



# CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BE the BLESSING

May 7, 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 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 12:00pm Old-Fashioned Potluck
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops
- 6:00pm Combined Youth Group Meeting at CVCC building

### Upcoming Events

- May 8 Monday Guys' Group
- May 8 Women's Bible Study
- May 10 Flourishing Families
- May 11 Life Group at the Fosters'
- May 13 Family and Friends Event: Harley's Simi Bowl
- May 19 Moms Better Together
- May 20 Hiking Ministry "Sycamore to the Sea"
- May 29 Memorial Day Picnic

### Birthdays This Week

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| Joselie Rivera | 5/7  |
| Kay Falletta   | 5/10 |
| Co Warford     | 5/12 |
| Mark Scarberry | 5/13 |

## Happy 50th Anniversary, Conejo!

*Andy Wall*

Every local congregation has an origin story and every origin story involves people with a dream. According to one document by early Conejo Church member Morris Womack, there were church leaders at the Camarillo Church of Christ as early as the summer of 1968 who had dreams of helping plant a congregation in the Conejo Valley within five years. In early 1973, meetings in local homes led to the securing of the Transcoast Savings and Loan building at Agoura Road and Westlake Blvd for Sunday services, with Glenn O'Neal, Billy Skillman, and Harmon Fox planning the first meetings of the congregation.

On March 11, 1973, the Conejo Valley Church of Christ was officially born. The first meeting was at 2pm, and Bible classes followed at 3pm. At that first meeting, Pat O'Neal led singing and Hugh Mingle preached the first sermon. The 53 people in attendance that day included Larry and Carol McNutt, who are with us still today! During those early months, the gathering venue changed from Transcoast Savings, to Thousand Oaks Resident Care Home (TORCH), to the Waverly School building, to Colina Middle School. The first person to be baptized into Christ as part of the Conejo Church was Janet Bundy, at the home of Jerry and Bettilou Lipham. The first part-time preacher was Roger Hawley, who preached until February, 1974, when Carl Mitchell began his years of fruitful ministry.

Early in 1974, the congregation purchased over four acres of property on the north side of Hillcrest Boulevard. Groundbreaking on the building began on January 18, 1975, the foundation was poured June 13, the first worship service in the new building was held on January 2, 1977, and the building dedication proper took place on March 13, 1977.

Since those early days, the Conejo Church has always supported mission efforts around the globe, both in sending individuals and in providing financial assistance for congregations overseas. Conejo has also invested significantly in the spiritual formation of children and teens, with leaders such as the Wileys, Resners, and Moores serving as early youth ministers. Our first recorded congregational youth trip to San Felipe was in November, 1973! Our congregation has also emphasized local ministry in the community, with early efforts including juvenile hall visits, a bus ministry, a "Bible Call" program, and meals for the homeless, among numerous others.

Why are we celebrating Conejo's 50th anniversary this week? Why share this rehearsal of Conejo's origin story? First, because we have much to be grateful for as we consider how God used those early individuals and families to pull together this congregation and to build the meeting place that has served us for nearly half a century. Second, it's good to remember that we are building upon the work of others, that we are the recipients of the sacrifices of earlier generations, and that we deeply value this legacy. Third, it's helpful to remember the dreams and dreamers who created our congregation even as we continue to build on those dreams and pursue fresh ways to serve and share the Good News with our neighborhood and community. May God bless the Conejo Church in our next 50 years of ministry! To God be the glory!

# What's Happening at Conejo



## Sermon: Celebrating God's Presence at Conejo

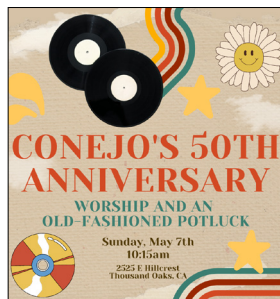
Today we are celebrating 50 years of ministry in the Conejo Valley and beyond for the Conejo Church of Christ! On this historic celebration, longtime servant leaders Rick and Paula Marrs will be reminiscing and reflecting on how God has blessed this church family over the years and how we might think about our shared future together.

## Welcome to our Guests!

We are so glad to have you visit with us. Whether you are new to the area, a former member who came to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of CVCC, or have just chosen to visit with us today, we feel blessed and thankful for the opportunity to spend the morning worshiping God with you. We hope that you will stay for the meal following this morning's service so that we can get to know you better.

## Conejo 50th Anniversary Celebration / May 7

Thank you for joining us to celebrate our congregation's 50th year of ministry in the Conejo Valley! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give praise for God's care, provision, and blessing of this congregation through the years. After the worship service, we'll share in a luncheon together. Please help us spread the word by inviting former Conejo members you're still in touch with and posting the news on social media. [Click for CVCC 50th flyer.](#)



## Medical Hope Chest for Ghana / May 14

Conejo is sponsoring five mobile medical clinics each year to remote villages in northern Ghana through the Yendi Church of Christ Medical Clinic as part of their community outreach and church planting efforts. Michael Williams and Mark Davis are traveling there on May 16 and will take basic medical supplies for the clinic. Please help us fill two "hope chests" before Sunday, May 14. There's a list of needed supplies in the chests in the church foyer or you can [click this link](#) or scan the QR code. Please contact Mark Davis at (310) 892-9986 if you have any questions.



## Scripture Up Close Class / Ruth Mini-Series

In the auditorium, we are continuing our 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. From May 7 through May 21, Rick Marrs will be leading a study of the book of Ruth.

## Prayer Class / Starts this Sunday

Rodney Smithers will be leading a class titled, *Developing a Closer Relationship with God through Prayer*, starting today. This discussion-oriented class will take place in the overflow classroom.

May 7 – Keeping Company with God

May 14 – The Language of Prayer

May 21 – Prayer Dilemmas

May 28 – The Practice of Prayer

## Moms Better Together / May 19

Moms of all ages are invited and encouraged to be a part of Moms Better Together.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, May 19, from 5:45 to 7:45pm at the CVCC church building. Please

[click here](#) to sign up for the event. Since we will share a meal, we need to know how many are coming.



## Spring Sycamore to the Sea Hike / May 20



Save the date! For those of you who remember the Hike and Bike from a decade ago, you won't want to miss this month's hike which begins in Newbury Park and ends in Malibu. In August, this hike was beautiful, but very hot and dry. Following the wet winter, we are hopeful to see beautiful green hills and babbling

brooks. We'd love to encourage more teens, families, and young professionals to join us on this 8 mile (virtually all downhill) hike which will end with a picnic on the beach. For more information please contact Lynn Burke at (805) 273-4565, or Jon Burke at (805) 284-1111.

## 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 details and how to make your required online reservation at Pismo Beach, please contact Mark Davis at (310) 892-9986 or [mrkwdvs@gmail.com](mailto:mrkwdvs@gmail.com).

# High School + Middle School

## Youth-Led Service Thank You

A huge thank you to the youth group for leading our hearts in worship last Sunday. Thank you for the beautiful prayers, heart-felt meditations, and scriptures you chose to read. Each member of our youth group and children's ministry adds so much life and hope to our church family. Thank you for your courage and faithful witness as you praise God on the good days and the not-so-good days. Your church family loves and treasures each one of you!

## Youth Group Bible Class

Throughout the month of May YG is studying a series called "Reasonable Doubt." [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 group gathers at 9am and 6pm each Sunday.

## Harley's Simi Bowl / May 13

The next family & friends event is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. We have 10 lanes reserved at Harley's Simi Bowl from 5:30-7:30pm. The cost is \$24 per person, which pays for 2 hours of bowling, shoes, and pizza/soda for dinner. If you bring a friend/family from outside of CVCC, it is free for your family and those you invited. This event is for families and friends of Conejo's youth and children's ministry. Please [click here](#) to sign up now!



# 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.

## 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., Amy M., Kari O, Tami W.

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

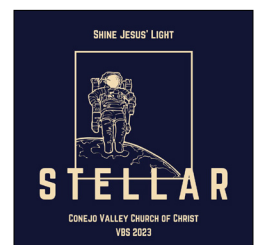
## Memory Verse

But I trust in your faithful love.  
My heart is filled with joy because you save me.  
I will sing to the Lord.  
He has been so good to me.

**Psalm 13:5-6**

## 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 June 19 through June 22. 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](http://tinyurl.com/stellarhelp) to let Haylie know of your interest.



# Prayer Corner

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

## PRAISES

**PREGNANCY: Holly Chambers** (May)

**BIRTHS: Martin Donald Joseph Sanders**, son of Brian and Molly Sanders and grandson of **Ed and Sheryl Sanders** was born on April 21

**NEW MEMBER: Kim Milanovich**

## THOSE GRIEVING

**Susie Lindley** – loss of husband, Jim Lindley

**Dena, Elissa, Luke McAllister** – 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

**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

**Lucinda Hodges** (sister-in-law of Darlene Rivas) – multiple myeloma and cardiac amyloidosis

**Kurt Krebs** (friend of Ed and Sheryl Sanders) – multiple myeloma

**Justice Howard** (cousin of Yashica Budde) – thyroid cancer

## VARIOUS CONCERNS

**Mary Goodner** (aunt of Chris Heard) – recovering in rehab from recent 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

**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

**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 30 Attendance	
On-Site Service	163
Online Viewing	95

April 30 Giving		\$12,800
Weekly Giving Average		\$13,828
Weekly Giving Budget		\$14,406
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,647,863
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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