



# BE *the* BLESSING

July 30, 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, Michael Williams Preaching
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops
- 6:00pm Won By One Concert

### Upcoming Events

- Aug 5 Anchor Meet Up!
- Aug 6 Jacob Michael Preaching
- Aug 12 Family and Friends Outreach Event Surf Lessons at Malibu Makos
- Aug 13 Adult Education Team Meeting
- Aug 18 Moms Better Together
- Aug 19 Hiking Ministry Outing
- Aug 20 Student / Teacher Blessing
- Sep 3 Fall Kickoff Sunday and Breakfast

### Birthdays This Week

Ty De Long	8/4
Robert Charles	8/6
Steve Scott	8/6
Chris Stivers	8/6
Kellie Van Atta	8/6

### Sabbatical Plans

Travis Moore and Andy Wall

In 2004, the Conejo elders adopted a sabbatical policy for our ministers which understands the need to replenish ministry capacity and to refill the wells of inspiration and creativity through renewal. During this Sunday's worship, we'll be praying for Travis Moore and his family as he enters into a season of ministerial leave. The following information comes from a document Travis prepared for the Conejo elders outlining the purpose and details of his ministerial leave and has been edited for space and clarity. Please keep Travis, Amy, Allie, and Grace in your prayers as they share in this time of renewal.

*The year 2023 marks the 16th year I have been in youth ministry. Conejo is the third church I have worked for and the only one with a sabbatical policy. When I was hired in 2015, I was really excited when I found out about the possibility of going on ministerial leave. One of the most difficult things for the minister is balance. It can be very difficult to find adequate time for spiritual reflection in the midst of balancing week-to-week activities, being present for your family, and handling the unexpected things that life throws at us. One can experience feelings of burnout when there is an imbalance. Whether it's never saying "no" to things, overcommitting yourself, or feeling the stress of not being present for your family, imbalance is a real challenge. Following the pandemic, I have a yearning for greater balance, a chance to reflect on these last eight years, and gain fresh perspective for future ministry goals and initiatives at Conejo.*

*This past year, I began to work on an imbalance in my life that I had been unhappy with for years. I began to put more energy into healing my relationship with food, educating myself on which foods were actually good for me, and putting in some extra work to reach a healthier place. In a lot of ways, I view a ministerial leave in the same way: as a purpose-filled extended time for personal reflection, waiting on God, learning, having fun, healing, establishing habits that will bring better balance, and creating new vision and goals for ministry moving forward. My proposed plan will try to touch on all of these things during the allotted three-month timespan. I am truly excited about this opportunity, and I know that ultimately, we cannot give from a cup that God hasn't poured into himself. I seek to be poured into...*

Travis's time of ministerial leave will begin Tuesday, August 1 and extend through Tuesday, October 31. This season will include the following activities:

- A family trip to Maui to create new experiences and memories together
- An 15 week online class for Travis through the Center for Action and Contemplation taught by Richard Rohr
- Two overnight trips, one with Allie, one with Grace
- One weekend away with Amy to intentionally reflect on and honor our vows
- A stay at the New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, CA to spend extended time in silence, prayer, meditation, and reflection
- Three night stay with mentor Bobby Valentine in Antioch to have conversations about life, longevity in ministry, and the history of the Churches of Christ
- Attend a theology camp to extend my ministry education through conversation with experienced speakers, ministers, and teachers of God's Word
- Additional sabbatical activities will include visiting a variety of Southern California churches, reading books on contemplative practice and sustainable youth ministry, taking several hikes around Southern California, and sharing lunches with mentors in Southern California

# What's Happening At Conejo

## Thank you and Blessings

Doug and Kathia King have begun the process of moving to Oahu, Hawaii to begin a new job for Doug. For the past 7 years, Kathia has served as an office manager for Conejo Church, helping with logistics for our weekly worship, special events, community communication, church finances, office operations, building usage, and church supplies. She has been a valued member of our church staff, offering encouragement and support to our ministers and the various activities of our congregation. Kathia, thank you for your years of service at Conejo. We appreciate you and pray God's richest blessings on you and Doug as you enter into the next exciting chapter of your lives!



## Summer Sermon Series: "Living the Questions of Faith"

Today, Conejo's own Michael Williams is preaching, sharing a message titled "Who do the crowds say that I am?" from Luke 9:18. Our perceptions of God shape our views of ourselves, and how we treat others. We'll review three examples: Abram - Abraham; Saul - Paul; and Simon - Peter. In each we see a follower of God dealing with a paradigm shift in their own view of who God is. Not that God is changing, but their perceptions of him are. That change of perception and perspective changes not just their view of God, but of themselves and ultimately their families and even cultures.

## Auditorium Class / Fifth Sunday Missions Update

This Sunday during our auditorium Bible class, we'll be hearing updates from several members of Conejo's Mission Committee (MC) about several of the mission efforts we're involved in around the world. The MC is excited to revitalize our connection and appreciation of the dedicated missionaries we support and the unique ways in which the gospel is being shared and embodied around the world. Please come join us!

## Sunday Morning Book Club

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 class will resume next week (8/6), when Rodney Smithers will reflect on Jim Cymbala's book, "Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire." If you're interested in leading one of these summer classes, please contact Andy Wall.

## Thanks for Supporting Our Summer Camps

A few weeks ago, we requested help to rebuild the operational and reserve funds for both Teen Camp and King's Kamp. These had been depleted with lower numbers of registrations in the slow ramp up following the COVID pandemic. We reached out to churches and church members all over southern California with the goal of raising \$30,000 to be evenly split between the two camps. Now, just a few weeks later, we are overjoyed to

give a great word of "THANKS!" for the outpouring of generosity and support. As of the date of this writing, we have received almost \$33,000 in donations and commitments! Our summer camps will easily be set for the next few years as we work and pray to build our registration numbers back up to the pre-pandemic levels and beyond. We thank God for his grace and thank you, his people, for your generosity!

## Won by One Concert / July 30, 6pm

Come join us for Won By One's final concert of their summer tour this evening.



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.

## Sunday Morning Coffee

For the next 2 Sundays, David Green, our faithful Coffee and Donut volunteer, will be out of town. In his absence, Kay Falletta will bring the donuts. We kindly ask that you bring your own coffee if that is something you need for our time together.



## All-Sing and Ice Cream





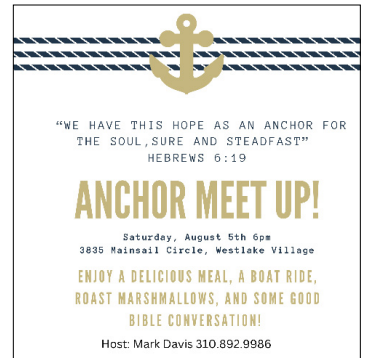
# High School + Middle School

## Teen Camp Fun 2023



### Anchor Meet Up

All of the Middle School and High School Guys are invited and encouraged to gather at 3835 Mainsail Circle on Saturday, August 5, at 6pm. Guys, come and enjoy a delicious meal and a boat ride, roast some marshmallows, and have conversation about the Bible.



### Family and Friends Surf Lesson

The next Family and Friends event will be a morning of surfing lessons at Malibu Makos. The cost is \$75 per person. This pays for surfing instruction, boards/wetsuits, and lunch afterwards. (This cost is \$0 if you bring a friend.) The event will take place on Saturday, August 12, from 9am to 11am. Please arrive closer to 8:30 so we can get everyone fitted for a wetsuit and turn in liability waivers. We will meet at Zuma Tower 16, you will want to pay to park in the Zuma lot and drive all the way north to tower 16.



# Children's Ministry

### Sign In, Please!

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

### Updated Roster Information

Parents - Please fill out this [Google form \(https://forms.gle/S6yojvVZ2K6y8Y9T9\)](https://forms.gle/S6yojvVZ2K6y8Y9T9) so we have updated and accurate information on all of our children! Thank you!

### Current Children's Class Offerings

Bible Classes 9-10am

2s/3s - \_\_\_\_\_, Sarah Green

Age 4-5th grade - Bill Foster

Worship Classes are available for children during the sermon.

Nursery - \_\_\_\_\_

2s/3s - Kari Odenath, Sarah Green

Age 4-5th grade - Dwayne Hunnicutt

### 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.**

### 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*

## King's Kamp Fun 2023



# Prayer Corner

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

## PRAISES

**PREGNANCIES:** **Kaitlyn Williamson** (September), **Rob and Alyssa West** (November)  
**BIRTHS:** **Palmer Tate Williamson** was born to **Caleb and Morgan Williamson** on July 21

## 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  
**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) – undergoing chemo for colon cancer

**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

**John Willis** (father of Tim Willis) – on hospice care; prayers appreciated  
**Ryan Gunderson** (grandson of Bob and Susan Pratt) – recovering from brain surgery  
**Doug and Kathia King** – as they prepare to move to Oahu for a new job  
**Peggy Alsop** (friend of Wall family) – regaining of appetite and strength as she fights late stage COPD  
**Safety for all who work outside during the extreme heat** – linemen, firemen, construction workers  
**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  
**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 as he recovers at home  
**Joe Reynolds** (father of Brittany Joyner) – heart failure  
**Sharon Box** (mother of Amy Moore) – hospitalized with pneumonia and COVID  
**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 surgery and recovery  
**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  
**Medial 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 23 Attendance	
On-Site Service	105
Online Viewing	100

July 23 Giving		\$8,283
Weekly Giving Average		\$12,169
Weekly Giving Budget		\$14,406
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)		\$1,650,989
Property Settlement		\$225,000

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