CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

May 3, 2020

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for virtual worship. We pray you will encounter God as we worship together.

Today

10:00am	Virtual Lobby via You Tube
10:15am	Virtual Worship Service via YouTube
11:15am	Virtual Lobby via Zoom
12:00pm	KidZoom Chat and Pray
7:00pm	QuaranTEENS

Zoom Group Meetings

May 4	Women's Bible Study
May 6	REFRESH
May 6	Hungry / Thirsty
May 7	TO Small Group

Upcoming Events

May 10	Connie Horton preaching
May 17	Jack Williamson preaching

Birthdays 5/3 – 5/10

Madison Williams	5/4
Alaia Harrington	5/4
Maribel Guevara	5/6
Joselie Rivera	5/7
Anna Stephens	5/8
Kay Falletta	5/10

Welcome and Response

Please call, text, or e-mail the office, ministers, or elders if there are ways that the ministry team can pray for you or those you love.

Commencement

By Andy Wall

"com•mence•ment | kuh 'mens muhnt | noun | a ceremony in which degrees or diplomas are conferred on graduating students." – New Oxford American Dictionary

Well, it's finally happened! After twenty-six years of being a dad, after twenty-two years of having daughters in school, after eight years of having daughters in college, they have each completed their compulsory and undergraduate educations! Whew! Congratulations to all the class of 2020, whether graduating from high school, college, or graduate school!

A menagerie of images and memories flood through my mind as I recall countless little moments along the way. Bedtime stories, prayers, and blessings. Dinner table conversations and laughter. Grandparents and cousins, aunts and uncles. First and last days of school. Back to school nights and open houses. Homework assignments and school projects. Summer vacations and camping trips. Creative projects and movie nights. Themed birthday parties and sleepless slumber parties. Music recitals and school plays, soccer and volleyball games, cross country and track meets. Girl drama and boy crushes. Part-time jobs and driver's education. Christmas traditions and Easter celebrations. Bible classes and worship services. Baptisms and mission trips. Youth group gatherings, weekend retreats, and summer camps. College trips and entrance exams. Roommate selection and dorm decor shopping. Freshman orientation and campus drop-offs. Sorority rushes and international program applications. Decisions about majors and conversations about adulting. Overseas semesters and joyful reunions. RA training and Songfest performances. Capstone projects and senior traditions.

The basic meaning of the word *commencement* is a beginning or start, and I'm grateful to whomever decided to call the service of graduation a commencement. Of course, by the time a person graduates from college she is well into her early twenties, which is a long way from the beginning of one's life! Still, the word *commencement* gestures toward the idea that a long season of preparation, equipping, and learning is reaching its culmination and that a new season is upon the graduate, as well as her family! Commencement signals that new adventures, relationships, jobs (!), and spiritual growth beckon. Life, as an adult, is (perhaps) beginning in earnest!

> ***For our parents with younger ones, I know that the present feels like a long road with no end in sight, especially with the shift of educational responsibilities due to the COVID-19 virus. However, I now join the ranks of those who can tell you from experience, "The days pass slowly but the years go quickly!" To the degree that you are able, treasure each age and life stage, because these tender home years will one day come to an end.***

To our graduates and their parents, I say congratulations! We're mighty proud of you! *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."*

2020 College Graduates

Emily Green
Associate of Science
Criminal Justice
Moorpark College

Nathan Heard
Bachelor of Arts
Creative Writing
Minor in History
Pepperdine University

Jacey Katch
Bachelor of Science
Accounting
Minors in Sociology and
Criminal Justice
Elon University

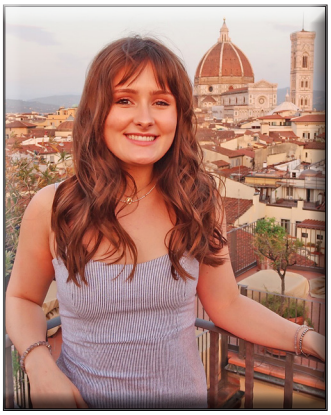
Melissa Labnow
Bachelor of Arts
Art
Pepperdine University

Alannah Lasiter
Bachelor of Arts
Theatre Production and
Design
Pepperdine University

Jared Lee
Bachelor of Arts
Philosophy and Economics
Pepperdine University

Brian Sanders
Juris Doctor
University of Chicago
Law School

Sabrina Socquet
Bachelor of Arts
Integrated Marketing
Communication
Pepperdine University



Ashley Stephens
Bachelor of Arts
Liberal Arts and
Elementary Education
Pepperdine University

Catie Stephens
Associate of Arts
Health and Human Services
Grace Christian University

Michaela Wall
Bachelor of Arts
Interpersonal Communication
Pepperdine University

May the Lord
bless you and keep you
(2020 college graduates)
May the Lord
make his face shine
upon you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord
turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Virtual Gatherings

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, the youth group will gather weekly via ***Zoom*** at the following times for the foreseeable future:

QuaranTEENS: Sunday nights at 7pm for Middle School only
(Check-in, games, prayer requests, staying connected)
Meeting ID: 221-435-162 Host - Travis Moore

High School Girls Group: Sunday nights at 7pm
Meeting ID: 299-832-3266
Hosts - Miranda Brawner & Madison Williams

High School Boys Group: Sunday nights at 7pm
Meeting ID: 386-474-8913
Host - Noah Socquet

REFRESH: Wednesdays at 7pm (MS & HS together)
(Games, virtual community, and brief study)
Meeting ID: 759-007-565

"Subject to Change" Devotional Thought

Although change happens in all of our lives and so many things are subject to change, God isn't.

Has a friend ever lied to you? If so, that probably ranks up there as one of the more hurtful or upsetting moments you've experienced. When someone lies to you, much of what you thought about that person usually changes in an instant. Although we can't always trust in the character of the people around us, we can always trust in God's unchanging ways. God never lies to us, tricks us, or changes His mind. The next time you are tempted to bend the truth or change your mind about something you probably shouldn't, look at God's unchanging character as an example for how you should live. You'll be glad you did!

"God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" **Numbers 23:19**

Things Families Can Do Together

- Set a daily prayer time together
- Make a list of God's promises
- Get some sunshine together (You might have to get creative here if hiking trails and parks are closed)
- Reach out and connect with church members (Specifically those outside your friend circles)
- Schedule time just to have fun together playing games or having a family movie night.

King's Kamp 2020 - "Run to Win"

Registration is open and available for King's Kamp (July 26 – Aug 1). King's Kamp is for students entering 4th through 8th grades in the fall of 2020. Registration can be completed for King's Kamp at www.kingskamp.org. You will need to register before May 3 to take advantage of early bird discounts. *If King's Kamp has to be cancelled due to COVID-19, full refunds will be given to all who have registered.*

Children's Ministry

KidZoomRoom

Kellie Van Atta and Penny White are coordinating a Zoom opportunity for our children to chat and pray each week.

Details will be provided by Kellie and Ms. Penny.

Scripture Memory

The Lord your God is with you,

He is mighty to save.

He will take great delight in you,

He will quiet you with his love,

He will rejoice over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)

Special Information for Parents from Ms. Penny

Until we are able to meet on site, each week I will email special materials to use during our worship time and create a short video presentation for the children. I am also praying for your family daily. Please feel free to communicate specific prayer requests to me.

Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

The safe arrival of **Evie Mae Chambers**, daughter of Holly and Vincent (and granddaughter of Chris and Sandy Stivers)

ENGAGEMENT: **Eric Rogers and Shannon Markiewicz**

MARRIAGE: **Melody Thomas** married **Creed Reilly** on April 28

Sara Hodges (mother of Darlene Rivas) – she and two of her three caregivers tested ***negative*** for COVID-19 after quarantine

THOSE GRIEVING

Rick Marrs – loss of mother, Vivian Marrs

Jack Williamson – loss of mother, Melva Williamson

Erin Opdahl – loss of infant daughter, Maelyn; loss of husband, Silas

Darlene Rivas – loss of father, Harry Hodges

George de Bruyn – loss of mother, Veronica de Bruyn

Neil Socquet – loss of brothers, Scott and Ben, in helicopter accident

Linda Jameson (mother of Neil Socquet) – loss of her sister, Patti, and two of her sons, Scott and Ben

Carol McNutt – loss of sister, Judy Erickson

FIGHTING CANCER

Joella Michael – recurrence of mucosal melanoma in liver and lymph node; undergoing immunotherapy

Lucinda Hodges (sister-in-law of Darlene Rivas) – chemo for multiple myeloma and cardiac amyloidosis

Stu Warford – prostate cancer

Amy (friend of Maribel Guevara) – recently diagnosed with cancer

Jenna Sepulveda (sister of John Downey) – metastatic thyroid cancer

Michael Smith (friend of Coupe family) – 4-year-old diagnosed with neuroblastoma

Shirley Moore (mother of Nicole Montanez) – leukemia

Ted McAllister (former member) undergoing stem-cell treatment

Kurt Krebs (friend of Ed and Sheryl Sanders) – multiple myeloma

Ryan Lohoff (Julia Chesson's dance teacher) – stage IV brain cancer

Yashica Budde's friend, **Ruth** – final stages of cancer

Dana Sheehan (friend of Lisa Scott) – undergoing new round of chemo

Marlene Michaels (friend of Lisa Scott) – stage IV cancer

Justice Howard (Yashica Budde's cousin) – thyroid cancer

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Marilyn Burrows (mother of Connie Horton) – recovering from surgery on jaw bone broken in a recent fall

Everett Clare (uncle of Tammy Ditmore) – age 92, tested positive for COVID-19, is currently in a skilled nursing facility and cannot see family

Case Charles Grant (great nephew of Heards) – born April 23, in NICU for infection

All **researchers**, **doctors**, **nurses**, **caregivers**, and **patients** who are battling COVID-19

All impacted physically, financially, or emotionally by COVID-19 virus

Alessandra Glaser (sister-in-law of Katie Charles) – ER doctor working with COVID patients

Derek Russell (son-in-law of Rivases) – ICU doctor in Alabama; wife, **Rachel**, and four small children at home

Students at Conejo Elementory School who normally benefit from the Tutoring Program

Marilyn Aurand – acute spinal stenosis

Barbara Sanders (Ed's mother) – recovering from a broken leg; and has colon cancer at 87 years old

Jackie Nixon (Yashica Budde's aunt) – frequent trips to the hospital

Pat Tudor – in third month of new 6-month treatment plan

Adria Ballard – relief from chronic pain

Sarah Ballard – relief from chronic back pain

Sarah Ballard's mom, **Becky**, facing multiple back and shoulder surgeries for chronic pain and unknown node in lung

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

Kathy Cocke – pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension

Margie Caldwell – heart issues

Sam Audenino – recovery from bicycle accident

Harriet Nutter (Daphne Green's mother) – struggling with depression and loneliness

Betty Brown – pain relief, healing, and regaining of strength

Carol McNutt – neuropathy

Mary McQuillan (Kay Falletta's sister) – Parkinson's disease; hospitalized for bi-lateral pneumonia

Caleb Rodriguez (son of Marcus and Julia) – ongoing seizures

MILITARY SERVICE

Tyler Scott – serving in the Navy in Camp Lejuene, NC

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

Bry Wooley (Rene Heard's cousin) – deployed to Okinawa through June

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

Attendance + Giving

April 26 Attendance	
Livestream Views*	146
* at communion	

April 26 Giving	$7,821
Weekly Giving Average	$12,132
Weekly Giving Budget	$12,812
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	$1,453,369
Property Settlement	$225,000

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