

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

April 9, 2023

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
- 10:00am Virtual Meet-and-Greet via YouTube Chat
- 10:15am On-Site and Virtual Worship Service via YouTube
- 10:20am CM Living Cross

Upcoming Events

- Apr 10 Women's Bible Study
- Apr 10 Monday Guys' Group
- Apr 12 Flourishing Families Group
- Apr 12 Life Group at the Reynolds
- Apr 13 Life Group at the Fosters
- Apr 13 Conejo Tutoring
- Apr 14-16 HS Retreat
- Apr 15 Hiking Ministry
- Apr 16 Crafty Women Craft Day
- Apr 30 Youth-Led Service
- May 2-5 Harbor / Pepperdine Bible Lectures
- May 7 Conejo 50th Anniversary Celebration

Birthdays This Week

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| Vincent Chambers | 4/9 |
| Jan Willis | 4/11 |
| David Chesson | 4/16 |

Fast-Forward Headlines

Andy Wall

A few years ago, I was reading the news on a Tuesday morning and noted that two firefighters had died fighting blazes driven by Santa Ana winds in Riverside County. I paused briefly, thinking how regularly such tragedies occur and about loved ones left in the wake. My eye then jumped to the next headline and I was off and reading about some national event.

I barely gave those two men who had given their lives in the line of duty a second thought until my cousin, Laurie, called and informed me that one of them was our cousin, Tom Wall, a fire captain in Tustin. Suddenly, this news headline I had breezed by became terribly pertinent to me. Tom was the son of my father's brother, Herb, who himself had died out of due season in his late 40s. Though I hadn't known Tom well, I had enjoyed getting acquainted with him at a family reunion a few years earlier. Tom and several cousins were capable musicians and I had greatly enjoyed the bluegrass music they shared with the Wall clan.

As I drove to the office that day, I sped by a number of nameless faces. A mother pushing a stroller. Students playing in a school playground. A man running across traffic lanes. Random faces in passing cars. I briefly glanced at their faces, as one scanning the morning news. I didn't know them and they didn't know me. In all likelihood, I'd never see them again.

Then it struck me. To our heavenly Father, they were more than just passing headlines, glanced over and quickly forgotten. God knows the number of hairs on their heads. God knows when they sit and when they rise. God perceives their thoughts from afar. God cares about each of them personally. God gave his one and only son for them on Good Friday and raised him on Easter Sunday. God desires for them to have the abundant life that is found in Jesus Christ.

Two concluding thoughts: First, you are a person who matters deeply to God. If you ever doubt this, consider the investment God has made in creating planet Earth, our solar system, the Milky Way galaxy, and the billions of galaxies that make up our universe. Consider our place in the cosmos, having been invited to help steward and care for God's good creation. Consider the many and various ways God has sought to communicate with humankind through the history of the patriarchs and matriarchs, judges and priests, prophets and prophetesses, kings and queens, and sages of Israel. Consider the lengths to which God went to come to Earth in human form, to teach and heal and bless, then ultimately to be crucified for our sins and to be raised for our justification. Consider the story of the Church, which seeks, however imperfectly, to share the good news of Jesus and to embody God's grace in the world. This Easter, may we praise God for this grand sweeping biblical and historical story that we are part of!

What's Happening At Conejo



Sermon Series: More Than Meets the Eye

There is always more than meets the eye with Jesus. Particularly when the "more than meets the eye" involves trauma-induced blindness and a case of mistaken identity on Easter Sunday. The account of Jesus' resurrection in John 20 places the spotlight squarely on Jesus' devoted follower Mary Magdalene, who serves as the primary witness and messenger of Jesus' resurrection in this powerful Easter account.

Many Mansions Spring Fair/ Thank you!

Many thanks to the crew of Conejo volunteers who set up and hosted games for 3 hours at the Many Mansions Spring Fair event for kids in Thousand Oaks. A number of community members and Many Mansions volunteers expressed gratitude for our congregational involvement in this community service project.



Adult Bible Classes

Success, money, true love, and the life you've always wanted. Many of us place our faith in these things, believing they hold the key to happiness. But the truth is that we often make counterfeit gods of good things, gods that can't give us what we really need. There is only one God who can satisfy our cravings.

We are in an eight-week class in the north overflow room based on the book *Counterfeit Gods* by Tim Keller. This class, led by Rick Furino, is exploring what the Bible reveals about our faith and hearts' desires. Through scripture, biblical examples, group and individual exercises, each of us will come face-to-face with our individual counterfeit god, and learn to confront and turn from it.

In the auditorium, we are continuing our detailed Scripture studies series entitled *Scripture Up Close*. In each "mini-series," we're working through a biblical text in order, giving careful attention to its content in an effort to hear more clearly what the biblical authors were trying to tell their readers, and what those messages might mean for us today.

Hiking Trails Ministry / April 15

The Conejo Hiking Trails 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 B. at (805) 273-4565, or Jon B. at (805) 284-1111. See you on the trail! Please [click here](#) for this month's flyer about the hike.

Crafty Women / April 16

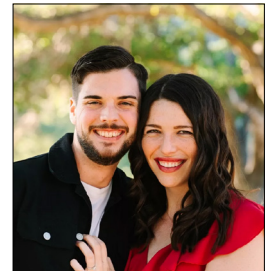
CVCC women are invited to spend the afternoon together on April 16 from 1pm-6pm making progress on their crafts or hobbies while deepening friendships with other women from the congregation. Please contact [Rene](#) if you plan to come.

"Risen" Movie Night / April 22

Saturday night, April 22, from 6:30-9:30pm, Conejo will host a dinner and movie night at the church. We will be watching the 2016 PG-13 movie, "Risen," starring Joseph Fiennes and Tom Felton. The movie is about a Roman tribune who is charged with finding the missing body of Jesus, who rose from the dead. The event is free, but we want you to invite friends and family to join you. We have hosted several family and friend outreach events outside of the church in the past year. With this event we move to invite friends to the building for something that is centered around Easter, showcases a mainstream movie, and gives you an opportunity for conversation around the resurrection of Jesus. [RSVP here](#) to receive dinner. Click for [printable event flyer](#) to share with friends.

Bridal Shower for Jessica Wall / April 23

Ladies, please mark your calendars! Sunday, April 23, gather with other Conejo women at the home of Paula Marrs at 2pm for a bridal shower honoring Jessica Wall and Richard Smith. The couple's [registry](#) lists items at Target, Amazon, and Pottery Barn. Please make your plans to join us and celebrate this wonderful time in the life of our dear Jessica as she prepares to marry the love of her life.



Church of Christ Foundation Scholarships

Will you be attending a university or college affiliated with the Churches of Christ in the Fall of 2023? If so, we invite you to apply for a scholarship from the Church of Christ Foundation by visiting www.churchofchristfoundation.com. Scholarships often range from \$1,500 to \$3,000 and can generally be renewed for up to four years. **Applications are due by April 30, 2023.** Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Laing at (323) 793-8179.

Annual Pismo Beach Trip, July 5-8, 2023

For more than 20 years, a group from our church has enjoyed an annual trip to Pismo Beach where we camp right on the beach (or some stay at a local hotel) and spend time visiting around the campfire, playing on the beach, and riding in the dunes. It's a very casual outing, and it's fine to come up for the day or bring your own tent or trailer and stay the whole time. For more details and how to make your required online reservation at Pismo Beach, please contact Mark Davis at (310) 892-9986 or mrkwdvs@gmail.com.

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Class

Throughout the month of April YG is studying a series called "Plot Twist." [Click here](#) to learn more about meeting times and this month's theme. Please help our students participate, learn, grow, and encourage one another by taking part in our weekly times together. The combined group gathers at 9am each Sunday.



Dinner, Worship, and Devotional / April 23

Once a month, the middle school and high school groups combine for a worship and devo night at various locations. They will gather from 5-7pm on Sunday, April 23 at the home of Amy & Travis Moore (12904 Sleepy Wind St. Moorpark). Dessert and drinks will be provided by the Moore's, but those attending should bring a dinner item to share with the group. Looking forward to another night of worshipping together!

Mexico Mission Team Meeting / April 23

Sunday, April 23, is our second 2023 Mission Trip Team Meeting. All Mission Team members need to attend the meeting at 1pm. The dates of the 2023 Mexico mission trip are June 25-30. Please remember to begin the process of obtaining your passport if you don't already have one. This year's mission

trip theme is "Strength in the Building." There is strength in the building of a house as you labor to complete the task. We learn to work together to build the house as we look to the interests of others, as we humble ourselves with hard work, and we get to be used by God as he builds more than just a house for a family in Mexico. As a part of God's family, we are strengthened as we work to build God's house and become more like Christ in our love and service to the world. [Click here](#) for more information on mission-team expectations and meeting dates.

Summer Camps: Early-Bird Registration...Now

Camp can be a profound spiritual experience for our kids. If you desire for your child to grow closer to God, camp is one of the greatest assets we have in helping that become a reality. Websites for each camp are listed for each camp below so that you can learn more about these great opportunities.

SoCal Teen Camp 2023 "Collide"

Teen Camp, *July 9-15*, is for students who have finished 8th-12th grades before camp. You can see more info about [Teen Camp](#) and complete the [early-bird registration](#) by connecting to the links. *Early-bird prices end May 1, so please register now.*

King's Kamp 2023 "Saddle Up"

King's Kamp, *July 23-29*, is for students who have finished 3rd-7th grades before camp. To learn more, please check out the [King's Kamp website](#). Early-bird registration is open through May 1 and forms are accessible on the website.

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 placed on a table in the entry way which leads to the Children's Ministry area.

Living Cross

This morning, during our worship service, our children are invited to create a "living cross" using flowers and greenery. Items from your yard are perfect! We will have flowers on hand for our visitors and for any members who might leave home without your flowers (we understand that can happen!).

Vacation Bible School 2023 / Volunteers Needed

Please save the date for VBS 2023. The theme this year is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Mark your calendars for your kids and for you. It's going to be out of this world! If you would like to help with VBS this year, please fill out the form at tinyurl.com/stellarhelp to let Haylie know your interest.

Current Children's Class Offerings

Bible Classes 9-10am

2s/3s - Leslie S., Sarah G.

Age 4-5th grade - Paula M., Patti F.

Worship Classes are available for children during the sermon.

Nursery - Katie C., Kelsey B., Harmony H.

2s/3s - Shaya B., Sarah G., Lauren K., Amy M., Kari O, Tami W.

Age 4-5th grade - Mark D., Dwayne H., Penny W., and Amber J.

Palm Sunday

Last week's Palm Sunday processional.



Memory Verse

Our memory verse is Colossians 3:2.

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

PREGNANCY: **Holly Chambers** (May)

NEW MEMBER: **Kim Milanovich**

THOSE GRIEVING

Susie Lindley – loss of husband, Jim Lindley

Dena, Elissa, Luke McAllister (former members) – loss of husband and father, Ted

Rene Heard – loss of mother, Joan Nicholas

Jacob, Ella, Kate, Tess Michael – loss of wife and mother, Joella

Jose Rivera – loss of father, Cecilio (Chilo) Rivero

Char Hurley – loss of mother, Linda Rice

Sam Jackson – loss of mother, Maudie Brown

Brittany Joyner – loss of uncle, Robin Miller

Matt Joyner – loss of grandmother, Mildred Eckstein

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 Scarberry

FIGHTING CANCER

Dede Koldyke (cousin of Steve Scott) – cancer has returned

Charlie Smith (brother-in-law of the Arganos) – recovering from recent surgery for colon cancer; undergoing chemo

Cindy Hall (cousin of Matt Joyner) – stage IV metastasized breast cancer

Lucia Campbell (mother of Guy Patenaude) – uterine cancer

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

Mary Goodner (aunt of Chris Heard) – in ICU following stroke

Tammy Roby (mother of Bonnie Rockey) – recovering from hand surgery

Jack Horn (coworker of Robert Charles) – lineman seriously injured by high voltage wire at work

Judy Tapper – recovery from most recent abdominal surgery

All who work outside during the extreme weather restoring

electricity, tree clean up, road repairs, and flooding issues from recent storms

Sharon Box (mother of Amy Moore) – undergoing tests to determine cause of confusion

Joe Reynolds (father of Brittany Joyner) – heart failure

Kathy Williams (mother of Lynn Burke) – recovering from recent surgeries for brain bleed

Calvin Hill (friend of Haylie Douglas) – hospitalized following car accident; severely burned, many complications

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

Carina Grant (granddaughter of Mark and Suzanne Scarberry) – prayers for health, comfort, peace, and caregiving stamina

Healing, peace, and justice in our nation and communities

Barb Suhr (friend of Char Hurley) – dealing with memory loss issues

Barbara Schlosser – recovery from a serious illness

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

Sonia Smithers – safety for friends and family in Ukraine

Martha Condley (daughter of Janie Condley) – lupus

Marilyn Aurand – spinal stenosis and seeking to improve mobility

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; transitioning to life stateside

Julie Broyles – Bible English Study Center in Cambodia

Made In The Streets – ministry to street kids in Nairobi, Kenya

Megan Randolph – Associate Director of Teacher Services, TeachBeyond

David & Danna Willis – mission work in Samoa

City of Children – celebrating 50 years of service!

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

April 2 Attendance	
On-Site Service	146
Online Viewing	73

April 2 Giving		\$14,681
Weekly Giving Average		\$14,862
Weekly Giving Budget		\$14,406
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,647,413
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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