



CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE *the* BLESSING

June 20, 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
- 11:15am Virtual Lobby via Zoom
- 4:30pm MS Pod (Moore's home)

Upcoming Events

- June 22 Guys' Group at CVCC
- June 23 High School Pod
- June 24 T.O. Life Group (Fosters' Home)

Birthdays This Week

Zach Johnson	6/20
David Stephens	6/21
Cary Mitchell	6/22
Carlton Norris	6/23
Grace Moore	6/24

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.

My Favorite Job

By Andy Wall

I was about twenty when I realized that my life-long tendency to seek out ministry involvement was more than simple happenstance. I began to grasp that "ministry drift," my tendency to spontaneously flow into ministry situations, might be a sign pointing to God's calling for my life. I then opened my heart to the possibilities God might have for me in ministry, which led me to my vocation as a minister in the church.

As natural as full-time ministry has felt to me, it wasn't until I was thirty that I discovered an even greater passion: fatherhood! Perhaps it's because I am a born nurturer. Perhaps it's because God graced us with three terrific daughters. Perhaps it's because I naturally enjoy long-term relationships. Whatever the reason, becoming a dad agreed with me from day one.

It's not that I've always been comfortable being a dad. I remember loading Jenna into our car sixteen hours after she was born and thinking, "What on earth have we gotten ourselves into!" I remember when Jenna had colic and I questioned my sanity for ever wanting children. And there have been plenty of moments since when I've questioned (as I'm sure my daughters have) whether I really knew what I was doing as a dad.

I have not been the perfect dad. On more than one occasion, I've had to apologize for losing my temper, for hurting tender feelings, or for being late for pick-up. There were too many evenings in which a lack of energy dampened my fatherly enthusiasm for playing a game, reading a book, or studying for a test. And despite preaching sermons to the contrary, I have sometimes longed for my girls to get past various difficult stages.

Yet despite my fatherly shortcomings, I love being a dad! In my early days of being a dad, I loved waking my girls in the mornings and tucking them in at bedtime. I loved coaching their teams, serving as their photographer at concerts and sporting events, cheering them on in their successes, and comforting them in their heartaches. I have loved our dinnertime conversations, Yosemite camping trips, and Christmas treasure-hunts. As they have moved into adulthood, I have enjoyed reflecting together on deeper faith questions, helping them negotiate adult challenges, and continuing to share the ups and downs of life. I have especially appreciated getting to know their guys and helping them (when invited to do so!) prepare for married life as couples. And starting this July 10, I look forward to welcoming sons-in-law into our family, while trying not to think too much about the possibility of becoming a grandpa!

With that said, I wish all our dads a happy Father's Day! Whatever your favorite job in life may be, may your life as a dad reflect our heavenly Father's grace and strength to your kids.

What's Happening At Conejo



"Echoes of the Divine" Sermon Series

In this week's sermon, we'll reflect on how truth serves as a signpost to God's reality and presence. We humans are inescapably curious creatures. We are ever endeavoring to understand the natural phenomena of our universe while also seeking spiritual and philosophical wisdom by which to navigate through life. Our shared human search for truth is our sixth echo of the divine, a signpost pointing to the Creator of all Truth.

But in our postmodern world we are dismayed by our inability to agree even on simple "facts." Reality is understood as socially constructed, with those wielding power getting to tell the version of the story that best suits their agenda. Public sources of news and information are no longer widely trusted. In such a context, how do we seek and pursue life's deepest truths, and how might we be confident that we have gotten close to the truth? As Christians we believe that ultimate Truth is embodied in Jesus, who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He is "the Word who became flesh," the embodiment of divine wisdom who offers us the way to true life.

On-Site Worship Returning to Full Capacity

The state of California has officially lifted its coronavirus restrictions this week, removing physical distancing requirements and capacity restrictions for public gatherings. Consequently, we are moving forward with our plans to more fully open our public worship assemblies.

Plans for the 10:15am service going forward are as follows:

- We are returning to full capacity. This means you no longer need to pre-register if you are planning to attend Sunday's worship service. If you are able, please join us for live worship!
- We are no longer practicing physical distancing. This means that we will no longer have rows marked off as unusable in the auditorium and you can sit where you like.
- Masks are welcome but not required if you have been fully vaccinated. Per state instructions, masks are required indoors for those who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated (including children).
- For our children's ministry: in compliance with California guidelines in indoor settings with children, any indoor classes for our children will require masks for all unvaccinated individuals.
- We plan to continue to utilize pre-wrapped communion elements through the end of June.
- We will continue to livestream the worship services on our church YouTube channel for the foreseeable future.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and engagement with your Conejo Church family throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Baby Shower / July 11 at 2pm

Baby Horton's arrival is very soon! Ladies, we would love for you to come and enjoy an in-person celebration of the baby boy on his way to Cassie and Josh Horton. The baby shower will be at the home of Amber Johnson on Sunday, July 11, at 2 pm. Amber's address is 1211 Lynnmere Drive in Thousand Oaks. The registry is at [babylist.com](https://www.babylist.com). Amber Johnson will be coordinating a group gift. You may contribute via cash, check, or Venmo @Johnson1211. If you have any questions, please call or text Melody Thomas at (805) 908-1397.



Thank You From the Hardman Family!

Dear Conejo family,

Thank you for the many ways you have ministered to us during Stu's hospitalization and passing. We've received beautiful cards, meals, flowers, phone calls, and prayers that have touched and blessed us. You are so dear to our hearts!

We are grateful that you graciously shared your backyard and building for his memorial service. We're thankful for the many people who set up and cleaned up and served us in other ways that day. Of course, the banana pudding was amazing! Thank you, Penny White, Paula Marrs, and Sandy Stivers!

We love you. You are a blessing.

Mary Jo Hardman and family

Seeking Help With Worship Services

We've recently resumed weekly worship services at the building and now offer an online "livestream" of the service for anyone who would like to be with us but cannot join in person. Each week a team of volunteers helps us to see and hear well by operating our sound, projection, and video stations. If you are willing to help provide this valuable service for your church family please contact reneheard@sbcglobal.net. Training will be provided.



High School + Middle School

Welcoming 6th Graders to Youth Group!



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](#)

Register by June 20

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

Register by June 27

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

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.



Children's Ministry

Promotion Sunday

To our wonderful sixth graders: We look forward to seeing you engaged with the Youth Group and continuing to grow in your faith. Of course, we especially look forward to serving side by side with you.



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.

Scripture Memory Verse

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

Rocky Railway VBS: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through

Thank you, volunteers, for all your work and creativity to reimagine VBS. You embraced working in new spaces, working under two different sets of COVID guidelines, working in a heat wave with a completely new schedule and with a shorter teaching time. You modeled how to do hard things and letting Jesus' power pull you through, give you hope, help you be bold, and know that in Him you live forever. Thank you for loving our children and walking with them as we return to in-person experiences together.



VBS 2021

Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

Wonderful week of VBS!

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

Recent College and High School Graduates

NEW MEMBERS: **Rick and Patti Furino, Barbara Schlosser, Brian Smithers**

THOSE GRIEVING

Shannon Latson – loss of cousin, Rodney Feet

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

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

Joe Cocke – loss of wife, Kathy

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

Joy Rhoades – loss of sister, Lani Shearn

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) – experiencing more pain and fatigue; test results showing worrisome increase in cancer numbers

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

Pat Gibson (longtime member of the Camarillo church) – experienced a brain bleed on June 1 and is currently paralyzed on one side of her body

Dee-Ann Jenkins (sister of Kevin) – comfort and peace while fighting MS; having a gastric feeding tube installed on June 14

Michael Jenkins (son of Kevin and Nelda) – struggling with numerous issues and declining health

Marvin Shipley (father of Michelle Hagemann) – in rehabilitation following recent stroke

Jim Kutil (friend of Shannon Latson) – candidate for double lung transplant

Gary Tiner – (brother of Sandy Stivers) – encouragement during the long recovery from recent heart surgery and leg wound

Caleigh Hunnicutt – difficulty standing and walking; some improvements

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

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

June 13 Attendance	
Online Viewing	55
In-Person Service	92

June 13 Giving		\$16,636
Weekly Giving Average		\$13,917
Weekly Giving Budget		\$13,410
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,594,566
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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