



# BE *the* BLESSING

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 16, 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 17 Women's Bible Study
- Oct 17 Guys' Group Begins
- Oct 19 Flourishing Families
- Oct 19 Hungry / Thirsty Group
- Oct 20 Life Group at the Fosters
- Oct 28 Middle School Halloween Party
- Oct 29 Trunk or Treat
- Oct 30 HS Movie Night

### Birthdays This Week

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|--------------------|-------|
| Lisa Scott         | 10/16 |
| Cheryl Argano      | 10/16 |
| Patty Starkey      | 10/19 |
| Mary Labnow        | 10/22 |
| Lori Rushford      | 10/22 |
| Pam Isaac          | 10/22 |
| Adrianna Patenaude | 10/23 |
| Amaya Harrington   | 10/23 |

## How Good to Center Down!

**[Editor's note:** *This poem is by Howard Thurman, an American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and leader who helped provide the spiritual depth of the civil rights movement. It offers an invitation to the meditative moment in which we can "be still and know" that God is God, an invitation that is sorely needed in our clamoring, hectic lives.]*

How good it is to center down!

To sit quietly and see one's self pass by!

The streets of our minds seethe with endless traffic;

Our spirits resound with clashings, with noisy silences,

While something deep within hungers and thirsts for the still moment and the resting lull.

With full intensity we seek, ere the quiet passes, a fresh sense of order in our living;

A direction, a strong sure purpose that will structure our confusion and bring meaning in our chaos.

We look at ourselves in this waiting moment – the kinds of people we are.

The questions persist: what are we doing with our lives? – what are the motives that order our days?

What is the end of our doings?

Where are we trying to go?

Where do we put the emphasis and where are our values focused?

For what end do we make sacrifices?

Where is my treasure and what do I love most in life?

What do I hate most in life and to what am I true?

Over and over the questions beat in upon the waiting moment.

As we listen, floating up through all the jangling echoes of our turbulence, there is a sound of another kind –

A deeper note which only the stillness of the heart makes clear.

It moves directly to the core of our being.

Our questions are answered,

Our spirits refreshed, and we move back into the traffic of our daily round

With the peace of the Eternal in our step.

How good it is to center down!

# What's Happening At Conejo



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

Conejo's own Kindy DeLong will be preaching today's sermon, titled "Reluctant Witness: God Pushes Peter." At the center of the story told in Acts is God's desire for the good news to reach the ends of the earth. To make this happen, God pushes the followers of Jesus past their comfort zones. In the passage for today, Acts 10-11, God uses an angel and a vision to get Peter to cross the threshold into the home and life of a stranger he wouldn't have mixed with before. This sermon explores what happens when God's desire meets human resistance and what we might learn from Peter's story for our lives today.

## Fall Adult Bible Classes

Our auditorium class is exploring "The Spirit Shaped Life," a scripture-based class about our life in the Holy Spirit. 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, Jon Burke will be teaching on Peace and Patience, two of the fruits of the Spirit.

Our class in the north overflow room features a 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. God is always on our side. Bill Foster leads this class.

## Fall Small Groups

Our small group fall program has launched with groups meeting around the Conejo Valley and beyond. Please [click here](#) for a detailed description of our current small groups. This week's topics for discussion include:

- 10/17 Women's Bible Study Acts 4
- 10/17 Guy's Group John Ortberg book
- 10/19 Flourishing Families Faith Formation
- 10/19 Hungry/Thirsty Group Discussion of "Sabbath"
- 10/20 Conejo Tutoring Encouraging help for kids!
- 10/20 Foster Life Group "One At A Time," video series

## Monday Guys' Group

The Guys' Group meets each Monday from 6:30-8pm at the CVCC building. This fall, they are reading and discussing John Ortberg's book, "If You Want To Walk On Water, You Have To Get Out of the Boat." For more information, please reach out to Bob Pratt or Mike Rivas.

## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets at 7pm on Monday via Zoom and will be studying Acts 4. Please join us for a time of prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! [Zoom Meeting Link](#).

## Conejo Elementary Tutoring

The Fall Tutoring Season has begun, and we are looking for

both weekly volunteers and also substitute tutors.

Tutoring takes place in-person at Conejo Elementary School on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 7:30pm. The fall season continues through Thursday, December 15.

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. To RSVP, [click here](#) so that those organizing the event will have an accurate count for the meal.



## 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 Burke. at (805) 273-4565, or Jon Burke at (805) 284-1111. Please [click here](#) for this month's flyer. See you on the trail!

## Crafty Women / Postponed until October 23

The October craft day has been postponed until next Sunday. CVCC women are invited to spend October 23 from 1-6pm making progress toward completion of their creation(s) while deepening friendships with other women from the congregation. Please email [reneheard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reneheard@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to come.

## City of Children Visits

For many years the Conejo church has supported the City of Children, a home for kids without parents to care for them near Ensenada, Mexico. The City of Children will celebrate 50 years of service in 2023, and Conejo members are invited to attend the celebration at the home on January 15, 2023. To prepare for the event, Conejo members are helping to update the photo history wall in the Americano kitchen where all the visitors eat with the kids during group visits. Mark Davis will be visiting the home on November 18-20 and December 9-11 to work on this project. There will also be time to interact with the kids. For more information about the visits, please contact Mark at (310) 892-9986 or [mrkwdvs@gmail.com](mailto:mrkwdvs@gmail.com).

# 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.

## TACOFEST Thank you!

It was a joy to gather with you all last Sunday night for Tacofest! I mean it when I say that it's with whom you are journeying that makes all the difference. God blesses us with opportunities to do and experience many things, but in the end what matters

most are the people alongside you and the lessons you learn together. Thank you, Church, for always supporting this mission effort to Mexico. Thank you for cooking, eating, and partying with us



... we can't do it without you! Last but not least, I am thankful for our kids who willingly served last Sunday and who have the courage to go build a house in another country. We raised \$5,080! We are already looking forward to the next opportunity for fellowship in 2023!

## IMPACT Middle School Retreat / Registration Open



Impact Retreat will be the weekend of November 4-6. This year's theme is "Be Real." Our deepest identity is found when we connect to God, our Creator. We are God's beloved, made in His image, and He meets each of us where we are in order to take us where He wants us to go.

The most real version of ourselves is found in God. Rather than rooting ourselves in what others say about us, let's *Be Real* and lean into what God says about us and discover where He plans to take us. It's time to *Be Real*. The cost is \$105. Please [click here](#) to register today!

## Family & Friends Event: MOVIE NIGHT at Cinepolis Westlake

The next family & friends event is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th. We are buying out a theater at Cinepolis Westlake. Save the date and stay tuned for more information on cost, times, and sign-ups. As usual, this event is free if you invite a friend or family from outside of Conejo.

# 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: Shaya B., Amy M., Kari O., and Sarah G.

4's-5th: Mark D., Amber J., and Dwayne H.

## 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! We need a little help from our members as we prepare for the evening.

**First**, if you are willing to decorate the trunk of your car and set up a fun carnival-type game, please [click here](#) for details and to sign up.

**In addition**, we need to know who will be coming so that everyone can bring enough candy for the kids. So, please [click here](#) to list the number of children (birth through 5th grade) that you'll be bringing to enjoy this evening of fun.





# 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

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

Periods of **moderate rain** this past week

## 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) – prayers that new treatment will be effective

**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

**Bill McQuillan** (brother-in-law of Kay Falletta) – stage IV kidney disease as well as heart issues; difficulty breathing and talking

**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) – 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

October 9 Attendance	
On-Site Service	170
Online Viewing	79

October 9 Giving		\$7,846
Weekly Giving Average		\$14,406
Weekly Giving Budget		\$14,116
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,637,015
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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