

## CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BE the BLESSING

October 2, 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
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops
- 3:30pm MS Pod
- 6:00pm HS Pod

### Upcoming Events

- Oct 3 Women's Bible Study
- Oct 3 Guys' Group Begins
- Oct 5 Flourishing Families
- Oct 5 Hungry / Thirsty Group
- Oct 6 Life Group at the Fosters
- Oct 9 Taco Fest
- Oct 15 Family / Friends Outreach
- Oct 16 Crafty Women
- Oct 21 Moms Better Together
- Oct 22 Hiking Ministry
- Oct 29 Trunk or Treat

### Birthdays This Week

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| Loretta Katch     | 10/2 |
| Sandy Stivers     | 10/2 |
| Sarah Jane Norris | 10/3 |
| Rosie Patenaude   | 10/3 |
| Christina Eng     | 10/4 |
| Audrey Charles    | 10/5 |
| Nico Heard        | 10/5 |
| Robert Katch      | 10/7 |
| Connie Horton     | 10/8 |
| Philomena West    | 10/8 |

### Salvation is a Life

By Andy Wall

*"...he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."*

**Titus 3:5**

A story has circulated about a famous skeptic, who on his deathbed, allegedly tried to hedge his bets on the afterlife with the following non-prayer: "O God, if there be a God, save my soul, if there be a soul, from hell, if there be a hell." The sad truth of this little "prayer" is that even if one omits the statements of doubt, it expresses the view of some today. God, and the salvation God offers, is viewed as something which could come in handy after death but essentially has little to do with life on planet earth.

How unlike the much broader Biblical understanding of salvation. In the gospels, the word that is sometimes translated "saved" is just as often translated "healed." When Jesus healed a woman with a chronic hemorrhage, he told her "Daughter, your faith has healed [saved] you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." Salvation was not viewed merely as an interaction that impacted one's eternal resting place but was something that impacted life, restored relationships, and created health and wholeness in the here and now.

In his book on Acts, Charles Talbert writes, "Salvation in Luke-Acts encompasses the whole person. The physical healings of the bodies of the afflicted are foretastes of the resurrection from the dead, just as one's conversion is a foretaste of the ultimate redemption from all evil. There is in Luke-Acts no reduction of salvation to a purely spiritual transaction any more than there is a reduction of it to a purely physical reality. The whole person is affected."

***If we reduce salvation to giving mental assent to doctrinal facts, however important those facts may be, then we have sold the Christian life short indeed. The salvation that God offers us, which certainly includes everlasting life, is a gift which is intended to have a transforming effect upon us in our earthly lives, our physical bodies, our personal relationships, and our daily choices. May we enjoy God's salvation, then, and be transformed by it day by day, as we await that great day when faith will be made sight.***

# What's Happening At Conejo



## Sermon Series: Let's Go! Adventuring Through Acts

In Acts 6, we meet a Christian named Stephen, who was part of the first group of deacons appointed to help feed the Greek widows of the Jerusalem church. Stephen was also a fearless proclaimer of the message of Jesus, which ended up getting him stoned to death by the Jewish authorities. While the intended result of the persecution that followed was to squelch the fledgling Christian movement, it yielded the exact opposite: Christians fled Jerusalem into Samaria and Judea, where they shared the message of Jesus and established new churches.

In these episodes we see God's ability to take what is broken and redeem it, bringing grace out of sorrow. This is not to deny the pain and heartache that hardship and death bring but to affirm that loss is not the final word.

## Welcome to the World, Luka William Smithers

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

## Men's Cornhole Tourney

Last Sunday, we had a great turn out for our first CVCC Men's Cornhole Tournament.



## 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, Daniel Overton will be teaching on gentleness and kindness, two of the fruits of the Spirit.

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 has launched 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 current small groups.

## Men's Bible Study / October 3

The Men's Bible Study group begins tomorrow evening. They will meet weekly at the CVCC church building from 6:30-8pm and determine the topic for discussion this fall. For more information, please reach out to Bob P. or Mike R.

## Conejo Elementary Tutoring / October 6

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](mailto:tutoringatconejo@gmail.com) if you can serve as a tutor or substitute, or if you would like additional information.

## Moms Better Together / October 21

Moms of all ages are invited and encouraged to be a part of Moms Better Together. The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, October 21 from 5:45-7:45pm at the CVCC church building. Please



[click here](#) for this month's printable flyer for this event. Since we will share a meal, we need to know how many are coming. Please [click here](#) to sign up for the event.

## Hiking Ministry / October 22

The Conejo Hiking Ministry hikes once a month in the Ventura County area. Hikers of all levels are welcome. The focus is fun, faith, fitness, friendship, and fellowship while enjoying the



beautiful gifts that God has given us in the areas that surround us. For more information please contact Lynn at (805) 273-4565, or Jon at (805) 284-1111. Please [click here](#) for this month's flyer about the next hike. See you on the trail!



# 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.

## 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 Outreach Events

Good times were had this past Friday night on the race track at K1 Speed. It is a blessing to be a part of a church family that walks together, has fun together, lifts each other up during difficult times, and keeps God's love at the center! Let's continue getting to know our friends and inviting them to join in our family fun! The next family & friends event is scheduled for Saturday, October 15. Look for an email with the sign-up form soon!

## TACOFEST Mission Trip Fundraiser / October 9

Join us for TACOFEST next Sunday night! At 6pm, 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 for a tasty event that raises money toward the 2023 summer house building mission trip to Mexico. We need your help! Please [click here](#) to sign up for the food item that you will bring to make this event a success.



# 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 Everly and Paxton V.A.

**2's/3's:** Tami W., Shaya B., with teen helper \_\_\_\_\_

**4's-5th:** Dwayne H., Mark D., Amber J., teen helper \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

**Randy Lovett** (brother-in-law of Rene Heard) is recovering well following heart surgery

**Brian and Molly Sanders** (son and daughter-in-law of Ed and Sheryl Sanders) expecting baby in April 2023

## THOSE GRIEVING

Friends and Family of **Connor Budge** – Pepperdine student killed in a car accident

**Sam Jackson** – loss of mother, Maudie Brown

**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

**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

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

**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 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 25 Attendance	
On-Site Service	136
Online Viewing	128

September 25 Giving		\$ 8,269
Weekly Giving Average		\$14,559
Weekly Giving Budget		\$14,116
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,636,152
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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