



BE *the* BLESSING

June 11, 2023

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We pray you will encounter God as we worship together.

Today

- 9:00am Senior Celebration Sunday
- 9:00am Bible Classes for All Ages
- 10:00am Virtual Meet-and-Greet via YouTube Chat
- 10:15am On-Site and Virtual Service via YouTube
- 1:00pm Baby Shower for Brendin and Kaitlyn Williamson
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops
- 5:30pm HS Graduation Dinner

Upcoming Events

- Jun 7 Flourishing Families
- Jun 10 Saturday Guys' Golfing
- Jun 15 Summer Youth Series #1
- Jun 16 Moms Better Together
- Jun 17 Hiking Ministry
- Jun 18 Newborn Dedication Service
- Jun 19-22 Vacation Bible School
- Jun 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip

Birthdays This Week

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| Kim Milanovich | 6/14 |
| Stan Thomas | 6/16 |

The Benefits of Advice

Andy Wall

I enjoy reading the various "best of" and "worst of" lists that come out at the end of the year. One variation of that theme that caught my eye last December was a crowdsourced "Best Advice You Received This Year" list. I was fascinated by the variety and (often) the pertinence of the advice for me! Here's a sampling.

- "In your closet and your life, subtract whenever you add."
- "Stop and recognize happy moments when you're in the middle of them. Literally stop and say out loud, 'This is a happy time.'"
- "Parent the child you have. Stop trying to make your child quieter, louder, more outgoing, more interested in things their sibling likes; appreciate the unique small person you've been given."
- "Everyone is going through something."
- "I like to remind myself that my track record for getting through bad days is 100 percent, and that's pretty good."
- "Be where your feet are."
- "Don't pickle things. In other words, if you have something special, use it now."
- "If there were a right way to raise a child, everyone would do it the same way."
- "Never accept work where you're not learning."
- "Move your body every day." (My version of this is, "Moving is winning.")
- "You don't always have to have the last word with your children."
- "You cannot learn anything when you are talking."
- "Walk toward the monster (the pain, the scary thing, the grief)."
- "Things don't have to be perfect to be wonderful." (Advice from a wedding coordinator.)

I've been told that people don't like to be given advice. But the fact that advice lists exist (and that I enjoy them!) suggests to me that it's not that we don't appreciate sage advice; rather, it may have more to do with who is giving the advice or how that advice is being offered. God pity the fool who is "above" advice; even more so for the one who refuses to benefit from the wisdom of Scripture.

For our high school graduates, I'm sure you'll be receiving lots of advice as you wrap things up. Here are three tidbits from me as your move into the excitement of all that yet awaits you. "Remember you are deeply loved—by God and by all of us." "When in doubt, practice generosity." "Enjoy the gift of each day—even the overcast ones."



2023 High School Graduates



Ashleigh Baird

Grace Brethren

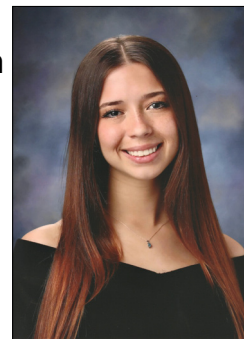
Plans to attend
Harding University
August 2023
to study
English and History



Taylor de Bruyn

Thousand Oaks HS

Plans to attend
Pepperdine University
August 2023
to study Biology



Please [click here](#) to see the insert of this year's high school graduates.

What's Happening At Conejo



Sermon Series: "Talk With Me"

In this four-part sermon series, we're exploring the art of caring conversations. This week, we'll consider how conversations go to the dark side. There's no question that in our time, the willingness to practice civility and kindness, to assume noble intent, and to make allowances for honest differences are all in short supply. So what can help us to have better conversations, particularly in the face of our pluralistic society? And what pitfalls must we work hard to avoid in our conversations with each other?

Prayer Class

Rodney Smithers is wrapping up a class entitled *Developing a Closer Relationship with God through Prayer*. This discussion-oriented class takes place in the overflow classroom. The final class, taking place today, will reflect on "The Practice of Prayer."

Scripture Up Close Class / Epistle of James

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. This week, Jack Williamson will teach on the epistle of James.

Please Support our Summer Camps

After the pandemic, our summer camps have had a slow ramp-up toward what was normal before COVID-19. Due to low registration and rising costs, both Teen Camp and King's Kamp have depleted their reserve funds. We are reaching out to churches and church members all over southern California asking them to consider donating to a camp fund that will be evenly split between Teen Camp and King's Kamp. You can donate directly through this link: [Camp Support Fund](#). Be sure to select "Camp Support Fund" from the drop down menu.

There is also a new book available you can purchase on Amazon containing nine weeks of daily devotional readings taken from the last decade of Teen Camp. All proceeds from the sale of this book go directly to the camp fund. You can see the book and purchase it through this link: [Just Be: Quiet Times from SoCal Teen Camp](#).

Baby Shower for Brendin and Kaitlyn / Today

There will be a baby shower for Brendin and Kaitlyn Williamson on Sunday, June 11, at the home of Joy and David Rhoades, 6035 Kerrmoor Drive, Westlake Village. This is a co-ed come-and-go event which begins at 1pm and runs to 4pm. Baby Registry Link. Click the [Baby Gift Registry](#) to see the items that Brendin and Kaitlyn have selected for their coming baby.



Welcome to the World, Lara Elizabeth Chambers!

Bonnie Rockey has created a meal train for Vincent, Holly, and Evie as they adjust to life with little Lara. Please [click this meal delivery link](#) to sign-up for a date to bless the Chambers family.

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 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 Event Calendar

There are many opportunities for us to share life, build deeper friendships, and grow in our faith this coming summer. [YG Summer Events Calendar](#).

Senior Sunday and Graduate Banquet / Today

Today is the day we honor our 2023 high school graduates. We will have a "web of love" during Bible class where we will share memories and things that we appreciate about the graduating seniors. During the service, they are presented with Bibles filled with encouraging messages from members of their Conejo church family. The senior Bibles will be available in the foyer for you to write words of encouragement, favorite scriptures, or some nuggets of wisdom for this next chapter of life. Immediately after our worship service, we invite all who can to help move chairs and set up tables. Those helping Lauren decorate for the event should plan to get started with Lauren around noon.

At 5:30pm, we come back to celebrate with the seniors and their families, enjoy dinner, games, and family blessings together. Parents, please make sure your kids are involved in this important day for our seniors!

Summer Youth Series #1 / June 15

This Thursday, our summer intern, Nico, will start a series he has been preparing called *Disclosed: God revealed through Christ*. This series will cover the story of Jesus and how God is uniquely revealed through the life and death of the Son of God. More specifically, Nico hopes the participants will leave with a better

understanding of what is unique about each gospel. Middle school, high school, and college-aged adults are all invited. Each series meeting will go from 6-8pm and consist of time for dinner/fellowship, games, a Bible lesson, and experiential learning. Afterwards, all are encouraged to grab ice cream together. Hope to see you at SYS #1!

Summer Bonfires are BACK! / June 20

During the summer, youth groups from Hilltop, Culver Palms, CVCC, and University Church come together for bonfires at Dockweiler Beach. The first bonfire is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20. The van leaves Conejo at 3:30pm and returns at 10pm. Those going should bring their own dinner and what they need for the beach. RSVP for a van spot with Travis. Both middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to attend the bonfires. Parents, we may need drivers to help carpool depending on how many attend. These gatherings are a great opportunity to make new friends with kids from other churches and build positive memories tied to Christ!



Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School 2023 / Register today!

Come join the fun! VBS registration is open! Stop by the table outside or fill out the Google form below to sign up the kids today. Our four-day VBS runs Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22, from 9am-12pm. Invite your friends and family to join us, just make sure to register for them too!



[Stellar VBS Registration Form](#)
[Volunteer Form \(adult and teen\)](#)



VBS



VBS



Shine Jesus' Light

Current Children's Class Offerings

Bible Classes 9-10am

2s/3s - Amy Moore

Age 4-5th grade - David Rhoades.

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.

Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

PREGNANCIES: **Morgan Williamson** (July), **Kaitlyn Williamson** (September)

BIRTHS: **Lara Elizabeth Chambers** was born to **Vincent and Holly Chambers** on Monday, May 29

ENGAGEMENT: **John Stephens** and **Ellie Cirillo** were recently engaged; they are planning to marry in November 2023

THOSE GRIEVING

Andrew Clark – loss of mother, Kerrie Clark

Friends and family of **Barbara Schlosser** (former member)

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) – her 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

Brittany Joyner – recovering from recent eye surgery

John Aurand (caregiver for Marilyn Aurand) – recovering from recent back surgery

Jerry Roby (grandfather of Bonnie Rockey; father of Brett Roby) – in hospital with heart issues

Mary Goodner (aunt of Chris Heard) – recovering at home 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; prayers requested for his physical, emotional, spiritual healing and hope as well as for his wife and 3 small children

Joe Reynolds (father of Brittany Joyner) – heart failure

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

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

Calvin Hill (friend of Haylie Douglas) – 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

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

Caleb Rodriguez (son of Marcus and Julia) – ongoing seizures

Carol McNutt – neuropathy

MISSION EFFORTS

African Mission Hospital – support to Mobile Medical Mission Clinics in Ghana

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

City of Children – celebrating 50 years of service!

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

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

June 4 Attendance	
On-Site Service	135
Online Viewing	68

June 4 Giving		\$11,390
Weekly Giving Average		\$13,001
Weekly Giving Budget		\$14,406
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,649,697
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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