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CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 10, 2020

Welcome!

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

Today

- 10:00am Virtual Meet and Greet via YouTube Chat Box
- 10:15am Virtual Worship Service via YouTube, Connie Horton preaching
- 11:15am Virtual Lobby via Zoom
- 12:00pm KidZoom Chat and Pray
- 7:00pm QuarantEENS
- 7:00pm Virtual Craft Skype

Zoom Group Meetings

- May 11 Women's Bible Study
- May 13 REFRESH
- May 13 Hungry / Thirsty
- May 14 TO Small Group
- May 16 Enneagram Group

Upcoming Events

- May 17 Jack Williamson preaching

Birthdays 5/10-5/17

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| Kay Falletta | 5/10 |
| Co Warford | 5/12 |
| Kemba MacPhee | 5/12 |
| Mark Scarberry | 5/13 |
| Justus Baird | 5/15 |
| Emily Stephens | 5/16 |
| Seth Hays | 5/17 |

Thank God For Moms

By Andy Wall

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." — Abraham Lincoln

*"He didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's for you leaves its own mark."
— J.K. Rowling*

On this mother's day, I am mindful of many gifts and blessings I received from my mom, Lois June Barnhart Wall, and am grateful as well for the many lessons she taught me.

- Preparing countless meals for our family and making our table a welcoming place.
- Showing me how to cook all things breakfast as well as how to prepare that most delectable of foods, the taco.
- Being able to tell if I was running a fever just by placing her cheek against my forehead and bringing me 7 Up when I was sick.
- Rubbing Vicks VapoRub on my chest and throat and placing a warm towel on it when I had a sore throat.
- Teaching me how to read music and play the piano, as well as (ahem!) encouraging me to practice more consistently.
- Seeing the good in people I thought were annoying.
- Modeling hospitality as a regular part of our family life.
- Refusing to speak evil of those with whom she disagreed.
- Writing me affirming notes when I was disheartened.
- Helping me learn that I can choose to enjoy doing things that I might not "feel like doing" such as going to encourage someone, working in the garden, or doing chores.
- Modeling a life of faith through joyful worship, Bible reading, and service to others.
- Allowing me to play football despite her misgivings.
- Having an infectious love for nature and passing it on to me.
- Being a safe and nurturing presence for me during my awkward phases.
- Delighting together in our cats and laughing at their playful antics.
- Crying together every Christmas at the same moment in "It's a Wonderful Life."
- Showing a remarkable graciousness to some very grumpy neighbors, eventually drawing them to faith in Christ.
- Refusing to take sides or play favorites in silly sibling squabbles.
- Honoring her parents, cherishing her sisters, and caring for her extended family.
- Faithfully loving my Dad.
- Modeling a saintly faith in the Lord coupled with humble service to others.

A happy Mother's Day to all our moms. May God grant you today, whether in remembrance or in conversation, a grateful recounting of her gifts to you.

What's Happening at Conejo



Today's Sermon

We are delighted to have Connie Horton guest preaching today. Connie is Vice President of Student Affairs at Pepperdine and will be sharing a sermon titled "A Jar of Remembrance." Based on Exodus 16, this message will highlight the importance of remembering God's faithfulness in previous times.

Small Groups Meet Virtually!

While adhering to the social distancing protocols, our small groups gather via Zoom to share in life, to check in with each other, and to encourage and pray for one another.

QuaranTEENS Sundays at 7pm

Virtual Crafting Sundays at 7pm

Monday Night Women's Bible Study at 7pm

Tuesday Night Guys' Group at 7pm

Wednesday Night Hungry / Thirsty Group at 6:45pm

TO Thursday Night Group at 7pm

Enneagram Group Saturdays at 6pm

We are blessed to have many ways to continue to build community and encourage one another as we go through this difficult season. Though the virus is serious and isolation is necessary, let's do all we can to build one another up.

Good News for Believers

Beginning next Sunday, Jack Williamson will bring us a 4-week series titled "Good News for Believers."

When the authors of the Gospels set out to write the story of Jesus, they were mainly writing to Christians, believers who basically already knew "what happened." Like many of us, these first Gospel readers already believed that Jesus had died to rescue them from sin and death, that he was raised again, and that he was now the world's true Lord. With this thought in mind, how would they have read the Gospels? As with us, they probably did not read them to gain new information or to find out what happened. More likely, they read them as a guidebook or set of cues for how they should be living as followers of Jesus in their current situation.

For this series, we will take a look at four passages from the Gospel of Matthew. These stories can help us discover again how to let the power, presence, and leading of Jesus guide us through the times and trials that we are currently facing.

High School Graduates

Traditionally, the parents of each graduating senior have put together a picture collage on a poster board that would be displayed on "Senior Sunday." This year, we are looking forward to sharing these photo collage boards of our seniors in the livestreamed scrolling announcements on June 14. Parents and students, please start sorting through and pulling together photos for this creation. The office will need to have a digital image of your graduate's photo collage board as well

as a senior photo by **Sunday, June 7**. Please help us to honor your high school graduate on the completion of this important milestone. It is a great time of celebrating the life of your senior as they complete one chapter and begin the next!

Virtual Zoom Lobby Following Worship



Church of Christ Foundation Scholarships

Conejo members, will you be attending a university or college affiliated with the Churches of Christ in the Fall of 2020? If so, we invite you to apply for a scholarship from the Church of Christ Foundation by visiting www.churchofchristfoundation.com. Scholarships often range from \$1,000 - \$1,500 and can generally be renewed for up to four years. The application process has been extended to May 31. Should you have any questions, please contact Keith Hinkle at (310) 283-5007.

Online Giving

For the last few 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 seasons like the one we're currently in with the Coronavirus.

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. You can even designate giving toward the regular offering, the Be the Blessing campaign, or the youth group mission trip. If you have any questions, please contact Jay or Wendi King at finance@conejochurch.org.

If you prefer to make your contributions by **hand-written checks**, please mail it to the church office address:

**31225 La Baya, Suite 214
Westlake Village, CA 91362**

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.

Imagine walking down the street, picking up a small rock, and tossing it into your backpack. Then, as you see more rocks on the road, you put those in your backpack, too. Now, after walking around for a bit, you'll probably begin to realize that what started as manageable weight has now become more

than you can bear. The same is true with our burdens. God has not called us to carry our burdens alone. In fact, He wants you to give Him EVERYTHING that burdens you. Are you carrying some burdens right now? Are you feeling weighed down by the changes happening in your life? Today, take those burdens to God through prayer. He's there to help and wants to take care of you.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." **Psalm 55:22**

2020 Summer Church Camps

If either or both of our summer church camps has to be cancelled due to COVID-19, full refunds will be given to all who have registered.

• **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.

• **SoCal Teen Camp 2020 - "Tangible"**

Registration is open at www.socalteencamp.org for students who have finished 7th-12th grade before camp. Teen camp is July 12-18, 2020.

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.

Virtual Children's Worship

Last week, Mr. David shared a really cool science lesson with the children while illustrating the Bible story for the day. Thank you, Mr. David! You always make learning about the world and about God's word fun and interesting!



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), born on April 19

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

Case Grant (great nephew of Heards) – released from NICU

THOSE GRIEVING

Tammy Dittmore – loss of uncle, Everett Clare

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

Heather Phillips – loss of father, Dick Williams

FIGHTING CANCER

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

Lucinda Hodges (sister-in-law of Darlene Rivas) – undergoing 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

Clifton Tuggle (uncle of Rene Heard) – prostate 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

Ashlyn Thomas – experienced some frightening episodes recently: temporary blindness and inability to speak

All **researchers, doctors, nurses, 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 in Tennessee working with COVID patients

Derek Russell (son-in-law of Rivas) – works in ICU at UAB in the VA hospital in Alabama; wife, **Rachel**, and four small children at home

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

Marilyn Aurand – acute spinal stenosis

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

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

Nicole Montanez – recently diagnosed with lupus

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

David and Allegro Rankin (uncle and aunt of Daelan Blankfein) – continuing physical therapy

Adria Ballard – back surgery during holiday break

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

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

MILITARY SERVICE

Tyler Scott – serving in the Navy in Camp Lejeune, 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 until 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

David & Danna Willis – mission work in Samoa

Attendance
+ Giving

May 3 Attendance		May 3 Giving	
Livestream Views*	140	Weekly Giving Average	\$20,954
* at communion		Weekly Giving Budget	\$12,622
		Weekly Giving Budget	\$12,812
		Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,455,270
		Property Settlement	\$225,000

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