

# CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BE the BLESSING

August 13, 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
- 12:30pm Adult Education Team Meeting
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops

### Upcoming Events

- Aug 18 Moms Better Together
- Aug 19 Hiking Ministry Outing
- Aug 20 Student / Teacher Blessing
- Sept 3 Fall Kickoff Sunday and Breakfast
- Sept 15-17 HS Pismo Retreat

### Birthdays This Week

Joanna White	8/12
Michelle Chesson	8/13
David Green	8/17
Sara Jackson	8/18
Judy Tapper	8/20



## A Compass to Steer By

Andy Wall

*"... from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."*

—2 Timothy 3:15

What is the Bible good for? Judging by the last few centuries, the Bible seems to be good for proving one's point in debating about the Christian faith, should anyone on the other side actually be listening. Many have grown adept in using the Bible as a club with which to pummel assorted irreligious infidels. Others have found the Bible quite useful for marking off the boundaries of their unique sub-group within Christendom, arguing forcefully that their group is the only legitimate expression of the Christian faith.

***What is the Bible good for? The apostle Paul believed that Scripture was useful for teaching what is true and right, rebuking what is wrong, correcting those who've gotten off track, and training in the skills of staying on the right path. In a nutshell, Paul taught that Scripture is useful for equipping people to do good works (2 Timothy 3:16-17).***

In A Generous Orthodoxy, Brian McLaren observes that we Christians have thrived when we've used the Bible with the goal of "becoming good people who do good works in God's good world." In contrast, we've gotten off track when we've used the Bible as an assault weapon, a tool to intimidate, or a short-cut to being know-it-alls. When Christians have understood what the Bible is good for, they have "left the comforts of home and country and gone to every corner of the world, spreading the Good News of Jesus... They have built hospitals and schools...given money to needy people... crossed racial, ethnic and class barriers... chosen to suffer rather than betray faith."

What is the Bible good for? Thomas à Kempis wrote that "A wise love regards not so much the gift of him who loves, as the love of him who gives." The Bible is best appreciated when we allow it to steer us toward a deeper love for God and a Christ-like life that corresponds to that love. May we read humbly, live faithfully, and enjoy the joys of loving God wholeheartedly.

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

Today's message grapples with Jesus' question, "What Are You Looking For?" Three times in John's gospel, Jesus asks individuals around him, "What/Whom are you looking for?" In John 1, Jesus asked some early followers, "What are you looking for?" In John 18, Jesus asks the mob that has gathered to arrest him, "Whom are you looking for?" And in John 20, in the early part of Easter Sunday, Jesus asks a dismayed Mary, "Whom are you looking for?" Together we'll examine what these people were searching for in Jesus and then reflect on how we might answer that same question.



# 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; congratulations to grandparents, **Jack and Tami Williamson**

## 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

## VARIOUS CONCERNS

**John Willis** (father of Tim Willis) – receiving hospice care

**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 Alsup** (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 at work; please pray 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

**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

Details for the Attendance and Giving will be updated in the August 20 edition of Family News

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