

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

August 27, 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
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops
- 5:30pm YG Dinner and Devo at the Daringers

Upcoming Events

- Sep 3 Fall Kickoff Sunday and Breakfast
- Sep 10 YG Back to School Bash
- Sep 15-17 HS Pismo Retreat
- Sep 15 Moms Better Together
- Sep 16 Hiking Ministry

Birthdays This Week

Doug King	8/28
Ty Erickson	8/29
Lynn Burke	8/30
Susan Pratt	8/31
David Rhoades	8/31
Kiley Hays	9/1
Arlene Leedy	9/1
Ella Michael	9/1
Kipp Landis	9/2

A Fresh Perspective

Andy Wall

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Lamentations 3:22-24

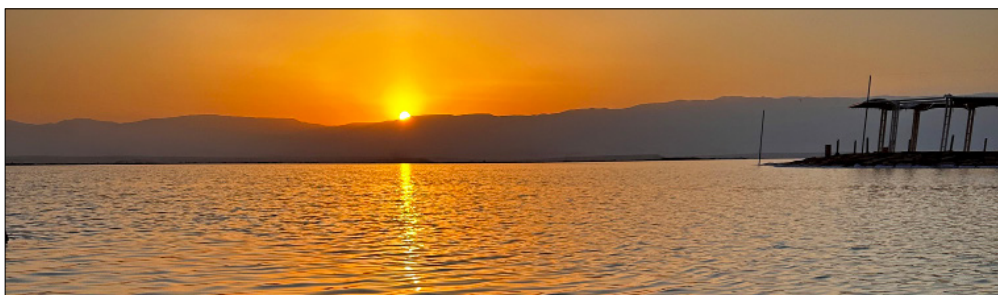
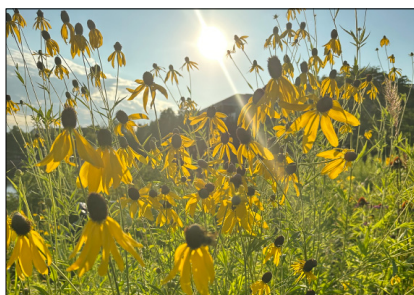
I was reminded recently of how precarious life can be. Working on my laptop on a Wednesday morning, I was hit with a sudden episode of dizziness and nausea. After laying down for a bit and finding I was no better, Carrie contacted her brother Paul, an MD, who encouraged me to visit an urgent care unit. "Better safe than sorry." After an initial evaluation, a doctor ordered a brain MRI, later followed by a CAT scan. It gets your attention when the tech says, "So you're here for a STAT brain MRI," which means you go to the front of the line! While I'm not given to worrying too much before I have all the facts, I had a fleeting thought: "Could this be the beginning of the end for me?"

As it turns out, I was dehydrated after several days of hiking at Glacier National Park, which impacted the balance center of my brain, causing dizziness and nausea. I was most relieved to hear that my MRI revealed a normally healthy brain. And with that, I was on my way!

I know that many have not been so fortunate as to receive good news as I did. Many have begun a difficult health journey during a diagnostic consultation in a doctor's office. For some, that consultation was the beginning of the end. Suffice it to say, I realize my diagnosis could have played out very differently!

This experience has provided me with a fresh opportunity to reflect on the gift of life. While we would be unwise to presume that we or those we love would never face health challenges, the other side is that we can receive each day of life as a gift. Every day we're able to "rise and shine" is an opportunity to be grateful. Each day that I can enjoy a sunrise walk, savor my morning coffee, spend time with Carrie, pursue my life's work and calling, connect with friends and family, bless a fellow human being, learn something new or be reminded of timeless wisdom, hear beloved music, savor a tasty meal, or give praise to my Creator and Redeemer, I'm deeply thankful. The biblical version of this is, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

I anticipate that someday, I'll sit in a doctor's office for a consultation and the news will be bad, perhaps even dire. When that day comes, I pray I can receive that news with equanimity, remembering that I've enjoyed many good years in this life. In the meantime, may each of us receive the gift of today, as long as the gift endures.



What's Happening At Conejo



Summer Sermon Series: "Living the Questions of Faith"

In our final week of our "Living the Questions" series, we'll explore a question Jesus asked in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus' longest discourse concerning any human emotion is not about fear or anger or happiness or surprise; rather, it concerns worry. "Do not worry" is a refrain in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, though Jesus understands that this injunction is difficult to pull off in real life.

So, is it actually possible not to worry? Should we think more in terms of managing our worries rather than eradicating them completely? If so, how would Jesus have us channel our worries? One question Jesus asks in this teaching provides the foundation for us as we wrestle with worries. "Are you not of more value than [the birds of the air]?" provides for us with a framework for overcoming our anxieties. Do we believe that we are deeply valued by God? Do we understand that we are "precious in his sight?"

Summer Adult Education Class

Our summer auditorium class is titled, "Sunday Morning Book Club." In this class, a variety of people are sharing about a favorite book they've read (fiction or nonfiction) that has impacted, blessed, challenged or deepened their faith. In our final class of this summer series, Mark Davis will be reflecting on "Hope for the Flowers" by Trina Paulus.

Calling Young Adults

If you are a high school graduate, a CVCC YG graduate who is off to college, a college student who is at Pepperdine or in the Conejo Valley and attending CVCC, or a recent college grad living here in the area and attending CVCC, we want to bless you! Our ADOPT-A-YOUNG-ADULT program is for you. Please click [this link](#) or use the QR code to show your interest and we will connect you with a Conejo member or family!

What will this entail? Very little from you. Just fill out the form with your info, and someone will get in touch. You may receive periodic encouragement in the form of texts, cards, care



packages, gift cards, or other signs that someone is thinking of and praying for your wellbeing. That's it! We are so glad to have you at Conejo.

Adopt-A-Young-Adult

At Conejo, we want to take care of our young adults, whether they grew up with us and are staying local, have moved in for school/work from out of town, or have moved out to pursue school/work somewhere else.



This ministry is simple. You "adopt" one of our young adults and then do things to encourage them regularly throughout the year. Ideas include texts, cards, care packages, restaurant gift cards, invitations to dinner (if they're local), or other ways to show that someone is thinking of and praying for their wellbeing. That's it!

If you're interested, please click this link or the QR code with the dinosaur for more information. This will take you to the page where you can sign up. It's just that easy!

Fifth Commandment / August 29

The fifth commandment tells us to "Honor your father and mother." How do we do that in our adult lives as our parents age, face health challenges, and live hundreds or even thousands of miles away? Join us on Tuesday, August 29 at 7pm, as we share our current challenges and concerns regarding our aging parents and spend time praying for wisdom, direction, and comfort for those we love. [Zoom Meeting Link](#).

Fall Kickoff Sunday / September 3



Our Fall Kickoff Sunday is slated for September 3. Our plan is to share in an indoor potluck breakfast and fellowship time in lieu of our Bible class hour. Please plan on bringing a favorite breakfast dish to share. Our breakfast will begin shortly

after 9am and cleanup at 9:50am.

On that day, the academic-year praise team will resume and small group ministries will be highlighted. Please contact Andy Wall and/or the church office if you are planning to have a small group (weekly or monthly) for the coming year. We're looking forward to a great year of worshipping, serving, encouraging, and growing together.



Celebrations, Service, Fellowship



High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Classes

Please help our students participate, learn, grow, and encourage one another by taking part in our weekly Bible classes each Sunday at 9am. Please come.

Also, all members of the youth group are invited to the Daringers' home from 5:30-7:30pm to enjoy a time of being together with friends, sharing a meal, and engaging in a Bible study. A great way to begin the week.

YG Back To School Blessing / August 27

This Sunday at 9:40am, members of the youth group will be blessed by prayers of several CVCC members for the upcoming school year.

Snapshot of YG Summer Activities



Back-to-School Bash / September 10

On Sunday, September 10, Seth & Jolyn Hays invite all members of the youth group to have fun playing on the beach at 31236 Broad Beach Road. This event will run from 3-6pm and will include a pizza dinner. Make sure to bring your boogie boards, surf boards, towels, and sunscreen to enjoy an afternoon of playing in the ocean to celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

High School Pismo Retreat / September 15-17

On the weekend of September 15-17, the high school group will head to Pismo Beach for their annual retreat. The cost for the retreat is \$90 per person. This offsets housing, transportation, and food costs for the weekend. RSVP no later than Sunday, September 10, so that those planning will have time to prepare.

Children's Ministry

Sign In, Please!

Parents, please remember to sign your children in for Bible class and worship! There are green sign-in sheets in the foyer on the way back to the Children's Ministry area.

Current Children's Class Offerings

Bible Classes 9-10am

2s/3s/4s - Amy Moore, Sarah Green

Elementary - Staci Daringer

Worship Classes are available for children during the sermon.

Nursery - Katie Charles

2s/3s/4s - Kari Odenath, Sarah Green

Elementary - Mark Davis

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!

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

"The Word became a human being.
He made his home with us.
We have seen his glory.
It is the glory of the one and only Son."

John 1:14



Prayer Corner

Devote yourself to prayer being watchful and thankful. Colossians

PRAISES

PREGNANCIES: **Kaitlyn and Brendin Williamson** (September), **Alyssa and Rob West** (November)

BIRTHS: **Palmer Tate Williamson** was born to **Caleb and Morgan Williamson**

Carol McNutt – received 100% cancer-free report from 10-year follow-up appointment

THOSE GRIEVING

Tim Willis – loss of father, John Willis

Loree Hunnicutt – loss of mother, Judy Long

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

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

Brandon Starkey – recovering from burst appendix

All affected by floods and winds of Tropical Storm Hilary

Residents of Maui – as they recover from devastating fires

Ryan Gunderson (grandson of Bob and Susan Pratt) – recovering from brain surgery

Doug and Kathia King – as they move to Oahu for a new job

Peggy Alsup (friend of Wall family) – regaining of appetite and strength as she fights late stage COPD

Susan Kenny (sister of Kimberly Thomson) – fighting Babesiosis

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

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

Calvin Hill (friend of Haylie Douglas) – severely burned, many complications

Andy Long (father of Loree Hunnicutt) – tremendous stress as he cares for Judy

Carina Grant (granddaughter of Mark and Suzanne Scarberry) – prayers for recovery and healing from recent surgery; prayers for parents as they care for her

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

August 20 Attendance

On-Site Service	130
Online Viewing	147

August 20 Giving

\$9,920

Weekly Giving Average	\$12,307
Weekly Giving Budget	\$14,406
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,651,824
Property Settlement	\$225,000

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