



# BE *the* BLESSING

## CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 17, 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
- 1:00pm Crafty Women Craft Day
- 2:00pm Sunday Afternoon Hoops
- 5:30pm YG Dinner and Devo

## Upcoming Events

- Sept 18 Men's Bible Study
- Sept 18 Women's Bible Study
- Sept 20 Life Group at Reynolds
- Sept 20 Flourishing Families at Walls
- Sept 21 Life Group at Fosters
- Sept 23 Flourish Meet Up!

## Birthdays This Week

Luka Smithers	9/17
Callan Kliest-Blankfein	9/18
Cindy Stephens	9/19
Amber Johnson	9/20
Taylor Wooton	9/21
Bill Foster	9/22
Darlene Rivas	9/22
Joy Zola	9/22
Daphne Green	9/24

## All Things Bright and Beautiful

Andy Wall

*"All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all."*

- Cecil Frances Alexander

Like many families these days, our crew enjoys sharing pictures and videos via a phone app called GroupMe. Many times per week, our phones light up with messages and images from our daughters and their husbands sharing humorous moments, special celebrations, tasty food, newsworthy updates, or beautiful places. One of the recurring themes on our GroupMe thread is animals. A sampling: Michaela's picture of her cat, Sprig, relaxing in his hammock anchored halfway up a wall. Jenna's video of a sleek bobcat she spied while hiking Mount Baldy. Andy's video of a heron taking flight during his morning walk.

All of these shared images spark delight in family members, eliciting "oohs" and "aahs" and other approving comments and likes. There's something about our interactions with God's wondrously varied creatures, as well as lovely sunrises, spectacular viewpoints, blooming flowers, and majestic trees, that inspire us to want to share them with those we love. For all the heartburn that our ever-buzzing phones can cause, these little family moments evoke genuine shared delight.

Among the psalms in Scripture, there's a sub-group known as the creation psalms. Like our family GroupMe thread, they're full of exclamations of wonder, appreciation, and delight in the dazzling variety of plants, animals, places, and natural processes found in God's creation. A sampling:

- *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? **8:3-4***
- *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. **19:1***
- *Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. **33:8-9***
- *Yours is the day, yours also the night; you established the luminaries and the sun. You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter. **74:16-17***
- *For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. **95:3-4***
- *You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal... **104:10-11***
- *O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **104:24***
- *Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! **148:7-8***

May these psalmic words of awe serve as an invitation for us to marvel at God's creation this coming week.

# What's Happening At Conejo



## Fall Sermon Series: "Songs in the Key of Life"

Today's message focuses on Psalm 104, a poetic meditation on the story of creation. Among the creation psalms, Psalm 104 is unique in its dual emphasis upon God's role in creating the world and God's ongoing involvement as sustainer and provider. These days, to see the world as created and sustained by a loving, caring Creator God is not always a self-evident truth. This psalm faithfully bears witness that God continues to be involved in the sustenance of all creation.

### Daniel Napier, Visiting Missionary

We're pleased to welcome Daniel Napier with us this Sunday for our worship service. Daniel and his wife Karly are missionaries in Thessaloniki, Greece, and the Conejo Church has recently added them to our roster of missionaries around the world whose work we support. Daniel will be sharing a brief overview with us today of the kingdom work he is pursuing in the Balkan Peninsula and beyond, and our missions committee will be hosting him for lunch following services.

### Fall Adult Education Classes

This fall, our auditorium class is exploring the book of Psalms in a class titled "Psalms for Every Season." This class, which dovetails with our fall sermon series, will explore the rich variety found in Psalms. Rick Marrs is providing an introductory overview of the psalms for the first two classes; this Sunday he will focus on psalms for different occasions.

Our class in the north overflow room is for those raising kids of all ages at home. The class is titled "Rooted: Growing the Next Generation Together." The class is overseen by Bill and Melissa Foster and will feature Bible-based teachings along with some video curriculum and will include time for prayer and fellowship. The class will also meet occasionally for get-togethers outside of class.

Our Sunday morning young adult class will meet at the Williamson home across Hillcrest Drive from the church building at 261 Quinta Vista Dr. The class will be led by Jack Williamson and Doug Hurley.

### Calling Young Adults

If you are a high school graduate, a local college student, or a recent college grad living in the area, 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!



Simply 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 cares and is praying for you. We are so glad you are 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 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 are interested, please [click this link](#) or access the QR code with the dinosaur for more information.

### Crafty Women / Today

Ladies, please join us at the church building (come and go or stay for the entire time) from 1-6pm today. Bring your current craft project(s) and join with others to make progress on your hobby while deepening friendships with CVCC sisters.

### Women's Bible Study / September 18

Conejo Women: please join us for Women's Bible Study at 7pm via Zoom on Mondays. We will be studying Heather Holleman's book, "The Six Conversations: Pathways to Connecting in an Age of Isolation and Incivility." [Zoom Meeting Link.](#)

### Fall Small Groups

Our fall small group program has launched with groups meeting around the Conejo Valley and beyond. These groups meet for a variety of purposes including prayer, Bible study, fellowship, service, mentoring, and outreach. Some groups include children, some are for teens, some are for adults, and some include all generations. Please click [small group ministries](#) for a detailed listing of the small group offerings for the fall semester of 2023.

#### Weekly

Sunday Afternoon Hoops	Sundays 2pm
YG Weekly Meet	Sundays 5:30pm
Guys' Group	Mondays 6:30-7:45pm
Women's Bible Study	Mondays 7-8:30pm
Strangers to Neighbors	2nd/4th Tuesdays 8-9pm
Flourishing Families	Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm
Life Group at the Reynolds	Wednesdays 6:45-8pm
Conejo Tutoring	Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm
Life Group at the Fosters	Thursdays 7-8:30pm
Saturday Guys' Golf Group	Saturdays early am

#### Monthly

Crafty Women	TBD Sunday 1-7pm
Fifth Commandment	Fourth Tuesday 7-8:30pm
Playdates with Haylie	Second Thursday 10:30am
Moms Better Together	Third Friday 5:45-7:45pm
Hiking Trails Ministry	Third Saturday 8:30-11am
Anchor Meet Up!	TBD Saturday 6-8pm
Flourish Meet Up!	TBD Saturday 6-8pm

# High School + Middle School

## Youth Group Bible Class



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. There are additional Sunday afternoon / evening meetings for our teens. This week, our teens will meet at the Reynolds' home (2237 Hillsbury Road, Westlake Village).

## High School Pismo Retreat / September 15-17

This weekend, the high school group spent some extended time at beautiful Pismo Beach honoring God's presence, building relationships with one another, and looking forward to ways we can grow and serve together with our church family. Please pray for safety as our teens return from Pismo Beach this afternoon.

## YG Calendar

Teens, there are many opportunities for us to share life, build deeper friendships, and grow in our faith. Please [click here](#) to see the calendar of events for the coming weeks.

## Upcoming Dates for YG Awareness

September 24	Flourish Meet Up (YG Girls)
October 14	Anchor Meet Up (YG Boys)
October 14	Flourish Meet Up (YG Girls)
October 15	Taco Fest Mission Fundraiser
October 27	Halloween Party for YG
October 28	Trunk or Treat
November 5	Friendsgiving (Welcome Back Travis)
November 10-12	Middle School Retreat
November 19	Armloads of Love
December 15	Extravagodyssey

## Back to School Bash

Last Sunday, our teens had an afternoon of fun in Malibu at the beach. A huge thank you to the Hayes for arranging this opportunity for our teens and their families.



# 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.

## Children's Class Offerings

### Bible Classes This Week

2s/3s/4s - Leslie S. and Sarah G.  
Elementary - Paula M. and Lynn B.

Worship Classes are available for children during the sermon.

Nursery - Katie C.  
2s/3s/4s - \_\_\_\_\_, Sarah G.  
Elementary - \_\_\_\_\_

## Updated Roster Information

Parents - Please fill out this Google form (<https://forms.gle/S6yoJvVZ2K6y8Y9T9>) so that we will 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 remains warm, 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

## Playdates with Haylie





# Prayer Corner

Devote yourself to prayer being watchful and thankful. Colossians

## PRAISES

**PREGNANCIES:** **Alyssa and Rob West** (November) **Ty and Eliza Erickson** (March); **Josh and Cassie Horton** (March)

**BIRTH:** **Millie Kay Williamson**, daughter of **Brendin and Kaitlyn**, granddaughter of **Jack and Tami**

**Ryan Gunderson** (grandson of Bob and Susan Pratt) – recovering well after brain surgery

**Molly Sanders** (daughter-in-law of Ed and Sheryl Sanders) – cancerous tumor removed from ovary; cancer had not spread

## THOSE GRIEVING

**Lisa Scott** – loss of mother, Imogene Williamson

**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

**Carol McNutt** – recovery from knee replacement surgery

**Brandon Starkey** – recovering from burst appendix

**Residents of Maui** – as they recover from devastating fires

**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 1 diabetes

**Jerry Roby** (father of Brett Roby; grandfather of Bonnie Rockey) – dealing 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 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) – as he grieves the loss of his wife, 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

### September 10 Attendance

On-Site Service	166
Online Viewing	88

### September 10 Giving

**\$12,943**

Weekly Giving Average	\$12,236
Weekly Giving Budget	\$14,406
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,652,666
Property Settlement	\$225,000

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