

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

July 21, 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
- 6pm All-Sing and Ice Cream

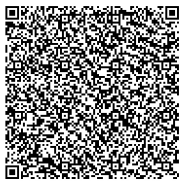
This Week

- Jul 23 Summer Youth Series
- Jul 24 Youth Bonfire at
Dockweiler Beach

Upcoming Events

- Jul 28-Aug 3 King's Kamp
- Aug 4 Won By One
- Aug 11-15 Pismo Camping Trip
- Aug 25 Kindergarten Blessing

Welcome and Response



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A Journey Is A Person

By John Downey

[**Editor's note:** Today's article, by Conejo's own John Downey, is part of the "Our Story" class series. John's timely meditation, in the middle of our summer trips and vacations, invites us to balance our grand plans with the humble recognition that God ultimately oversees our lives.]

"A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless. We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us. Tour masters, schedules, reservations, brass-bound and inevitable, dash themselves to wreckage on the personality of the trip."

- John Steinbeck, 1962

Summer is time for road trips for the Downey family. We just returned from an epic 6,624-mile driving trek from Simi Valley to Chicago and back. It is my job to craft the itinerary and, in so doing, take the risk that comes from planning things that others on the journey may not appreciate or leave things off that others would love.

In planning these trips, I remind myself of the following: consider the needs of others, you can't please everyone, and God laughs at our plans. The trip that Steinbeck refers to in the quote above (taken from *Travels With Charley in Search of America*) resonates with me. I'm the tour master - dashed against the rocks of reality. I often plan too much and then fret when things go by the wayside. There are holes on the maps of our plans that you wouldn't notice, but stand out like a sore thumb to me (Cumberland Island National Seashore in Georgia and the Oz Museum in Wamego, Kansas). If you are a planner, like me, you might recognize that this Steinbeck quote could also refer to marriage, parenting, retirement planning, or life in its entirety. We planners are at risk of forgetting who is the great orchestrator of our journey.

For lack of daring imagination and a great deal of unknown, I couldn't have predicted how my last twenty years of life have gone. Why should I believe to know God's plans for my next twenty years? God is good, all of the time.

Because I firmly believe in his omnipresent love and faithfulness to me, I should provide no space in my life for worry and for fretting over the outcomes of plans. I'll keep planning, as I should, but I only think of myself as being at the helm of a sailing ship with God providing wind for the sails, according to his wisdom, which is too great for my understanding. After all, the best laid schemes of mice and men, often go awry.

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. 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, Tammy Ditmore and Brittany Joyner will be sharing part of their faith stories with us.

Thank You Church!

Stephen Gunderson, the son of Miriam and Bob Gunderson, wanted to convey the following word of appreciation to Conejo following the death of Miriam. "Please express our gratitude to the whole church for their support over the decades to both Robert and Miriam."

All-Sing and Ice Cream / Tonight at 6

Do you love to sing praises? Do you enjoy eating homemade ice cream? Join us at the church building this evening 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 6:30-8pm 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 cvccpismoeach.shutterfly.com or contact Mark Davis at (310) 892-9986 or mrkwdds@gmail.com.

Shower for Daelan and Lauren's Wee One



Thanks to all "Behind the Scenes" CVCC Workers

Few, if any, days go by without members of our church family showing up at the building to help with internal or external maintenance. Here's a shout out of thanks to all of the folks who step forward to help our church family on a regular basis. Pictured here, Phil Daringer and Stu Warford are replacing lights in the parking lot with LED bulbs help us save on the monthly power bill.



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 "online 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

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!!

Many of our teens had a wonderful week in Idylwild at Teen Camp this past week. Please pray that the friendships, fun memories, and spiritual direction of weeks like this will be formative in the lives of our young people.



Children's Ministry

Bible Classes

1st-3rd - Matters of Faith Lab

4th-5th - Let There Be Light (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)



VBS FUN!!

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 14 Attendance	
8:00 Service	65
10:45 Service	141
Total Attendance	206

July 14 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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