

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

July 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 Service via YouTube Mission Trip Report with Youth Group
- 11:45am Virtual Lobby
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops

Upcoming Events

- July 9-15 SoCal Teen Camp "Collide"
- July 15 CVCC Hiking Ministry
- July 16 All Sing and Ice Cream
- July 18 Bonfire Night @ Dockweiler Beach
- July 20 SYS Finale—Disclosed
- July 21 Moms Better Together
- July 23-29 King's Kamp—Saddle Up
- July 30 Won by One Concert

Birthdays This Week

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| Kari Odenath | 7/10 |
| Pat Tudor | 7/10 |
| Dwayne Hunnicutt | 7/11 |
| Yashica Budde | 7/16 |
| Maureen Thomas | 7/16 |

Living the Questions of Faith

Andy Wall

We humans are an innately curious bunch, always exploring new places, tinkering with better ways of doing things, looking for solutions to life's challenges, and seeking answers to questions of every sort. This human curiosity is also seen in us as believers as we seek deeper understandings of God's workings in the world and a clearer sense of what God desires for our lives. Small wonder, then, that the Scriptures are full of questions as well: questions God asked of people, questions people asked of God, questions Jesus asked, questions people asked of Jesus, questions Jesus asked in response to people's questions. The Bible is chock full of questions, profound questions, enduring questions, questions that probe and search us.

Consider the following sampling of questions from Scripture.

- Cain: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)
- God: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14)
- Elijah: "How long will you go limping with two different opinions?" (1 Kings 18:21)
- Job: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (Job 2:10)
- Psalmist: "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?" (Psalm 13:1)
- God: "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?" (Job 38:4)
- Qoheleth: "What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?" (Ecclesiastes 1:3)
- God: "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" (Isaiah 40:25)
- Jesus: "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)
- Jesus: "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3)
- Teacher of the Law: "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)
- Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:67)
- Angel: "Why do you seek the living with the dead?" (Luke 24:5)
- Paul: "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Corinthians 4:7)
- Paul, quoting from Job: "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" (Romans 11:34)
- Paul: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)
- James: "What is your life?" (James 4:14)

Our summer sermon series is going to reflect on a variety of questions that are raised in the pages and stories of Scripture. It's telling that our word question contains the word quest. Often, the right question will send us on a journey in search of something valuable. The poet Rainer Maria Rilke reminds us that the deepest questions of life and faith are likely to yield their answers gradually, even painstakingly. "Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

What's Happening At Conejo



Today's Sermon: "Living the Questions of Faith"

This Sunday we're kicking off our summer series exploring a variety of questions raised in the pages and stories of Scripture. Some will be questions that God asks of us and some will be questions we ask of God. We'll begin our series with the question asked of Elijah after he fled to the wilderness following Queen Jezebel's threat on his life. At the cave on Mount Horeb, God asked him: What are you doing here? It's a question God might well ask us when we feel alone in a dark and hopeless place.

Welcome to Our Guests!

We are so glad to have you visit with us. Whether you are new to the area or have just chosen to visit with us today, we feel blessed and thankful for the opportunity to spend the morning worshipping God with you.

Please fill out a welcome card (from beneath the chair in front of you) with your name and at least your email address. Then, drop it into the "offering bag" as these are passed or into the wooden box marked "offering" in the foyer. Having that information enables us to share information with you about the upcoming events and ministry of this church.

Summer Adult Education Class

Our summer auditorium class is 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. This week, Christopher Chesnutt will be reflecting on Augustine's classic, "Confessions," which is the first spiritual autobiography ever written. If you're interested in leading one of these summer classes, please contact Andy Wall.

Pismo Summer Camp Event

This past week several of our members spent time together on Pismo Beach enjoying God's beautiful creation and deepening friendships with members of our church family.



Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

Most months, there are special opportunities for fellowship on the third Fridays and Saturdays of the month. This month is no exception. On the third Saturday, July 15, the **CVCC Hiking Ministry Group** will meet at 8:30am at [King Gillette Ranch](#) (26800 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas 91302). Contact Lynn Burke

for additional information (805) 273-4565.

On the third Friday, July 21, the group for moms of all ages, **Moms Better Together**, will meet at the church building from 5:45 to 7:45pm to share a meal and have a time to share with and encourage one another. Watch CVCC Facebook page or next week's Family News for a link to RSVP for this event.

All Sing and Ice Cream / July 16, 6pm

Come join us for a favorite summer tradition at Conejo on Sunday evening, July 16, as we enjoy an evening of singing and ice cream. If you're able, please bring a batch of your favorite homemade ice cream (store bought ice cream works too!). Come for the heart-felt praises and beautiful harmonies, stay for the delicious dessert and summer fellowship!



Won by One Concert / July 30, 6pm

Come join us for Won By One's final concert of their summer tour on Sunday evening, July 30. Won by One is a six-member a cappella performing group representing Pepperdine University. The group works in connection with the Office of Church Relations and the Office of Admissions to strengthen ties between Pepperdine and the Churches of Christ and to recruit Christian students for the University. In addition to its work for Pepperdine, Won by One is a dynamic music ministry that seeks to bring its audiences closer to God.



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.

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Class

Throughout the summer, the YG has chosen to study 1 Samuel on Sunday mornings during class time. 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.

Teen Camp & Kings Kamp

Please pray for our upcoming camps! It is our desire for our kids to come to know Jesus, experience the great love of God, and find their place in His family. May God get the glory as we work towards creating positive memories that are tied to Christ!

Family & Friends Night at Dude Perfect / July 15

It's time to reconnect with our friends from outside of Conejo. This Saturday night, July 15, we will head to Dude Perfect at the Kia Forum. The event will be from 4 to 10pm. Tickets are \$75 per person. The event is \$10 for Conejo members who invite a friend/family who aren't members of CVCC. Our desire is to keep working toward creating a culture that continues to invite friends to Conejo events. Families in the children's and youth ministries are encouraged to attend and invite friends. Please [click here for a printable flyer](#) to share with friends.

Summer Bonfire Night #3 / July 18

During the summer, youth groups from Hilltop, Culver Palms, CVCC, and University Church come together for bonfires at Dockweiler Beach. These gatherings are a great opportunity to make new friends with kids from other churches and build positive memories tied to Christ! We will leave Conejo at 2pm

and return at 10pm. Bring your own dinner and what you need for the beach. Please let Travis know if you need a spot in the church van. Parents who are available to drive are encouraged to volunteer to take some of the students if we have a group larger than 12 attend.

"Disclosed: God Revealed Through Christ" / July 20

Our summer intern, Nico, has been leading a wonderful series on the Gospels looking at how God is uniquely revealed through the life and death of Jesus the Son of God (#bookends). We explored Matthew, Mark, and Luke's perspective and enjoyed some interactive games, snacks, and fellowship. Make plans to join us for the series finale looking at the gospel of John on Friday, July 20 from 6-8pm at the church building. Youth group, friends, and college-aged students are all invited.

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

Sign In, Please!

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

Current Children's Class Offerings

Bible Classes 9-10am

2s/3s - Tim Willis

Age 4-5th grade - Jack Williamson

Worship Classes are available for children during the sermon.

Nursery - Katie C.

2s/3s - Rene H., Sarah G.

Age 4-5th grade - Penny White

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."
Psalms 13:5-6

Rattlesnake Awareness

Just a reminder to our parents and children. As the weather gets warmer, there are snakes on the property from time to time. **Parents, please be sure that children stay out of the flowerbeds and plant areas between the upper and lower parking lots.**

Saddle Up!

King's Kamp is in just two short weeks! A packing list can be found at kingskamp.org. If you want to work on some Bible prep with your kamper beforehand, take a look through James to get them ready for some awesome learning while at Kamp!



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

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

ENGAGEMENT: **Casey Rhoades** is engaged to Brittany Burrows
WEDDING: **Jessica Wall** and Richard Smith on June 25

NEW MEMBERS: **Javon Johnson; Christopher Jerabek; Andrew, Lexy, and Jamisen Clark**

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

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

Susan Kenny (sister of Kimberly Thomson) – fighting Babesiosis

Amy Romans (mother of Jake Romans) – recovering from major leg surgery

Reilly Phillips (son of Phil and Heather Phillips) – recently diagnosed with Type I Diabetes

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) – dealing with problematic 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) – hospitalized with pneumonia and COVID

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 upcoming surgery

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

Raul and Betty Alvarado – mission efforts in Panama

Baja Missions – Baja California, Mexico

Julie Broyles – Bible English Study Center (BEST) in Cambodia

City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico

Charles and Darlene Coulston – Made in the Streets Ministry in Nairobi, Kenya

Medical Clinic Mission Support – Ghana

Daniel and Karly Napier – Thessaloniki, Greece

Megan Randolph – Associate Director of Teacher Services, TeachBeyond

David and Danna Willis and family (brother of Tim 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

| July 2 Attendance | |
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| On-Site Service | 128 |
| Online Viewing | 174 |

| July 2 Giving | \$12,394 |
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| Weekly Giving Average | \$12,466 |
| Weekly Giving Budget | \$14,406 |
| Be the Blessing Giving (To Date) | \$1,650,739 |
| Property Settlement | \$225,000 |

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