

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE *the* BLESSING

September 25, 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
- 12:00pm Many Mansions Tour
- 1:00pm Crafty Women
- 3:00pm Men's Cornhole Tourney
- 3:30pm MS Pod
- 6:00pm HS Pod

Upcoming Events

- Sept 26 Women's Bible Study
- Sept 27 Fifth Commandment Group
- Sept 28 Flourishing Families
- Sept 28 Hungry / Thirsty Group
- Sept 29 Life Group at the Fosters
- Sept 30 Family & Friends Outreach

Birthdays This Week

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| Sonia Smithers | 9/25 |
| Wendi King | 9/27 |
| Jonathan Ditmore | 9/29 |
| Bob Pratt | 9/29 |
| Loretta Katch | 10/2 |
| Sandy Stivers | 10/2 |

Welcome and Response

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

What's in a Name?

By Andy Wall

Since I am married to a teacher of teachers, I'm always unconsciously reading for insights pertaining to the educator's craft. I came across one recently in Father Gregory Boyle's book, "Tattoos of the Heart." On his first day as a young teacher, Father Boyle poked his head into the classroom of Donna Wanland, a veteran teacher, and said, "It's my first day of teaching. Give me some advice." Without even looking up from the morning paper, Donna replied, "Know all their names by tomorrow."

What is it about a name? Veteran teachers understand that to know a student's name is to command attention, to exert influence, to engage more fully.

In the Biblical world, names often reveal identity. Isaac's name means laughter because his parents chuckled at the thought of Sarah having a son at age 90. Moses' name is related to the Hebrew word "drawn out," because Moses was drawn out of the river Nile. Jacob's name can mean usurper or heel-grabber since he stole Esau's birthright. Again and again in the story of Scripture, names reveal character and describe identity. Peter is nicknamed "the Rock" and will be a builder of the early church. James and John are "the sons of thunder," ready to call down fire on unrepentant villages (which Jesus wisely resists).

Those who met Jesus and those who later described him in New Testament writings found they had a tall order as they grappled to find the appropriate words to adequately describe this itinerant first century Jewish prophet, teacher, healer, and revolutionary. More than sixty different names and titles are used in the New Testament to describe Jesus' identity, mission, and character. Those early witnesses, authors, and theologians struggled mightily to catch up with what God was revealing in and through the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

Two thousand years later, we're still writing books, doing theology, creating ministries, and going on mission, all in the attempt to better understand Jesus and to more fully follow in his Way. Jesus' name is holy, mysterious, and of great importance to us as his followers. We confess Jesus as our Messiah and Lord, we are baptized into his name, we pray in Jesus' name, and we worship Jesus as our Savior. As we reflect on the kaleidoscopic richness of Jesus' names, may we grow in our appreciation of who he is and what he means to us, providing us with insight and inspiration for living more Christ-like lives.

What's Happening at Conejo

Welcome to the World, Luka William Smithers



Luka William Smithers was born to Brian and Sonia on Saturday, September 17. He weighed in at 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Our prayer is that Luka will grow in wisdom, stature, and in love and devotion to God and God's creation. We welcome this precious little one to the world.

Holly Chambers has created a meal train for Brian and Sonia as they adjust to life with little Luka. Please [click here](#) to access the meal delivery sign up.



Sermon Series: Let's Go! Adventuring Through Acts

This week's text from Acts 3 tells of the healing of a man with a crippling disability, followed by Peter's speeches to the crowd and the Sanhedrin, in which the power of the name of Jesus figures prominently. What is the significance of "the name?" While we don't believe that Jesus' name has magical powers, Jesus' name is holy, mysterious, and of great importance to us as his followers. We confess Jesus as the Messiah and Lord, we are baptized into his name, we pray in Jesus' name, and we worship Jesus as our Savior. As Christians who have pledged our ultimate allegiance to Jesus, his name serves for us our deepest source of power, strength, and hope.

Many Mansions Tour / Today

Following our worship time together, Stu Warford will help lead a tour of the Many Mansions Hillcrest Villas and possibly other Many Mansions properties in the area. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about how we can better be a blessing among our neighbors. If you plan to participate in this tour, please meet Stu and Co at the front patio area near left paw entry after service; they plan to begin tour at 12pm.

Crafty Women / Today

Ladies, please join us (come and go or stay for entire time) from 1-7pm today. Spend time making progress on current crafts, projects, or hobbies while deepening friendships with your sisters from church.

Men's Cornhole Tourney / Today

Join CVCC guys at the building on Sunday, September 25, from 3-6pm for a cornhole tournament and time of fellowship. RSVP to David Rhoades, (805) 231-8670 by Friday, September 23.

Fall Adult Bible Classes

Our fall adult Bible classes have begun. Our auditorium class is exploring "The Spirit Shaped Life," a scripture-based class about our life in the Holy Spirit that will include discussions and occasional experiential practices. This class will fall into two parts, with the first half exploring how we manifest the fruit of

the Spirit in our lives and the second half focusing on how the gifts of the Spirit impact our community. Today, Travis Moore will be teaching on the first fruit of the Spirit, love.

Our class in the north overflow room begins with a five-week video series based on Romans 8 featuring Mark Batterson. The series is titled "If" and highlights living without regrets. God wants us to live with the "what if" attitude that looks confidently to the future because the answer to the question, "If God is with us, who can be against us?" is "No one." God is always on our side. Bill Foster will lead the discussion.

Fall Small Groups

Our small group fall program is launching over the next several weeks with groups meeting around the Conejo Valley and beyond. These groups meet for prayer, Bible study, fellowship, service, mentoring, and outreach. Some groups include children, some are for teens, some are for adults, and some include all generations. Please [click here](#) for a detailed listing of our small group ministries.

Women's Bible Study / September 26

The Women's Bible Study will meet at 7pm each Monday via Zoom and will be studying the book of Acts. This week's section portion is Acts 2:1-41. Please join us for a time of prayer, study, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! [Zoom Meeting Link](#).

Fifth Commandment Group / September 27

The fifth commandment tells us to "Honor your father and mother." How do we do that in our adult lives as our parents age, face health challenges, and live hundreds or even thousands of miles away? Join us this Tuesday at 7pm as we share our current challenges and concerns regarding our aging parents and spend time praying for wisdom, direction, and comfort for those we love. [Zoom Meeting Link](#).

Hungry / Thirsty Group / September 28

This small group resumes weekly meetings at the home of TJ and Suzanne Reynolds on Wednesday, September 28. Join this group for Jesus-centered conversations, Bible study, and prayer over dessert and coffee.

Conejo Elementary Tutoring

The Fall Tutoring Season is about to begin, and we are looking for both weekly volunteers and also substitute tutors.

Tutoring will take place in-person at Conejo Elementary School on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 7:30pm, beginning with a tutor orientation on October 6. The Fall season continues through Thursday, December 15. For volunteers able to continue into the Spring, we begin again in mid-January and the program continues through April.

Being a tutor means spending an hour of your time each week with first grade students, helping them with their reading, with math, or just playing games. This ministry takes place on the school campus in the students' classrooms, and tutors have access to a wealth of exciting educational tools and supplies. Please contact Rob West at (805) 657-2911 or you can email tutoringatconejo@gmail.com if you can serve as a tutor or substitute, or if you would like additional information.

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Pods

Please help our students participate, learn, grow, and encourage one another by taking part in our weekly times together. The combined group (middle and high school) gathers at 9am each Sunday.

Then, separate pods meet at the church building on Sunday afternoons—the middle school pod meets from 3:30-5pm; the high school pod meets from 6-7:30pm. [Click here](#) to learn more about this month's theme.

High School Pismo Retreat



Last weekend, the high school group had a great weekend away to relax, have fun, sing, pray together, and listen for God. As we come to know Jesus and learn to follow Him, we are all in

the process of sorting through the myriad of messages and distractions in life. It is our prayer that we will learn to be more open to seeing and hearing from God throughout our daily lives. It is our prayer we will notice His presence and blessing in conversations with others, in the moments when it seems all is

lost, and in the ordinary everyday meanderings of life. God is present, and we can learn to broaden our "frequency" so that we can see and know Him better!

Youth Group Events Calendar

There are many opportunities for our teens to grow in their faith and in their friendships with one another. Please [click here](#) to see the Fall 2022 calendar of events.

Family & Friends Event - K1 Speed Go Kart Racing

Who is ready to race this Friday night, September 30? We are heading to K1 Speed in Thousand Oaks for some indoor kart racing. The cost is \$80 per person for a guaranteed 2 races (24 laps) and dinner, but if you invite a friend/family from outside of Conejo it is \$10 per person to attend. Riders have to be 48 inches tall to race. There will be races for kids and races for adult riders. This event is for families at Conejo with kids.

TACOFEST Mission Trip Fundraiser / October 9th

Save the date—October 9th! On that night, the youth group and their families will host our 3rd annual Tacofest. Taco 'bout awesome! A plethora of tacos will be present, along with plenty of chips & salsa, and ice cream and churros for dessert! Join us at 6pm for a tasty event that raises money towards the 2023 summer house-building mission trip to Mexico. Look for an email and sign up to help us make Tacofest 2022 amazing!

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 the sermon.

Nursery: Katie C. with teen helper Olivia A.

2's/3's: Tami W., Shaya B., with teen helper Troy O.

4's-5th: Dwayne H., Mark D., Amber J., teen helper Paxton V.A.

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.**

Save the Date! Trunk or Treat on October 29!

Trunk or Treat is back and it is going to look a little different this year! Each family/group that signs up to decorate their trunk will also run their own carnival style game or activity. Start thinking about fun costumes and exciting games! Be on the lookout for more information and mark your calendars for October 29, 6pm.



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

BIRTHS: **Luka William Smithers**, son of **Brian and Sonia Smithers**, was born on September 17

THOSE GRIEVING

Brittany Joyner - loss of uncle, Robin Miller

Matt Joyner - loss of grandmother, Mildred Eckstein
Jim and Susie Lindley - loss of sister-in-law, Jan Randolph; please pray for Jan's husband, Bob, and daughter, Margaret

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 Rockey - loss of father, Steve Rockey

Christian Socquet - loss of father, Johnny Cowan

Phil Daringer - loss of mother, Joyce Daringer

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

Sue Ann Meador - loss of father, Joe Burroughs

FIGHTING CANCER

Joella Michael - worsening of cancer in liver; prayers to find effective clinical trial quickly

Cecilio Rivera (father of Jose Rivera) - battling Stage III lung

cancer and prostate cancer
Lucia Campbell (mother of Guy Patenaude) - home recuperating from recent uterine cancer surgery

Ted McAllister (former member) - beginning a new treatment at City of Hope; prayers for effectiveness

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

Judy Tapper - recovering from intestinal surgery

John Aurand (caregiver for Marilyn Aurand) - recovering from surgery for aortic aneurysm

Cathy Kiel (sister of Connie Horton) - recovering at home following brain surgery

Judy Long (mother of Loree Hunnicutt) - receiving hospice care; in end stage heart failure

Andy Long (father of Loree Hunnicutt) - dealing with tremendous stress as he cares for Judy

Carina Grant (infant granddaughter of Mark and Suzanne Scarberry) - in a Spica

cast for 3 months following hip surgery; prayers for health, comfort, peace and stamina
Healing, peace, and justice in our nation and communities

For **moderate rain** throughout the fall to give **relief from drought**

Firefighters, Linemen, and all who work outside - during periods of extreme heat

Linda Rice (mother of Char Hurley) - hospice; inoperable right ventricular aneurysm

Barbara Schlosser - recovery from a serious illness

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

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

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

Sonia Smithers - safety for friends and family who reside in Ukraine

Pat Tudor - tolerating immunotherapy

Martha Condley (daughter of Janie Condley) - lupus

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

September 18 Attendance

On-Site Service	109
Online Viewing	97

September 18 Giving

\$ 10,343

Weekly Giving Average \$14,724

Weekly Giving Budget \$14,116

Be the Blessing Giving (To Date) \$1,636,117

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