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CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 20, 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
- 11:15am Virtual Lobby via Zoom
- 12:00pm KidZoom Room
- 6:00pm MS Pod with Travis

Upcoming Events

- Sept 21 Women's Group (Zoom)
- Sept 22 HS Pod #1 with Jack
- Sept 22 Guys' Group (Zoom)
- Sept 23 HS Pod #2 with Travis
- Sept 23 Hungry/Thirsty Group (Zoom)
- Sept 24 TO Small Group
- Sept 24 "I'm Still Here" Book Club Zoom

Birthdays This Week

Amber Johnson	9/20
Taylor Wooton	9/21
Travis Moore	9/22
Darlene Rivas	9/22
Daphne Green	9/24
Wendi King	9/27

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.

Seeking God's Leading Through Prayer

By Andy Wall

John Powell is a Christian author, professor, and speaker. Each morning, as he groggily looks into his mirror, he reads a little sign he has taped there: "What have you got going today, God? I'd like to be a part of it. Thanks for loving me."

This daily exercise reminds Powell (and us!) that we have to find our place in God's plans, rather than concocting our own little plans and then trying to constrict God's support for them. Instead, Powell begins his day by praying, "What have you got going today, God? You love this world. You loved this world into life. You created this world. We're all yours. What's my part in the drama? What part do you want me to play? I will play any part you say. Whatever you want."

Jesus' model prayer in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:9-13) certainly orients us in this direction. The first half of that simple prayer reasserts our relationship with God our Father, realigns us with God's greater purposes, declares our allegiance to His kingdom, and commits us to carrying out His will in our corner of creation. The second half expresses our reliance upon God for our daily needs, for spiritual protection, and for the forgiveness we receive and give.

When we follow Jesus into a prayerful life, one question we may find ourselves asking is how do we know when God is leading us in a certain direction, down a specific path? How, when we pray, do we know God has touched us?

Powell suggests three tests of discernment. First, when God touches us, it lasts. It endures. If I can't remember what happened the next morning, it probably wasn't God. Second, God's touch immerses me deeper into reality. Instead of disconnecting me from the hard-edged hurts and struggles of the world, it pulls me deeper into contact with those realities. Third is the charity test: it makes me a more loving person. Then I know that God has truly spoken to me.

When was the last time you prayed such an adventurous prayer? Perhaps this week will provide you the opportunity to pray: "What have you got going today, God? I'd like to be a part of it. Thanks for loving me."

What's Happening at Conejo



Deeply Rooted: Exploring The Message of Colossians

The New Testament letter to the Colossians presents the Lord Jesus Christ as an integral part of life, faith, relationships, and work. Indeed, Colossians presents Jesus Christ as the unifying center of all creation and all humankind. This fall, we're exploring the letter to the Colossians, which will help us be more centered and courageous, more hopeful and mature, all through seeing the Lord Jesus Christ afresh. In the opening verses of this letter, Paul offers an outline of our journey of faith, describing the Lord's transforming work that is followed by our participation in the process of spiritual growth.

A Heartfelt Thank You!



Back in March, when we were no longer able to meet physically for worship, Jacob Michael volunteered to help with the weekly process of assembling our worship livestream. At the time, we assumed this would be for just a few months. Since then, he has served as our sound and video

editor each Sunday for the sermon, welcome, announcements, children's memory verse, and call to worship. Those of you who know Jacob know he does not do anything halfway; so for the past six months, we have enjoyed his top-notch video-editing skills. He has also shared his computer equipment and editing software. Jacob recently let our leaders know that he had other pressing projects and has stepped away from this assignment. Jacob, we are deeply grateful for your numerous hours of work in providing excellent, seamless, and beautifully edited video segments for our weekly worship. Thank you so much for sharing your gifts so generously with our church family.

Margie Caldwell

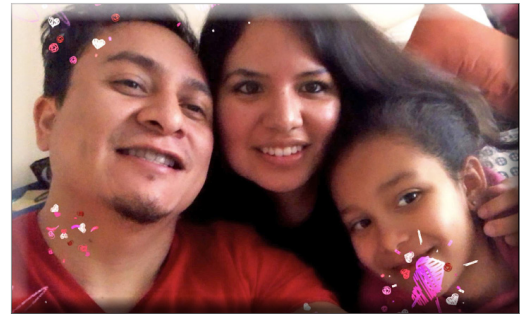
Margie Caldwell, the mother of Andy Caldwell, passed away on Sunday, September 13. She was approaching 99 years of age. There are no plans for a memorial service. Andy, we are praying for you and your family as you grieve this loss and as you take comfort in Margie's faith and hope in the Lord.

Church Reopening Survey

If you haven't yet done so, please take a few moments to fill out the brief survey from the church office to gauge our congregation's readiness to return to live services when conditions allow. Please check your email inbox. It was last sent out on Thursday, September 17, around 2pm. The window for participation in this survey closes on Monday, September 21.

Farewell to the Quintanillas

We send our love, blessings, and prayers to the Quintanilla family as they prepare to move to Colorado. Guillermo, Melissa and Alice, please know that we love you, we will miss you, and that you will be in our prayers.



Current Small Groups at Conejo

Several of our small groups gather via Zoom to share in life, to study the Word, to check in with each other, and to encourage and pray for one another. Those not meeting virtually meet in an outdoor and/or socially distanced setting.

MS Pod on Sundays with Travis at 6pm

Virtual Monday Night Women's Bible Study at 7pm

HS Pod #1 on Tuesdays with Jack at 6pm

Virtual Tuesday Night Guys' Group at 7pm

HS Pod #1 on Wednesdays with Travis at 6pm

Virtual Hungry/Thirsty Group on Wednesdays at 6:45pm

TO Thursday Night Group with Fosters at TO parks at 7pm

"I'm Still Here" Virtual Book Discussion every other Thursday at 7pm

Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study group invites you to join via Zoom at 7pm each Monday evening for a time of prayer and a study of the book, *The Art of Forgiving: When You Need To Forgive and Don't Know How*, by Lewis B. Smedes. Questions? Contact Paula Marrs at paulamarrs@outlook.com or (805) 479-7267.

Guys' Group

The Men's group will be reading the book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Philip Yancey. This group will meet virtually at 7 pm each Tuesday. Email the church office or Greg Brawner for the Zoom connection.

Sunday Livestream Change

We have moved all of our streaming and online services to the church's YouTube channel. To find the channel, please do the following steps:

- Sign into your **YouTube Channel**
- Search for "**Conejo Valley Church of Christ**" on YouTube
- Click the **subscribe** button (this **does not cost** anything)
- Click the **notification bell**—this will notify you when new content has been uploaded and give you information for service broadcasts.

Doing these things will ensure you receive information about our services going forward.

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Pods

Instead of going back to a virtual Refresh via Zoom format, the youth group is now meeting weekly in "pods." We are prayerful that this format will better meet our needs for building relationships. The pods are small groups that meet outdoors, keeping in accordance with state safety protocols and our youth group wellness policy. Please help our middle school and high school students stay connected by encouraging them to sign up for a pod.

Middle School Pod

Pod Leader(s) – Travis & Amy Moore

When – Sunday Nights from 6-7:30pm (starting this week!)

Where – 12904 Sleepy Wind St., Moorpark, CA 93021



High School Pod #1

Pod Leader – Jack Williamson

When – Tuesday Nights from 6-7:30pm

Where – 261 Quinta Vista Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

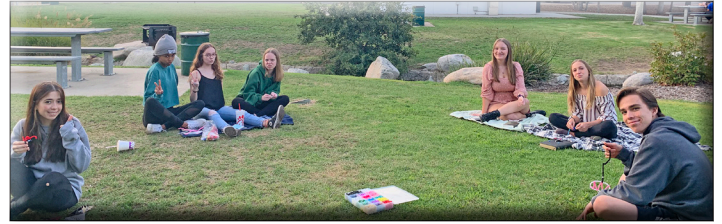


High School Pod #2

Pod Leader – Travis Moore

When – Wednesday Nights from 6:00-7:30pm

Where – Conejo Creek North Park (1379 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362)



"Rooted" Devotional Thought

We can stand firm and welcome whatever change life brings us when we're rooted in an unchanging God.

Being in charge of the entire world sounds like a lot of work, doesn't it? Thankfully, that's why God is in control, and we aren't! After all, He made the world; He knows how it works! But beyond just making the world, God cares for everything in it. That means He cares for you. He cares for me and He cares for those who are very different from me. And because He cares for us all, He won't leave us to do this life alone. It is easy to become anxious, fearful, and worried when we think we have to control every aspect of our lives. The truth is there is a God who created us and everything in this world and He cares deeply for it all! This week, pray that you will always remember that the same God who made the whole universe is the same God who made and cares for you!

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4

Children's Ministry

KidZoomRoom

Kids, plan to join Ms. Penny again today at noon! It will be great for us to be able to see each other, talk together, and pray with each other. Bring paper and a marker or a whiteboard and a marker with you!

Scripture Memory

Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other,
just as in Christ, God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

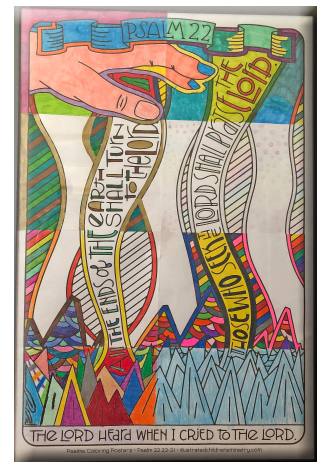
Collaborative Scripture Banners Project

I'm on the lookout 👁️ for the last 9 banner pieces. Please get them to me (colored or blank) by September 30!

Our first two banners have been completed and are beautiful. Seeing the creativity and collaboration of our children and

families engaging in a joint art project is so uplifting.

We'll Miss You, Alice!



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

Stu Warford – received a clean report from cancer check up!

BAPTISM: **Byron Wilson**

NEW MEMBERS: **David and Joy Rhoades**, and **Sue Wilson**

THOSE GRIEVING

Andy Caldwell – loss of mother, Margie Caldwell

Ewing Family – as they grieve the loss of LoRee Ewing

Bob Falletta – loss of mother, Ida Falletta

Kathy Cocke – loss of brother, Alan Burgner

Kay Falletta – loss of sister, Mary McQuillan

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

FIGHTING CANCER

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

John Lamm (brother-in-law of Tim Horton) – has terrible cancer; Tim's sister, **Scheri**, as she cares for John

Shera Miner (mother of Rachel Miner) – new treatments for aggressive cancer

Barbara Sanders (mother of Ed Sanders) – colon cancer

Deb Schultz (neighbor of Christina Eng) – stage IV breast cancer; undergoing chemo; hospitalized due to infection and blood clots

Ted McAllister (former member) – cancer following successful stem cell transplant

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

Ilesha Moreno (niece of Mike Rivas) – stomach cancer

Amy (friend of Maribel Guevara) – cancer

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

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

Ruth (friend of Yashica Budde) – final stages of cancer

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

Justice Howard (cousin of Yashica Budde) – thyroid cancer

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Jim Latson – fighting infection following removal of wisdom teeth; on a liquid diet for multiple weeks; antibiotics through IV

Sara Hodges (mother of Darlene Rivas) – navigating serious health issues as she grieves recent loss of her husband

Linemen and firefighters as they work to serve the community during extreme conditions

Teachers, students, and administrators as the new academic year begins
Healing, peace, and justice in our nation and communities

Researchers, doctors, nurses, and patients battling COVID-19
Matt and Brittany Joyner – recovering from COVID-19

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

Lucia Campbell (aunt of Guy Patenaude) – kidney problems

Roscoe Marrs (father of Rick Marrs) – recently suffered mild heart attack; grieving loss of wife after 73 years of marriage

Pat Tudor – recovering from chemo; prayers for renewed energy

Layne Reeves (friend of Ed and Sheryl Sanders) – 10-month-old boy recovering in rehab after fall
Marilyn Aurand – spinal stenosis

Darlene Fielder (mother of Tammy Ditmore) – recovering from recent stroke

Mary Zollman (friend of Lisa Scott) – multiple sclerosis

Lee Schiel (friend of Jim and Shannon Latson) – debilitating car accident; Lee's fiancée, **Donna** as she works with him

Lani Shearn (sister of Joy Rhoades) – inoperable brain tumor; also, for Lani's husband, **Steve**, as he cares for her

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

Sarah and Adria Ballard – relief from chronic pain

Sarah Ballard's mom, **Becky**, chronic pain in back and shoulder

Kathy Cocke – pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension

Harriet Nutter (mother of Daphne Green) – depression and loneliness

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

Carol McNutt – neuropathy

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

MILITARY SERVICE

Tyler Scott – stationed in HI with the Navy

Michael Warford – stationed in FL with the Navy

Micah Smith – serving in the Army Rangers

Derek Willis (Tim Willis' nephew) – serving in PA in the Army

MISSION EFFORTS

Raul & Betty Alvarado – mission efforts in Panama

Tom Bonner – mission work in Albania

Julie Broyles – Bible English Study Center in Cambodia

Ryan Campbell – mission work in Philippines

Charles & Darlene Coulston – mission work in Kenya

Megan Randolph – teaching in Thailand

Attendance + Giving

September 13 Attendance

Livestream Views* 110

* at communion

September 13 Giving

\$7,753

Weekly Giving Average \$12,684

Weekly Giving Budget \$12,812

Be the Blessing Giving (To Date) \$1,523,914

Property Settlement \$225,000

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