome home kisses; asking "How was your day?" and then listening; changing the oil in the car; changing diapers; saying "thank you"; doing the taxes; remembering anniversaries; making chicken soup when the other is sick; giving flowers and backrubs; remembering birthdays; putting each other's needs first; watching each other's preferred movie genre; offering helpful advice; NOT offering helpful advice; praying for one another; honoring each other in front of friends; expressing gratitude; showing respect when annoyed; avoiding passive aggression; and practicing forgiveness.

Every day, couples (as well as family members and friends) have countless tiny opportunities to lay down their lives for one another. We hear a lot these days about micro-aggressions; I'd like to call these gestures above micro-expressions of love. And over a lifetime, these micro-expressions add up to a body of work that communicates, "I really do love you and I really do lay down my life for you." Because No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

What's Happening at Conejo

Adult Education - June

During the month of June, we're inviting members of the Conejo Church who presented classes at Pepperdine's Harbor to share those classes with us. Today's class, taught by Chris Heard, is titled "Psalm 23 Remixed."



Our Story: Adult Summer Experience

For our adult education experience this summer, we're inviting all members of our church community to consider sharing significant faith moments. We will have opportunities for you to share your faith stories during our Bible class time in the months of July and August. Please consider what stories you might share and how best you might share them. If you would like to take part in this series, please talk to Andy Wall to find out more. We are looking forward to hearing your stories because each story makes up Our Story.

Unity Worship Service Tonight

At 5:00 p.m. tonight, the Reseda Church of Christ will be hosting the next Unity Worship Service. The objective of these services is to bring together the Churches of Christ of all ethnicities in the San Fernando Valley, Ventura County and the Santa Clarita Valley in order to foster unity and promote an appreciation for diversity among our various congregations. The evening will include dynamic worship with the Reseda Choir, Pepperdine's Won by One, and Terri Mays and Kristen Sims. Ammat Saheli of the West Oakland Church of Christ will be preaching. The Reseda congregation is located at 7806 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda.

Farewell Birthday Party for Ada Wilson / July 10

Come for the whole time or stop by! We will have appetizers and desserts (feel free to bring some to share). Ben is making a special cake to celebrate Ada's second birthday with our church family before they head off to a new adventure in Florida. It will be at Bonnie Rockey's house on Wednesday, July 10 from 6:30 till 8pm.

Summer Camp at Many Mansions

Our neighbors at Many Mansions have given us a list of items that they will need for the summer camps they provide for the children in their communities. These items include:

- **Pool Supplies**—pool towels, spray sunscreen, sunscreen lotion, face sunblock sticks, beach balls, dive toys, goggles, pool noodles, BPA-free water bottles, one-piece swim suits, swim shirts, water shoes, and flip flops.
- **Activity Supplies**—googly eyes, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, glow sticks (bracelet size), brown paper lunch bags, plastic beads, plastic Easter eggs, bean seeds, patterned washi tape, lollipops, chocolate chips, dinner-sized paper plates, and dessert-sized paper plates.
- **Gift Cards**—for the following retailers: Amazon, Michaels, JoAnn's.

Baby Shower / July 13

The baby shower for Lauren and Daelan will be on Saturday, July 13th from 11am-1pm. This is a co-ed baby shower so men, women, children and teens are all welcome to attend! It will be held at the home of Mark & Michelle Davis at 6035 Kerrmoor Drive Westlake CA, 91362. If you plan to attend please RSVP: <http://laurendaelanbabyshower.rsvpify.com>

Lauren and Daelan are registered on Babylist.com: www.babylist.com/baby-kliest-blankfein. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Jane Norris at sarahnorris608@gmail.com.

All-Sing and Ice Cream / July 21

Do you love to sing praises? Do you enjoy eating homemade ice cream? Join us at the church building on the evening of Sunday, July 21 for a time to sing both time-honored and contemporary songs and hymns. Our time of worship will be followed by a homemade ice cream social. Get out your ice cream makers and bring your favorite recipes.



Pismo Beach Trip

The 17th annual Pismo Beach trip this year is August 11-15, 2019. Please note that this year we have the group campsite at Lopez Lake reserved Sunday afternoon through Thursday morning. Feel free to come up for a day or stay all four nights. Lopez Lake is located about three hours north of Thousand Oaks. Our camp site is very family friendly, with a nearby water park and marina. Activities include fishing and boating on the lake, a cookout on the beach (Monday), riding ATVs on the sand dunes (Tuesday), worshipping around the campfire, cooking meals together, and just enjoying each other's company. For more information about the daily schedule and to sign up online, see cvccpismo.beach.shutterfly.com or contact Mark Davis at (310) 892-9986 or mrkwdvs@gmail.com.

Online Giving

For the last two years, we have offered online giving as one way to participate in congregational giving. Our hope is that online giving will provide flexibility in how and when we give and will also help us better develop the habit of giving regularly. This will be particularly helpful during the summer months when many are out of town for weeks at a time.

There are three ways you can access our online giving.

1. The Conejo website: go to conejochurch.org and click on the "giving" link.
2. Go directly to conejochurch.churchcenter.com.
3. Text a dollar amount to 84321. You'll be able to make a one-time donation or to schedule regular donations directly from your checking account or from your debit or credit card. If you have any questions, please contact Jay or Wendi King at finance@conejochurch.org.

High School + Middle School

2019 Mission To Mexico—Built to Last

Please be in prayer for our mission team this week as they work to build a home for the Benavidez Hernandez family in Tijuana. Pray that this family will be blessed by the way God uses our service to communicate His great love for them. Pray that our mission team will work together well, make some amazing memories, and be changed by the way we let God build our lives into spiritual homes that last. You can also pray for us individually during this next week. The 2019

mission team is Sarah Antonio, Kyla Ballard, Miranda Brawner, Eliot Cox, Sarah Foster, Chase Hall, Nicholas Heard, Jackson Hinkle, Maegan Hinkle, Char Hurley, Nathan Hurley, Steve Kliest, Gwen King, Zachary Labnow, Ella Michael, Kate Michael, Travis Moore, Dylan Scott, Emma Scott, Noah Socquet, Anna Stephens, James Stephens, Andy Wall, Marcus Williams, and Jack Williamson.



Children's Ministry

Bible Classes

1st-3rd – Matters of Faith Lab

4th-5th – Let There Be Light Theatre

*4,5,K Bible Class will be held in the Children's Worship area for this week only.

See map at children's ministry sign-in table.

Scripture Memory

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!
Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

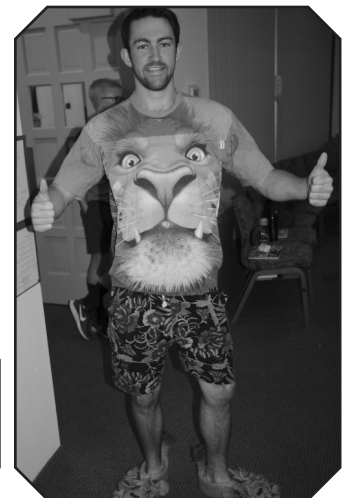
Vacation Bible School—Life is Wild; God is Good

Thank you to our 80+ hard-working volunteers who made our VBS an extraordinary experience for 60+ children this past week. Many hands prepped, decorated, moved furniture and supplies, provided AV and technical support, helped set up and clean up, created projects, and learning opportunities, taught, played, fulfilled special dramatic roles, supervised, organized, and loved on our children throughout the week. Well done VBS team!

Together we experienced God's story through scripture, music, drama, crafts, games, missions, active play, prayer and snacks. We explored the truth that God is good when life is unfair, when life is scary, when life changes, and when life is good.



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Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

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

BAPTISMS: **Quintt Landis, Jett Landis**

Mike Thomas (husband of Maureen Thomas) – back on his feet after stroke-like incident on Easter.

THOSE GRIEVING

Scarlett Lani – loss of father, John Taylor

Char Hurley – loss of father, Dale DeForest

Buzz Guilbault – loss of step-father, Dan Verbonitz

Sandy Stivers – loss of mother, Nadine Tiner McBee

Grace Price – loss of brother, Mark Poblete

Ron Hall – loss of father, Maurice Hall

Alexis Lasiter – loss of mother, Mary Bell

Family and friends of **Linda Marcinkoski**

Nicole Montanez – loss of her grandfather, Howard Segar

Rob West – loss of mother, Helen West

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

FIGHTING CANCER

Miriam Gunderson – stage IV liver cancer; is receiving hospice care

Robin Brown (former member) –

breast cancer

Ted McAllister (former member) – multiple myeloma

Dick Williams (father of Heather Phillips) – esophageal cancer; receiving hospice care at home; prayers for comfort for family

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

Jesse Carrington (father of Michele Carrington) – 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

Tom De Long (father of Ty De Long) – Recovering from quadruple bypass surgery

Joe Burroughs (father of Sue Ann Meador's) – fractured elbow that is limiting his activities

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

Adria Ballard – relief from chronic pain

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

Sarah Ballard – relief from chronic back pain

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

Pat Tudor – disease has been identified; pray for energy and healing

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

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

Carol McNutt – neuropathy

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

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

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

June 16 Attendance	
8:00 Service	71
10:45 Service	162
Total Attendance	233

June 16 Giving	
Weekly Giving Average (2019)	\$11,502
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)	\$12,995
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$938,826
Wall Settlement	\$225,000

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