



CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

June 6, 2021

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
- 10:15am On-Site Worship Service (registration required)
- 11:15am Virtual Lobby via Zoom
- 6:00pm HS Senior Banquet

Upcoming Events

- June 8 Guys' Group (location varies)
- June 9 Hungry / Thirsty (Walls' home)
- June 9 High School Pod
- June 10 T.O. Life Group (Fosters' home)
- June 14 Promotion Sunday

Birthdays This Week

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| Suzanne Reynolds | 6/6 |
| Loree Hunnicutt | 6/7 |
| Jonathan White | 6/9 |

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.

What Are We Really?

By Andy Wall

The following poem, "Zebra Question" by Shel Silverstein, uses humor to raise age-old questions concerning how we perceive ourselves and others.

I asked the zebra,
Are you black with white stripes?
Or white with black stripes?
And the zebra asked me,
Are you good with bad habits?
Or are you bad with good habits?
Are you noisy with quiet times?
Or quiet with noisy times?

Are you happy with some sad days?
Or are you sad with some happy days?
Are you neat with some sloppy ways?
Or are you sloppy with some neat ways?
And on and on and on and on
And on and on he went.
I'll never ask a zebra
About stripes again.

In the history of Christian theology, the question of our human nature has exercised many a thoughtful believer. Some have argued that humans are essentially fallen creatures with an inescapable sin nature, incapable of even desiring to love God without God's gracious enabling. Others have emphasized that we are beings created in the image of God and irrevocably loved by God, brimming with potential and the vocation to exercise dominion over God's creation.

So who are we? Are we those who, in the words of Paul, "can will what is right, but cannot do it" (Romans 7:18-19)? Or are we those who, with the Psalmist, God has "made a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor" (Psalms 8:5)? Are we divine image bearers (Genesis 1:27) or children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3)? Are we "good with bad habits? Or bad with good habits?"

One approach that has helped my thinking on this timeless question was articulated by Randy Harris. He observed that on the one hand, we humans share with the animals a lower nature: basic biological appetites, desires, yearnings, and needs (which can be pursued in healthy or unhealthy ways). At the same time, we bear in some mysterious way the image of God, a higher nature, which may include the ability to create, communicate, love, forgive, repent, and plan.

With both our biologically transmitted lower nature and our divinely created higher nature, we find ourselves making a series of daily choices. Will we live by the dictates of our lower nature? Or will we rise and live out of our higher nature as well?

I suspect that the mystery of our human nature will continue to perplex and fascinate. But I am convinced that God has called each of us to govern our lower nature by our higher nature. While there is nothing inherently wrong with our human appetites for food or safety or sex, the ways in which we fulfill those appetites must be in accord with how God has created us. In Jesus, we find the exemplar par excellence, in whom coexisted both a human and divine nature, who was tempted as we are yet was without sin. Whether you believe "we are good with bad habits or bad with good habits," may we each seek earnestly to follow in his steps!

High School Graduates 2021



Eliot Cox

Moorpark College HS
Fall 2021 plans to enter
Pepperdine University



Maegan Hinkle

Agoura HS
Fall 2021 plans to enter
Lipscomb University



Jett Landis

Oaks Christian HS
Fall 2021 plans to enter
Pepperdine University



Carson Phillips

Oaks Christian HS
Fall 2021 plans to enter
Pepperdine University



May the Lord bless you...keep you...and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



Anna Stephens

Oak Park HS
Fall 2021 plans to enter
Pepperdine University



Ashlyn Thomas

Newbury Park HS
Fall 2021 plans to enter
Moorpark College



Marcus Williams

Oak Park HS
Fall 2021 plans to enter
Eastern University

High School + Middle School

Senior Sunday & Graduate Banquet / Today!

Congratulations to the class of 2021! We are proud of you for persevering through this difficult last year of high school, and we are hopeful that you will be a tremendous blessing to this world. Know that you are loved greatly by God and his family here at Conejo!

Senior Banquet – Tonight, we look forward to celebrating with our 2021 high school graduates. This is a dinner and blessing event starting at 6pm that requires an RSVP to attend. If you have any gifts for the seniors and will not be at the banquet, either give them personally to the senior during morning worship, or give the gifts to Travis and he will pass them on at the banquet.

Youth Group Pods

Throughout June, YG pods will go through a series called "Back to the Future!" [Click here](#) to learn more about meeting times and this month's theme.

Promotion Sunday & Nerf War Night

Next week, Conejo will have our annual Promotion Sunday. We are looking forward to receiving a good new group of 6th graders into the youth group! Following the service, we will introduce the new 6th graders, pray over them and their families, and then make a tunnel for them to run through

outside the church building. Current youth group kids and the families of incoming 6th graders will gather for pizza on the children's playground patio. We need as many families as possible from the current youth group to be present for service so we can welcome these new 6th graders and their families into the youth group!

Then, from 6-8pm that same evening, the youth group will gather for a Nerf War inside the church building.

Summer Camps

Summer camps are back this year! For all of the information on dates, registration, and 2021 theme click on the links below:

[Click here for Teen Camp](#)

[Click here for King's Kamp](#)

Registration deadlines:

Teen Camp: June 20

King's Kamp: June 27

Any registrations past these deadlines will go on a waiting list depending on space availability for camp.



Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday / June 14 Worship Service

We will celebrate with our 5th graders during our worship service as they officially move to the youth group on June 14.



Children's Worship at the Building!

We are back with two (2) in-person worship programs for our children. **Toddlers/2's/3's** will be in the 2's/3's classroom with doors open to the outside for air circulation. A child safety gate has been installed in the classroom door to keep the little ones in! Children **ages 4-5th grade** will worship outside on the playground on the bleacher area.

Vacation Bible School / June 14-17



Come join us for a trip down the Rocky Railway as we learn about how Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through.

VBS is set for **June 14-17 (Mon-Thu)** from 9:00-11:00.

It's time to register!

VBS Registration Form 2021
<https://forms.gle/CQnVsgUDc4BeFFdZ6>

Youth Volunteer Sign-up 2021

<https://forms.gle/t6TkDTRCpgeDH7UH6>

Scripture Memory Verse

Lead a life of love, just as Christ did.
He loved us.
He gave himself up for us.
Ephesians 5:2 NIRV



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

Marilyn Aurand – PET and CT scans on May 10 indicated she's cancer free!

Recent College and High School Graduates

NEW MEMBERS: **Barbara Schlosser, Brian Smithers**

THOSE GRIEVING

Carol McNutt – loss of brother-in-law, Steve Hallman

Rachel Miner – loss of mother, Shera Miner

Matt Joyner – loss of aunt, Nan Fox

Christina Eng – loss of aunt, Cathy Littlefield

Sharon Mitchell and family – loss of mother, Lacreata Scott

Scarberry family – loss of Frances Scarberry, mother of Shirley, stepmother of Mark

Joe Cocke – loss of wife, Kathy

Maribel Guevara – loss of uncle, Carlos Hernandez

Mary Jo Hardman and family – loss of husband, Stu Hardman

Joy Rhoades – loss of sister, Lani Shearn

Mike Rivas – loss of niece, Ilesha Moreno

Guy Patenaude – loss of aunt, Chris De La Rosa

Matt Joyner – loss of grandfather, Steve Eckstein

Tim Horton – loss of brother-in-law, John Lamm

FIGHTING CANCER

Joella Michael – recovering

from recent surgery to remove cancer from lymph node in neck; immunotherapy continuing

Dan Scarberry (brother of Mark Scarberry) – recently diagnosed with metastatic kidney cancer

Patricia Sparks (sister-in-law of Shannon Latson) – recurrence of uterine sarcoma carcinoma following treatment; immunotherapy

Karen Kennedy (friend of Lisa Scott) – Stage IV kidney cancer

Barbara Sanders (mother of Ed Sanders) – colon cancer

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

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

Jim Bishop (friend of Lisa Scott) – cardiac issues and leukemia

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

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

Justice Howard (cousin of Yashica Budde) – thyroid cancer

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Marvin Shipley (father of Michelle Hagemann) – in rehabilitation near home in Chattanooga, TN following recent stroke

Jim Kutil (friend of Shannon Latson) – hospitalized with Sarcoidosis, may need a lung transplant

Gary Tiner – (brother of Sandy

Stivers) – encouragement during the long recovery from recent heart surgery (6 by-passes!) and leg wound from surgery

Calleigh Hunnicutt – having difficulty standing and walking; in constant pain; some improvements

Joan Nicholas (mother of Rene Heard) – recently suffered additional mini-strokes; steadily declining

Pat Tudor – tolerating immunotherapy

Eileen Charles (step-mother of Robert Charles) – suffered recent stroke

Roger Dillion (father of Jacqueline Dillion-Wiens) – suffered recent strokes

Martha Condley (daughter of Janie Condley) – lupus

Sara Hodges (mother of Darlene Rivas) – serious health issues

Al Odenath (father of Nick Odenath) – on hospice dealing with anxiety and confusion in memory care unit

Teachers, students, parents, and administrators during this unusual academic year

Researchers, doctors, nurses, and patients battling COVID-19

Andrea Thomas Carter (friend of Lisa Scott) – several medical issues

Healing, peace, and justice in our nation and communities

Marilyn Aurand – physical therapy for spinal stenosis and to improve mobility

Mary Zollman (friend of Lisa Scott) – multiple sclerosis

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

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

MISSION EFFORTS

Raul & Betty Alvarado – mission efforts in Panama

Tom Bonner – mission work in Albania

Julie Broyles – Bible English Study Center in Cambodia

Made In The Streets – ministry to street kids in Nairobi, Kenya

Megan Randolph – teaching in Thailand

David & Danna Willis – mission work in Samoa

MILITARY SERVICE

Tyler Scott – stationed in HI with the Navy

Michael Warford – stationed in FL with the Navy

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

Attendance + Giving

May 30 Attendance

Online Viewing	47
In-Person Service	76

May 30 Giving

	\$15,691
Weekly Giving Average	\$13,676
Weekly Giving Budget	\$13,410
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,591,806
Property Settlement	\$225,000

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