

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

June 18, 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 Service via YouTube
- 10:30am Infant Dedication Service
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops

Upcoming Events

- Jun 19-22 Vacation Bible School
- Jun 24 Summer Youth Series #2
- Jun 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip
- July 5-8 Annual Pismo Camping Trip

Birthdays This Week

Ed Sanders	6/19
Zach Johnson	6/20
David Stephens	6/21
Carlton Norris	6/23
Grace Moore	6/24

For Dads on Father's Day

Andy Wall

"My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived and let me watch him do it."

—Clarence Budington Kelland

"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get."

—Tim Russert

Happy Father's Day, dads! Whether you receive ties, BBQ utensils, power tools, or hand-crafted cards, I hope you get to connect today with those who call you "Dad."

Newsweek magazine once ran a cover story on former General Electric CEO Jack Welch and his book, *Winning*. Lionized for helping GE grow over a hundred-fold during his twenty-year tenure, Welch wrote his book to describe his eight "rules" for running a successful business. While Welch obviously knew how to run a large company, I was stunned by one of his comments on work and family: "Your boss's top priority is competitiveness. Of course he wants you to be happy, but only inasmuch as it helps the company win. In fact, if he is doing his job right, he is making your job so exciting that your personal life becomes a less compelling draw."

Welch's phrase that stuck in my mind is "that your personal life becomes a less compelling draw." What did he mean? I wanted to ask, "You mean things like marriage, kids, service to others, or health?" Two weeks after the cover story, in a letter to the Newsweek editor, a reader reacted to that statement: "Jack Welch's views on "winning" epitomize the pathology of American culture: addiction to power, status and money at the expense of family."

Jack Welch was much admired by many. Newsweek wouldn't have put him on its cover if he wasn't. But on this Father's Day, I want to remind our dads that no one ever lies on his deathbed and wishes he had put in more hours at the office. Yes, we do have work responsibilities and we are called by God to carry them out with due diligence and excellence. However, if you don't make time to be your kids' dad, who will?

Here's a final quote, both challenging yet reassuring, from J. Philip Wogaman: "On all hands we see people who need to be successful as a way of reassuring themselves that their lives matter. It is a way of saving oneself, peculiarly suited to the modern world. Christians do not need this form of reassurance, having already the deeper assurance of God's love in Jesus Christ."



Infant Dedication 2023

Happy Father's Day! Today, we will offer blessings and prayers for our newborns as we dedicate these precious ones to the Lord during our worship service. We will follow the biblical examples of Hannah (1 Samuel 1:27-28) and Joseph and Mary (Luke 2:22) in dedicating our infants to the Lord and dedicating ourselves to their spiritual training. As a congregation, we believe that God has called us to be the spiritual family of these little ones and that it is our privilege to partner with their parents to support their spiritual formation and development. Come and share in this important service of celebration and commitment! Please click the links below to see the blessings for each of these children from their parents. For a collection of the four blessings, [click here](#).

Jamisen Mae

February 8, 2021
Andrew and Lexy C.

Brynn Violet

July 22, 2022
Daelan and Lauren K-B.

Luka William

September 17, 2022
Brian and Sonia S.

Lara Elizabeth

May 29, 2023
Vincent and Holly C.

What's Happening at Conejo



Sermon Series: "Talk With Me"

In this final message on the art of Christ-formed conversation-making, we'll reflect on six themes to help us connect more deeply with others. We humans are social, emotional, physical, cognitive, volitional, and spiritual beings. Cultivating our interpersonal curiosity across these six dimensions of life will provide us a never-ending stream of questions to build deeper connections in our relationships with family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, teammates, and associates.

Welcome to Conejo!

Last week, we welcomed **Christopher Jerabek** to the Conejo church family. Today, we are delighted to welcome **Andrew, Lexy, and Jamisen Clark**. We look forward to sharing in ministry and community with each of you. Our prayer is that you will be blessed by your association with this church family and that you will be encouraged to grow in faith, love, and service to others.

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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 book of James.

Summer Adult Education Class

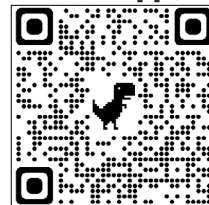
Starting next Sunday, we'll begin our summer auditorium class titled, "Sunday Morning Book Club." In this class, a variety of

people will be sharing about a favorite book they've read (fiction or nonfiction) that has impacted, blessed, or deepened their faith. If you're interested in leading one of these summer classes, please contact Andy Wall.

Baby Shower for Brendin and Kaitlyn Williamson



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. Or, you may connect to the camp support fund through the QR Code listed above.

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](#).

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

Senior Sunday and Graduate Banquet Thank You!

Thank you to those who came out to celebrate and honor our graduating high school seniors! Sharing a meal together, having some fun as a family, and listening to parents give a word of blessing to the kids they are so proud of is something we look forward to each year. Thank you to those who supplied the food and decorations and to everyone who helped with the set up and clean up!



"Disclosed: God revealed through Christ" / June 23

This past Thursday, Nico began a series on the Gospels looking at how God is uniquely revealed through the life and death of Jesus, the Son of God. We explored Matthew's perspective and enjoyed some interactive games, snacks, and fellowship. Join

us for SYS#2 next Friday from 6-8pm at the church building. Members of the Youth Group, their friends, and college-aged students are all invited.

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!



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](#).

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School 2023 / Register today!

Come join the fun! VBS blasts off Monday morning. We will run Monday through Thursday from 9am-noon. Thursday starting at 6:30, join us for a performance from our kiddos as they show off what they have learned! It's not too late to register your kids! We hope to see y'all there!

[Stellar VBS Registration Form](#)

[Volunteer Form \(adult and teen\)](#)

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

Current Children's Class Offerings

Bible Classes 9-10am

2s/3s - Tammy D.

Age 4-5th grade - Stu and Co W.

Worship Classes are available for children during the sermon.

Nursery - Katie C.

2s/3s - Sarah G., Amy M., Kari O.

Age 4-5th grade - Mark D., Dwayne H., Kathia K., and Travis M.

Sign In, Please!

Parents, please remember to sign in your children for Bible class and worship!



VBS



VBS



Shine Jesus' Light

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

WEDDING: **Jessica Wall** and **Richard Smith** on June 25

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

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 Condeley (daughter of Janie Condeley) – 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 11 Attendance	
On-Site Service	127
Online Viewing	135

June 11 Giving		\$7,146
Weekly Giving Average		\$12,757
Weekly Giving Budget		\$14,406
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,649,747
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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