

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

August 4, 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 Won By One Concert

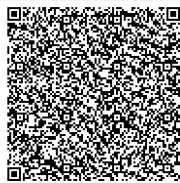
This Week

Aug 6 Opdahl Baby Shower
Aug 6 Final SYS for the YG
Aug 7 YG Dockweiler Beach
Aug 9 Middle School Madness

Upcoming Events

Aug 11-15 Pismo Camping Trip
Aug 25 Kindergarten Blessing
Sep 1 Fall Kickoff Sunday

Welcome and Response



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On the Shelf

By Andy Wall

In 1990, my father-in-law went through an "involuntary transition" in his work life. During two decades in public education, he had steadily worked his way up from sixth grade teacher to superintendent, enjoying every phase of his career arc. Following a few key changes on the school board, he suddenly found himself unemployed. After many years of career success and productivity, he had been put "on the shelf." He soon realized how his job title had become like a hyphen to his name: "Terry T. Giboney—Superintendent of Schools." Who was he now that he lacked a job title?

As a young married man still in graduate school, I found Terry's example instructive and inspiring. His family and I certainly felt he had been unfairly treated by the board. Yet I never heard him utter a word of contempt against those who ousted him. He chalked it up to philosophical differences and politics and moved on with his life. I also got to observe first-hand that Terry was more than his business card. He made the most of his season of unemployment, investing time with family members, increasing his volunteer hours at church, doing more reading, enjoying down-time, and working on a variety of projects. His faith and his church family made a tangible difference in how he coped with his transition.

One of the projects Terry worked on between jobs was writing about his experience of unemployment. Terry was always about turning lemons into lemonade. I recently came across a piece Terry wrote on "Involuntary Transitions" during that time. His hard-earned wisdom is still timely. Below are a few of my favorite nuggets. May they be a blessing and encouragement to any who are going through such a season. May those among us who, like Terry Giboney, have been through the highs and lows of job loss, graciously share their wisdom and perspectives where needed. And may we all continue to encourage and care for those are experiencing involuntary transitions.

- "There is life after such a devastating, sometimes unfair, always difficult life event... as difficult and painful as this transition is, it had a beginning and it will have an end."
- "There will always be some good in this transition. Try to find it."
- "Carefully consider the very worst that could happen. If you could not get another job with as much responsibility, status, or money, what is the ultimate loss? Is a smaller house, an older car, less pressure, fewer hours, or a slower pace all negative? Are there some of life's simple pleasures that we have missed while living in the fast lane?"
- "It is helpful to keep a job loss in perspective. Most of life's most important things are not being threatened."
- "Punishing those responsible is not as constructive as 'shaking the dust (of rejection) from our feet' and moving forward."
- "Turn your anger into energy by deciding each day to do those things that are productive, not destructive."
- "Find a Christian friend with whom you can share your struggle—preferably one who has experienced something similar."
- "Use the time to develop a more intimate and loving relationship with your spouse and family."
- "Take long walks and exercise more."
- "Get up each day with a plan and use your time to enjoy projects or people, study the Bible or read helpful books, and perform some act of kindness or service to others."
- "Enjoy some leisure, but do something each day in the pursuit of a new job."

What's Happening at Conejo

Won by One Concert

Join us at 6pm this evening for a free concert by singing group Won by One. Won by One is a six-member *cappella* performing group representing Pepperdine University. Its members are undergraduate students chosen by audition each year and must demonstrate musical ability, academic excellence, strength of character, and spiritual commitment. Conejo members who are alums of Won by One include Jeremy and Amber Johnson, Kelly Duhaney, Kristin Cumming, Cassie Horton, and Stacy Iverson.



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 mrkwdvs@gmail.com.

Rejoice—100-year birthday celebration!

Liz Hinkle's grandmother, Inez Garner, is turning 100 in September! Their family would love to shower her with cards (we are hoping to get 100!). Liz would love for our church family to help! Cards can be mailed to Liz's parents' home and will be given to her at her birthday celebration on September 14. Please mail to:

Inez Garner
118 Northlake Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075

All-Church Game Night / August 18

Bring your favorite board and card games to the building on Sunday, August 18, for a time of friendly competition, fellowship, and old-time fun! The fun will begin at 5pm and will go until around 8pm. Additional details coming soon!

King's Kamp

We had 56 people from Conejo attending King's Kamp this past week—campers, teen counselors, and adult volunteers filling a variety of roles. Our prayer is that these gatherings for fun, fellowship, and faith formation will be foundational for life-long devotion to God for everyone who participates.



Parking Lot Repairs / Monday, August 5

Tomorrow, August 5, Precision Pavement Striping will be working on the church parking lot. **It is imperative that no vehicles drive on the parking lot for 24 hours from the time of their work.** "No Parking" signs will be posted and entry ways will be blocked off for the day. Please do not drive on the parking lot until after 5pm on Tuesday, August 6.



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, Larry McNutt and Chris Gast will be sharing part of their faith stories with us.

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!

Address Update for Vera Davis

Vera Davis is beginning a new chapter. She and her family decided that it would be best for Vera to be nearer her family. She is moving to Vermont to be near her daughter, Liz. Please update your records to include this new address for sweet Vera...and over the coming weeks, please send her a card to brighten her day as she settles into a new area.

Vera Davis
c/o Elizabeth Davis
9364 VT Route 25
East Corinth, VT 05040

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

High School + Middle School

SYS 2019 – Trajectory

Our theme for the Summer Youth Series is TRAJECTORY. In this series, the youth have been 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 last of this series will be this Tuesday evening, August 6, from 5:30-8pm. These SYS nights have a variety of games, experiences, and lessons that tie into the theme of Trajectory.

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, August 7th, 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.

Middle School Madness/Welcome

Each summer we welcome new middle schoolers into the youth group!! This is an opportunity for the group to strengthen relationships and to begin building new ones. This will be an all-night event starting at 6pm on Friday, August 9 and ending at 8am on Saturday, August 10. There will be a variety of activities including a scavenger hunt, devotional, and nerf war. Students should come prepared to spend the night in the church building and bring \$10 per person for snacks/drinks/breakfast. High schoolers are invited to the first half of the night but will not be spending the night at the church building.



Children's Ministry

Scripture Memory

*So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

Bible Classes

1st-3rd – Museum of Biblical History
4th-5th - How Great Thou Art Studio

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

Kindergarten Blessing

Our Kindergarten Blessing Celebration will be held on August 25 at 5pm at the church building. All children entering kindergarten and their families are invited to come and celebrate this wonderful new beginning with a potluck dinner followed by a family blessing time and a blessing from our church community.

All are invited to come and support our families. RSVP to Penny White (818) 857- 6213 or pennymwhite502@gmail.com



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

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

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

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

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

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; smooth transition to new home in Vermont

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 28 Attendance	
8:00 Service	54
10:45 Service	80
Total Attendance	134

July 28 Giving	
Weekly Giving Average (2019)	\$11,444
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)	\$11,356
Weekly Giving Budget (2019)	\$12,995
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$967,602
Wall Settlement	\$225,000

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