



CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BE the BLESSING

July 14, 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  
9:30am Bible Classes (all ages)  
"Our Story" (auditorium)  
10:45am Second Worship Service

### This Week

Jul 14-20 Teen Camp

### Upcoming Events

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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## You Could Learn A Lot From A Dummy

By Andy Wall

"Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

– Jesus, Matthew 7:3-5

In 1985, the U.S. Department of Transportation introduced commercials with Vince and Larry, two talking crash test dummies who advocated for the use of seat belts while driving. The commercials used humor to raise awareness about preventing death and serious injury during car crashes, ending with the tagline, "You could learn a lot from a dummy." Since 1985, seat belt usage has increased from 14% to 79%, saving 85,000 lives by one estimate.

If someone asked me, "What can you learn from a dummy?" I'd be very tempted to answer, "Not much." My bias is to assume I can only learn from those who are smarter, wiser, and more experienced than I am. But the truth is that there is much to be gained by learning from the mistakes of others, rather than having to repeat them for ourselves. You really can learn a lot from a dummy. Or as Proverbs 21:11 puts it, "When a scoffer is punished, the simple become wiser..."

Let's take this one step further. Jesus said that we should attend to our own flaws and failings before seeking to "fix" those of others, painting a humorous picture of someone with a log in their eye trying to tweezer a speck from their neighbor's eye. Jesus is pointing to our very human tendency to see the flaws of others while being oblivious to our own.

Many have observed that what most annoys us in others is often what we don't like about ourselves. Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung wrote, "Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves." I also notice that whatever others accuse you of is often what they are guilty of themselves. For example, liars are often distrustful of what others say. I have noticed that proud people are often very sensitive when others behave arrogantly toward them. It's the pot calling the kettle black.

***So the reason I can learn a lot from a dummy, as it turns out, is because that dummy often is me! What I dislike in others often has its roots in what I dislike about myself. May God grant us wisdom to work on the logs in our own eyes, rather than becoming speck inspectors for others.***

# What's Happening at Conejo



## Our Story: Adult Summer Experience

Our summer adult education experience is a class series titled "Our Story." Each week, we're inviting members of our church community to share significant faith moments during the auditorium class at 9:40. We will have opportunities for you to share your faith stories 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.

This morning, Matt Joyner and Nick Zola will be sharing part of their faith stories with us.

## 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!



## Prayers for Teen Camp

Twenty-one teens and four adults from Conejo will be at Teen Camp this week. Please pray for a blessed week for Sarah Antonio, Adria and Kyla Ballard, Sheridan Brawner, Sarah Foster, Kaitlyn Gifford, Chase Hall, Madelyn Hayes, Nico Heard, Meagan and Jackson Hinkle, Jessica Hunnicutt, Nathan Hurley, Gwen King, Ella and Kate and Tess Michael, Adrianna Patenaude, Dylan Scott, Ashlyn Thomas, and Marcus Williams, as well as for Buzz Guilbault, Melissa Foster, Travis Moore, and Jack Williamson.

## 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 [cvccpismoeach.shutterfly.com](http://cvccpismoeach.shutterfly.com) or contact Mark Davis at (310) 892-9986 or [mrkw dvs@gmail.com](mailto:mrkw dvs@gmail.com).

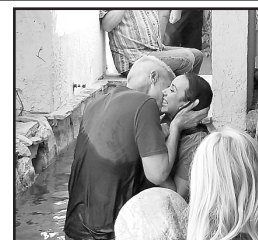
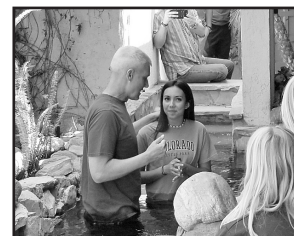
## Summer Camp at Many Mansions

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.

## And The Angels Rejoiced!

Last Sunday, Gwendolyn King was baptized into Christ. Gwen, we rejoice with you and your family on this joyful occasion! Our prayers are that your journey as a follower of Christ will be filled with meaningful service to God and to all who are around you as you share your time, talents, and the love of God with them. May God bless you in your decision and empower you to walk faithfully in Jesus' steps.



# 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 24, 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 fourth of this series is on Tuesday evening, July 23, from 5:30-8pm. These SYS nights will have a variety of games, experiences, and lessons that tie into the theme of Trajectory. Additional details coming soon.

## 2019 Teen Camp - Let's Go!!

Several of our youth are traveling up to Idyllwild today for a week focused on getting closer to God and each other. Please pray for their hearts and minds to be open to what God has planned for them to hear. These weeks on the mountain are often powerful transforming moments in the faith journey of our kids. Your prayers, encouragement, and investment are also an essential part of the week.



# Children's Ministry

## Bible Classes

1st-3rd - How Great Thou Art

4th-5th - Museum of Biblical History lesson (held in Children's Worship area)

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

BAPTISMS: **Gwendolyn King, Caroline Wilson**

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

## 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

**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

**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** (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

July 7 Attendance	
8:00 Service	65
10:45 Service	141
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>206</b>

July 7 Giving		\$9,708
Weekly Giving Average (2019)		\$11,448
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)		\$12,995
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$956,002
Wall Settlement		\$225,000

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