



# BE *the* BLESSING

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 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 - Mexico Mission Report
- 9:30am Bible Classes (all ages)
- 10:45am Second Worship Service - Mexico Mission Report

### This Week

- Jul 9 SYS - Trajectory
- Jul 10 Dockweiler Bonfire
- Jul 10 Farewell Wilsons Party
- Jul 13 Baby Shower

### Upcoming Events

- 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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### Building a Home

[**Editor's note:** today's meditation is by Ella Michael, one of the participants of our recent mission trip to Mexico.]

Do you remember when you were a kid and you would make those really complicated forts out of dining room chairs, couch cushions, and a throw blanket? Maybe you'd use pillows as chairs, and bring in that one camping lantern for a lamp. Maybe you would use an umbrella as a roof or a door. Or maybe you had a leftover cardboard box that you used as a tunnel to get to your secret hideout. It probably wasn't very secret — my sisters and I took up half the living room or the entire stair landing.

I want you to envision that fort. And now I want you to imagine living in that fort your whole life. I want you to imagine using cardboard for a bed, and an umbrella for a roof, and tires for a wall. I want you to take away a couple windows, and replace them with drywall. I want you to imagine your home with two and a half walls and having to build onto that with whatever you can find.

This is what parts of Mexico look like. Dirt roads, stray dogs, houses that were never completed. Many of these people are poor.

And yet, every time I am there, I witness the wealth these people have.

They are rich in relationship with each other, and with God.

They are rich in joy, and are content.

They are rich in love, and open their arms and hearts to those around them with such gentle, kind hospitality.

When our vans pulled up to the build site the first day, the woman we were building for, a widow named Alma, burst into tears.

Throughout the week she and her brother, José, helped us build, provided water, soda, and Gatorade, and ordered pizza and chicken for lunch our last day.

We went down to Mexico to serve them, and I feel as though they were the ones building **us** a house.

Alma and José blessed us with their riches in ways we did not expect, and I realized this year that relationship with God enriches relationship with others. I do not believe that our youth group would have grown as close to Alma and José had it not been for God's love, and Jesus' sacrifice that unites us all.

***This mission trip was my favorite trip I've ever done, by far. God's presence was felt throughout the week, we sang His praise daily, and we built a home. And it could not have happened without your help, church.***

***We have a statement above our stage that I read every Sunday. It reads: "Be the Blessing." And church, we are.***

***We have been richly blessed by our God. Let's continue to richly bless others.***

***All the best and all the love,***

***Ella Michael***

# What's Happening at Conejo



## Our Story: Adult Summer Experience

Our summer adult education experience begins today with a class series titled "Our Story." During these months, we're inviting members of our church community to share 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.

## Memorial Service for Miriam Gunderson

Please be in prayer for the family and friends of Miriam Gunderson, a long-time Conejo member who passed away on Tuesday, June 25. A memorial service is being held at 10:00am this Friday, July 12 at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks, located at 5600 Lindero Canyon Rd in Westlake Village.

## Farewell Party for the Wilsons / July 10

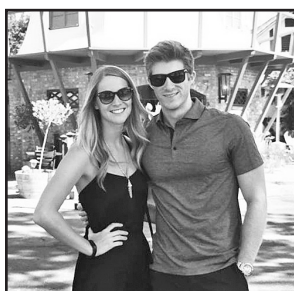
Come for the whole time or stop by! We will have appetizers and desserts (feel free to bring some to share), and Ben is making a special cake to celebrate Ada's second birthday with our church family before they head off to a new adventure in Florida. It will be at the Rocky's house at 224 Ravencrest Ct., Newbury Park, on July 10th from 6:30pm till 8:00.



## 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](http://www.babylist.com/baby-kliest-blankfein). If you have any questions please contact Sarah Jane Norris at [sarahnorris608@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Baby Shower / August 6

Erin and Silas Opdahl are welcoming a baby girl into their family and we want to celebrate! Men, women, and children are invited to join the fun at the Wall home on Tuesday evening, August 6, from 6:30-8:00 for snacks and sweets. Erin and Silas are registered on Amazon. The link is



<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/erin-opdahl-silas-opdahl-september-2019-thousandoaks/10MM1B45PNU6K>. Let's warmly welcome baby Maelyn!

## 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](http://cvccpismo beach.shutterfly.com) or contact Mark Davis at (310) 892-9986 or [mrkwdvs@gmail.com](mailto:mrkwdvs@gmail.com).

## 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.

# High School + Middle School

## Summer Bonfire Nights at Dockweiler

On various Wednesday nights during the summer, the Hilltop youth group hosts area-wide gatherings at Dockweiler Beach. Youth groups from Los Angeles and Ventura counties join together to play games, eat to their hearts' delight, and enjoy some worship alongside a large bonfire. The next bonfire will be Wednesday, July 10, from 5-9pm at Dockweiler Beach. We will leave Conejo at 3:30pm and return at 10:15pm. Drivers are needed for these events. Please see Travis if you can help drive.

## SYS 2019 - Trajectory

Our theme for the Summer Youth Series this year is TRAJECTORy. In this series, the youth will be tackling doubt. The goal for this series is to discuss the role of doubt in our lives and to provide our youth with a process to face their doubts, while staying on a trajectory toward the message and hope of Jesus. The next of this series is on Tuesday evening, July 9, from 5:30-8pm. These SYS nights will have a variety of games, experiences, and lessons that tie into the theme of Trajectory.



# Children's Ministry

## Bible Classes

1st-3rd - Museum of Biblical History lesson (held in Children's Worship area)

4th-5th - How Great Thou Art

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)



# Prayer Corner

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

## PRAISES

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

**Cielo Iglesias** (friend of Grace Price) - cancer in remission

**Amor Mission Trip** - for the safe return of our teen mission team

## THOSE GRIEVING

**Gunderson family** - loss of Miriam Gunderson

**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

**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

**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 Montanez** (father of Nicole Montanez) - fighting a serious infection in lower spine

**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

## Attendance + Giving

June 30 Attendance		June 30 Giving	
8:00 Service	75	Weekly Giving Average (2019)	\$11,514
10:45 Service	133	Weekly Giving Budget (2019)	\$12,995
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>208</b>	Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$951,843
		Wall Settlement	\$225,000

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