

BE *the* BLESSING

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 5, 2022

Welcome!

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

Today

- 9:00am Bible Classes for all ages
- 10:15am On-Site Worship Service
- 10:15am Virtual Worship Service via YouTube
- 6:00pm Senior Banquet

Upcoming Events

- Jun 8 Hungry/Thirsty Group
- Jun 9 Life Group at the Fosters'
- Jun 19 Promotion Sunday
- Jun 13-16 Vacation Bible School
- Jun 26-Jul 1 Mexico Mission Trip
- Jul 10-16 Teen Camp
- Jul 24-30 King's Kamp

Birthdays This Week

Suzanne Reynolds	6/6
Jubilee Thiel	6/6
Loree Hunnicutt	6/7
Patti Furino	6/9
Jonathan White	6/9
Larry Bumgardner	6/10

Making Memories

by Jack Williamson

What comes to mind when you think of your favorite childhood memories? For me some of the greatest times were camping with my family or riding bikes with my friends. So many of my favorite memories also have to do with the church family that was constantly present in my young life. On camping trips, my parents' friends from church were usually there. There were days of sledding in the winter and VBS in the summer. These were times I brought my friends along and we just enjoyed all the fun that the church offered us. I didn't think deeply theological thoughts or even realize how God was in process in most of these times. Still, God's presence was made known to me through little old blue-haired ladies who made cakes or taught Bible classes, through men who were my Dad's friends or who took us skating, fishing or four-wheeling. I gained independence and confidence as I was carried along with our preacher to pick up kids on the Joy Bus. Beginning in junior high I would lead singing or teach the lesson or do puppets for the kids in children's worship. These were the people and events God placed in my life, filling my young days with positive memories. Looking back, I can see that they made powerful imprints on me, imprints that were marked by the fingerprints of God.

Today we celebrate the high school graduating class of 2022. A few weeks ago, I posed this question to them: as a kid or teen, through your life at Conejo, what events or activities were your favorite or had the greatest impact on your faith? Among their answers were King's Kamp, Teen Camp, Carols and Candlelight, and VBS. Every answer had a common thread which I find interesting and encouraging. They all mentioned that they grew the most when they served others. They remarked about the power of participating in Carols and Candlelight as kids, not just as spectators. They talked about the power of being a counselor at King's Kamp, or helper at VBS. These times of giving to others have not only been their favorite memories but also the greatest ways they have come to know God and grow in faith.

The point I am making with all this is hopefully clear. The events and plans we make with our kids at church have tremendous potential for good. This is not just true for our kids. The principle holds true for all of us. The more we get involved and the more we serve together, the more likely we are to grow closer to Christ and deeper in faith. So let's learn from this recent past. Getting involved and taking part in "church activities" is good for us all. Let's make more memories.



2022 High School graduates



Sierra Askren
Newbury Park



Janelle Greene
Newbury Park



Nicholas Heard
Oak Park



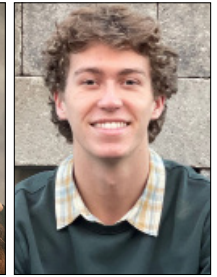
Nathan Hurley
Home School



Zachary Labnow
Oaks Christian



Kate Michael
Agoura



Braeden Wooton
Royal

Please [click here](#) to see the insert of this year's high school graduates.

What's Happening at Conejo



Sermon Series: "What Are We Doing Here?"

Today's message is focused on holy ground. That may seem like some high and mighty theological concept, but in reality, it couldn't be more down to earth. As we see with Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3 or Jacob at his famous ladder encounter in Genesis 28, holy ground tends to pop up in places we least expect it. In the biblical text, holy ground is not limited to a certain time or place. It can be anywhere that God shows up, meets, and interacts with his people. In that sense, anywhere can become holy ground. In thirty years of full time ministry I have found that when I allow myself to look with my eyes, my heart, my mind, and my spirit, holy ground shows up in all kinds of places. I have seen it at camp, in our assembly on Sunday mornings, on evenings remembering the cross or celebrating Jesus's birth. For me the real lesson is that I think we sit or stand on holy ground much more often than we usually realize. Let's get better at noticing it. Let's get better at seeing and reacting to God in our midst!

Adult Bible Classes

We are currently offering two adult classes each Sunday. The auditorium class is exploring the Book of Ecclesiastes in a study titled *"That Which Endures."* Today, Tim Willis will be leading an exploration of "Does Wisdom Endure" from Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 2:12-16; 7:1-8:1.

In the overflow room nearest the donut station, Bill Foster is hosting a video series titled *"One at a Time,"* focusing on how we might follow Jesus in becoming difference-makers in our spheres of influence. Each week, the class will include an 11-14 minute video featuring Kyle Idleman, followed by group discussion.

Promotion Sunday Bible Classes / June 19

Please join us on June 19 for our annual promotion Sunday class. This is a time to celebrate the growth of our children as they move from one grade to the next, recognize their teachers, and celebrate with our fifth graders as they move from the Children's Ministry into the Youth Group. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, reflect, and recommit to partner with the parents in our congregation as together we attempt to grow in God's grace and love.

Moms Better Together / June 17

Moms of all ages are invited and encouraged to be a part of a new ministry at Conejo. The first meeting has been scheduled for Friday, June 17, from 5-7pm at the CVCC church building. Please [click here](#) for all of the details.

Memorial Day Picnic

We had a wonderful Memorial Day Picnic on Monday. Thanks so much to Sandy Stivers for taking the lead on organizing the details for the day's activities.



High School + Middle School

Senior Sunday and Graduate Banquet / Today

Today is a special Sunday. We are so proud of our 2022 high school graduates. Along with acknowledging their graduation this morning, we will have a banquet in their honor. Tonight, at 6pm we will celebrate with their families with dinner, games, and family blessings. Those helping set up beforehand should arrive at 4pm. Don't forget that the senior bibles are available in the foyer for you to write messages in. These messages can be a word of encouragement, favorite scripture, or some nuggets of wisdom for this next chapter of life.

Summer Camp Registration

It's time to sign up for summer camps! Camp can be a profound spiritual experience for our kids and is a place in which we continue to see God work in powerful ways in our kids' lives. If you desire that your child grow closer to God, camp is one of the greatest assets we have in helping that become a reality.

SoCal Teen Camp 2022 "Bloom" (July 10-16)

Teen Camp is for students who have finished 7th - 12th grades before camp. You can see more info about Teen Camp and complete the [registration form here](#). Don't miss out on a great week!

King's Kamp 2022 "A Different Kind of Hero" (July 24-30)

Kings Kamp is for students who have finished 4th - 8th grades before camp. You can see more info about Kings Kamp and complete the early-bird [registration form here](#).

Youth Group Studies

Throughout the month of June, the Youth Group is studying a series called "Guiding Light." This series looks at how we can be people who influence others in positive ways by passing on the good news of Jesus. [Click here](#) to learn more about meeting times and this month's theme. For June and July, our separated pods will take a break for the summer. With the mission trip, summer camps, and vacations it is not possible to keep these groups meeting regularly. Weekly bible study will still be available on Sunday mornings at 9am at the church building. The middle school and high school groups will be together and studying the same curriculum that would have been used for separated pods. Pods will reconvene in mid-August just before school starts.

Family Outreach Event at Defy / June 20

Our next young families outreach event will be at the trampoline sports park DEFY (formerly Dojo Boom) in Janss Marketplace on Monday, June 20th from 5-7:30pm. Like our last axe throwing event, this will be the first summer opportunity for our families with kids to invite friends with the purpose of building community and getting to know members of our church family better. The event is for families with kids and costs \$30 per person. Like last time, if you bring a friend who is not a member of Conejo the cost is free for you and the friend/family you invite. Look for an email with a sign up link so you can reserve your spots. Looking forward to another fun night of fellowship and blessing our friends!

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School / June 13-16

Today is the last day to register your children for VBS, please [click here](#).

If you have additional questions about registration, please contact either Vincent Chambers: vechambers@gmail.com, (310) 804-4275 or Holly Chambers: hbstivers@gmail.com, (818) 390-0471.

To sign up as a volunteer, please click either [Teen Volunteer](#) or [Adult Volunteer](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact [Staci Daringer psdaringer@verizon.net](mailto:psdaringer@verizon.net), (805) 427-5144.

Nursery Class / Current Children's Class Offerings Bible Classes 9:00-10:00am

2's/3's: Leslie S., Sarah G.

4's-5th grade: Paula M., Patti F.

Worship Classes are available for children during our sermon time, including a new nursery class for our littlest members:

Nursery: Katie C.

2's/3's: Amber J., Amy M., Kari O.

4's-5th: Dwayne H., Michelle W., _____ (some spots available!)

Rattlesnake Awareness

Just a reminder to our parents and children. As the weather gets warmer, there are snakes on the property from time to time. The playground will be checked prior to children going onto it each week. **Parents, please be sure that children stay out of the flowerbeds and plant areas between the upper and lower parking lots.**



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

PREGNANCY: Lauren Kliest-Blankfein (July)

BIRTHS: Piper Michele was born to Matt and Jodi Davis

BAPTISM: Kiley Hays

NEW MEMBERS: Caleb Bearman

WEDDINGS:

Brian Smithers and Sonia (Forman) Smithers, May 21

Nathan Heard and Sarah (Anderson) Heard, May 15

THOSE GRIEVING

Tim Willis – loss of mother, Evelyn Willis

Jeff, Josh, Beth Brown (former members) – loss of wife / mom, Robin Brown

Larry Bumgardner – loss of sister, Donna Bumgardner

Jim White – loss of father, Donovan White

Lisa Scott – loss of friend, Karen Kennedy; loss of aunt, Betty Brown; loss of cousin, Margi Dalmas

Alyssa West and her mother, Kathy Stetz – loss of Mark Stetz, Alyssa's uncle

Maureen Thomas – loss of mother, Barbara Lewis

Tim Rockey – loss of father, Steve Rockey

Eric Short and Erin Opdahl – loss of father, Sam Short

Christian Socquet – loss of

father, Johnny Cowan

Phil Daringer – loss of mother, Joyce Daringer

Judy Tapper – loss of sister, Muriel Meador

Lauren Kliest-Blankfein – loss of grandmother, Marylee Illiff

Mark and Suzanne Scarberry – loss of daughter, Caitlin; loss of Mark's brother, Dan

Sue Ann Meador – loss of father, Joe Burroughs

Darlene Rivas – loss of mother, Sara Hodges

Jacqueline Dillion – loss of father, Roger Dillion

FIGHTING CANCER

Joella Michael – recurrence of cancer in liver

Patricia Sparks (sister-in-law of Shannon Latson) – beginning a different type of chemo

Ted McAllister (former member) – in UCLA hospital for CAR-T trial

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

Robert Heard (father of Chris Heard) – recovering from concussion after recent fall; dealing with COVID as well

John Willis – as he grieves the loss of Evelyn, his wife for 66 years

Eric and Michele Grant (son-in-law and daughter of Mark and Suzanne Scarberry) – Infant daughter, Carina, has a rare genetic disorder, Russell-Silver Syndrome

Jonathan Meador (brother of Judy Tapper) – having variety of health issues

Sonia Forman Smithers – safety for friends and family who reside in Ukraine

Children's Ministry 2022 – smooth transitions for children, Haylie, and Penny into this next chapter

Linda Rice (mother of Char Hurley) – infection in legs, high blood pressure, poor circulation

Kendra Davis (sister of Suzanne Scarberry) – recovering from recent surgery

Pat Tudor – tolerating immunotherapy

Martha Condley (daughter of Janie Condley) – lupus

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

Marilyn Aurand – physical therapy for spinal stenosis and

to improve mobility; recovery from numerous infections

Mary Zollman (friend of Lisa Scott) – multiple sclerosis

Harriet Nutter (mother of Daphne Green) – depression

Carol McNutt – neuropathy

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

MISSION EFFORTS

Raul & Betty Alvarado – mission efforts in Panama

Tom Bonner – retiring from mission work in Albania; prayers for his transition to life stateside

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 29 Attendance	
On-Site Service	124
Online Viewing	78

May 29 Giving	
Weekly Giving Average	\$12,560
Weekly Giving Budget	\$15,141
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$13,410
Property Settlement	\$1,630,983
	\$225,000

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