



CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

August 21, 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
- 12:15pm Adult Education Meeting
- 2:00pm Baby Shower for Sonia Smithers
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops

Upcoming Events

- Aug 26 YG Back-to-School Bash
- Aug 28 YG Mentor Kick-Off
- Sep 4 Game Night
- Sept 11 Fall Kick-Off
- Sept 11 Kindergarten Blessing
- Sept 16 Moms Better Together
- Sept 16-18 HS Pismo Retreat

Birthdays This Week

Haylie Douglas	8/21
John Stephens	8/21
Cooper Horton	8/23
Jon Burke	8/25
Sara King	8/26
Doug King	8/28

Welcome and Response

Please contact the ministers or elders if there are ways that they can pray for you or those you love.

Developing Capable Children

By Andy Wall

As many of our children are returning (or have already returned!) to school in the coming weeks, I want to share seven strategies for developing capable children from the book "Raising Self-Reliant Children in a Self-Indulgent World" by H. Stephen Glenn and Jane Nelsen. From their respective professional experiences as an educator and a counselor, they offer seven strategies to develop highly resilient and capable children. The first three items are what children need to experience and the last four are skills children need to develop.

1. **Strong perceptions of personal capabilities.** "I am capable of facing problems and challenges and gaining strength and wisdom through experience."
2. **Strong perceptions of significance.** "My life has meaning and purpose, and I contribute in unique and meaningful ways."
3. **Strong perceptions of personal influence over life.** "I can influence what I do in life and am accountable for my actions and choices."
4. **Strong intrapersonal skills.** The ability to manage personal emotions through self-assessment, self-control, and self-discipline.
5. **Strong interpersonal skills.** The ability to communicate, cooperate, negotiate, share, empathize, listen, and work effectively with people.
6. **Strong systemic (consequential) skills.** The ability to respond to the limits and consequences of everyday life with responsibility, adaptability, flexibility, and integrity.
7. **Strong skills of judgment.** The ability to make decisions based on moral and ethical principles, wisdom, and understanding.

Though this book was not written with any explicit faith commitments, where do you see alignment between your how your faith informs your parenting and these "significant seven?" Where does your faith offer correctives or add additional strategies?

I see a significant alignment between our faith and the second strategy. We certainly have wonderful opportunities to inculcate in our children a powerful sense of significance and belonging because of God's creation and redemption. One strategy I would add to counter-balance the self-reliant aspects of these strategies is modeling "God-reliant" strategies such as prayer, worship, scripture study, fellowship, and service. May God bless all of us who are parents as we seek to raise our kids in "the training and instruction of the Lord."

What's Happening at Conejo



Sermon Series: Slow to Speak; Quick to Listen

One of the things that surprises us in our relationships is how people, even people quite close to us, have very different perspectives from us. So what might be helpful for followers of Jesus as we seek to both honor the Lord and pursue relationships with people who don't share our point of view?

Jesus' Incarnation can be most instructive for us here. Jesus emptied himself and entered into our humanity, experiencing human weakness, temptation, and sorrows. Communication scholars call this ability to understand the viewpoint of others "perspective taking." Jesus demonstrated the unprecedented capacity to assume our humanity and thereby to understand us in the complicated and often contradictory mess we call human living.

What we see modeled in Jesus, we then seek to freely give to others as we also seek to enter into and better understand their struggles and experiences. While we may not end up agreeing, our perspective taking can assist us in showing a Christ-like graciousness.

Welcome to our Visitors!

We are so glad to have people visit with us from time to time. Whether you are bringing your young adult to a college or university in the area, are new to the area yourself due to a job or academic pursuit, or have just decided to visit this congregation today, we feel blessed and thankful for the opportunity to spend the morning with you singing praises, sharing in community, and receiving encouragement and challenges from God's word as we seek to love and follow him better each day. We hope that you will linger after services and let us get to know you better.

If you are willing, we would love for you to fill out a card with your name and at least your email address and drop it into the "offering basket" as these are passed or into the wooden box marked "offering" in the foyer. Having that tidbit of information will help us be able to share with you more easily about the upcoming events and ministry of this church. Each Friday, the church sends out communication via email with the electronic version of the Family News to members, as well as those who are interested in learning more about our congregation, to help everyone be aware of the events of the upcoming weekend.

"Holy Moments" Summer Class

During the months of July and August, we're sharing in a combined auditorium class titled "Holy Moments." Each week we're inviting individuals to share about a biblical character who has inspired, challenged, or deeply formed them. Today, Ty De Long will be leading the class and will reflect on the biblical character of Judas.

Baby Shower for Sonia Smithers / 2pm Today

Ladies, today at 2pm, there will be a baby shower for Sonia Smithers at the home of Paula Marrs which is located at 11234 Crenshaw Street in Moorpark. Brian and Sonia are expecting a baby boy. Please [click here](#) to see their registry at amazon.com.



Sunday Afternoon Hoops

What: Outdoor basketball
When: Sunday afternoons at 2pm (starting July 31)
Where: Three Springs Park, 3000 Three Springs Drive, WLV
Who: Anyone who likes to hoop
Contact: Bill Foster at (757) 272-2653

Conejo Game Night / September 4

Plan to bring your favorite board and card games to the building on Sunday, September 4, at 6pm for a time of friendly competition and fellowship. Each family should bring favorite snacks and munchies to share and a 2-liter bottle of soda. Please be mindful that some of our members have peanut and tree-nut allergies.



Membership Information Update Opportunities

We are making a push to update the church database, the membership directory online, and the photo directory in the foyer, but we really need your help. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in your contact information updates.

Database information: Throughout the remainder of August, Rene will be contacting you to make sure that we have your current information so that we can communicate with you in the most efficient and reliable way. Please, [click here](#) and fill out the brief Google form with your current information.

Photo updates: We are in the process of updating our photo directories—both those in the foyer and those in the password protected area of our website. We encourage all new members as well as long-time members to take advantage of this opportunity to update your family's photo. These directories are great tools to help us put names and faces together as we reconnect after the long months of the pandemic.

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Class

Please help our students participate, learn, grow, and encourage one another by taking part in our weekly bible class time together. Bible class is on Sunday mornings at 9am. [Click here](#) to learn more about this month's theme.

Family & Friends Outreach Events

Back in April, we began planning fun events for our families with kids for two reasons. One, we saw the need to build back up community among our members coming out of a long Covid season where our fellowship took a hit. Two, we want to be a growing church that is reaching and providing for families with young kids. Our goal is to be the blessing that God intends us to be in this world and create positive memories that are tied to Christ. Last night, a group of 84 took Dodger Stadium by storm. 36 of the 84 were friends who are not members of Conejo. Thank you to those who came out for the event and especially to those who have been inviting friends these past 5 months so that we can get to know your friends better. Our prayer is that during this next school year we will continue to build a culture that is inclusive and inviting of those relationships God has blessed us with. At the center of ministry is relationship and it is such a blessing to be part of God's family and to do life together!

Back-to-School BASH / August 26

This Friday night, August 26, the middle school and high school groups are invited to the building to welcome in the new school year. It will be a night filled with games, group building, and

a charge for the 2022/23 school year. Our theme this year is "Come Together." Life keeps changing and certain people come and go from our lives. One of the ways God encourages our growth and provides what we need is by calling us to "come together" with other believers currently in our life. Through making relationships with those in God's family a priority, we grow and the Kingdom grows in return. Look for an email this week on exact event times.

Summer Bonfires and "combined YG" gatherings

During the summer, youth groups from Hilltop, Culver Palms, CVCC, University Church, and Murrieta came together for bonfires at Dockweiler Beach once each month. Our youth groups see each other a handful of times throughout the year, but these bonfires have been special. When we gather for camps, youth rallies, or one-day retreats, the focus is mostly on learning lessons presented and on taking the next step of faith. The bonfires are one of the only places our groups gather just to have fun together. We are so blessed to live next to the ocean and have it as a playground for our youth. The relationships that our kids build with each other as God's family is a priceless resource. They can experience both the width of God's family beyond our own congregation and the depth of God's family as they support one another through all that life throws at them. It is a beautiful thing to see the love shared together and know that our kids have great opportunities to make new friends with kids from other churches and build positive memories tied to Christ!

Children's Ministry

Sign In Please!

Parents, please be sure to sign in your kiddos for Bible class and worship time. This will help Haylie be able to best prepare for future classes. The sign-in pages are on green paper and are placed on a table in the entry way which leads to the Children's Ministry area.

Current Children's Class Offerings

Bible Classes 9:00-10:00am

2's/3's - Leslie, Sarah

4's-5th grade - Paula, Patti

Children's Worship opportunities are available for children during our sermon time, including a new nursery class for our littlest members:

Nursery: Katie C.

Teen Helpers: Olivia A., Audrey C.

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

4's-5th: Dwayne H., Mark D., Staci D.

Rattlesnake Awareness

Just a reminder to our parents and children. During the warm weather 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.**

Kindergarten Blessing / September 11

Our Kindergarten Blessing Celebration will be held September 11 at 5:30pm at the church building. We will have a time of celebration for this wonderful beginning with a potluck dinner followed by a family blessing time as well as a blessing from our church community. Additional CVCC members are invited to attend to support and encourage as well. We ask that all who plan to attend RSVP to Haylie Douglas at haylie@conejochurch.org or text her at (979) 676-1529.



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

PREGNANCY: Sonia Smithers (September)

BIRTH: Brynn Violet Kliest-Blankfein born to Daelan and Lauren on July 22

THOSE GRIEVING

Shannon Latson – loss of sister-in-law, Patricia Sparks Feet

Tim Willis – loss of mother, Evelyn Willis

Jim White – loss of father, Donovan White

Maureen Thomas – loss of mother, Barbara Lewis

Tim Rocky – loss of father, Steve Rocky

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 – worsening of cancer in liver; prayers for finding effective clinical trial quickly

Cecilio Rivera (father of Jose Rivera) – battling Stage 3 lung cancer and prostate cancer

Lucia Campbell (mother of Guy Patenaude) – recovering from surgery for uterine cancer and follow-up surgery for infection; currently home recuperating

Ted McAllister (former member) – CAR T treatment not as effective as hoped; exploring treatment options

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

Jed Martin (cousin of Haylie Douglas) – Recovering from pectus excavatum repair surgery

Randy Lovett (brother-in-law of Rene Heard) – recovery from quadruple bypass

JoAnna White (mother of Jim White) – recovery from broken hip from recent fall

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 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) – recently had stent put in heart; may need additional stent(s) or treatment

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

August 14 Attendance	
On-Site Service	126
Online Viewing	73

August 14 Giving	
	\$21,621
Weekly Giving Average	\$14,723
Weekly Giving Budget	\$13,410
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,634,646
Property Settlement	\$225,000

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