



CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

May 19, 2024

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 Worship Service via YouTube
- 1:00pm Mexico Mission Team Meeting
- 5:30pm YG Nerf War Games

Upcoming Events

- May 20 Women's Bible Study
- May 21 Fifth Commandment Group
- May 22 Flourishing Families (location varies)
- May 23 Life Group at Fosters'
- May 25 Saturday Guys' Golfing
- May 25 Crafty Women
- May 27 Memorial Day Picnic
- Jun 9 Promotion Sunday
- Jun 9 Senior Sunday
- Jun 17-20 Vacation Bible School

Birthdays This Week

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| Rylan Downey | 5/22 |
| Joe Cocke | 5/23 |
| Josh Horton | 5/24 |
| Luke Zola | 5/24 |

Two Reflections on Pentecost

Andy Wall

[**Editor's note:** On this day of Pentecost, which according to Acts 2 was the birthday of the Church, we remember the work of the Holy Spirit and we reflect on the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.]

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
 Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
 Today the church draws breath at last and sings
 As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
 This is the feast of fire, air, and water
 Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
 The earth herself awakens to her maker
 And is translated out of death to birth.
 The right words come today in their right order
 And every word spells freedom and release
 Today the gospel crosses every border
 All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
 Today the lost are found in His translation.
 Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.



-Malcolm Guite

Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love... No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy... I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace... I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience... I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Rather than complaining that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose kindness... I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness... I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse.

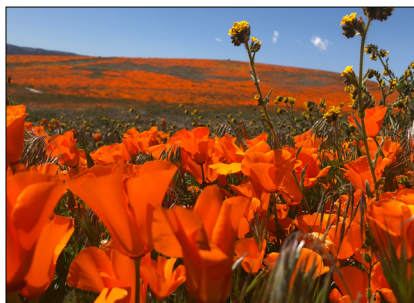
I choose faithfulness... Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love.

I choose gentleness... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer.

I choose self-control... I am a spiritual being. I refuse to let what will rot rule the eternal. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

-Max Lucado



What's Happening At Conejo



Sermon Series: "Imagine That!"

Fear always threatens to foreclose on faith, reducing the horizons of hope and stunting what we believe is possible with God. But when we walk in faith, we seek to live out of a God-fueled imagination sustained by the world imagined in Scripture. Nurtured by the great narratives of faith, we dare to imagine a world free of slavery to Pharaoh, a God who is bigger than Goliath, and a land in which dry bones can live again. By faith, we can imagine a voiceless woman speaking up for her people before an all-powerful king, a God who can feed a legion on five loaves and two fishes, and a crucified Messiah who is resurrected from the dead. When we live with great faith, even when our knees start to shake, we trust that "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

Adult Education

During May and June, our auditorium class is exploring the theme of "The Past, the Present, and the Future in Israel's Prophets." Based on passages in Amos and Hosea, we're exploring how the prophets turned Israel's gaze to the past to see how their relationship with God was established, how they observed the present to evaluate their current relationship with God, and how they envisioned the future as the fulfilling of dreams about a better relationship with God. In the process, we will engage in similar looks at our own past, present, and future as Christians in the 21st century.

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." This class is overseen by Bill and Melissa Foster and includes time for prayer and fellowship. The class is currently taking a deep dive into Romans and Ephesians as well as a study on prayer and spiritual gifts.

Small Groups

Our congregation has an active small group ministry that connects a wide variety of people. Please click the [Small Groups](#) link for a detailed description of the current groups and their meeting days that meet in and around the Conejo Valley.

Crafty Women / May 25

CVCC women are invited to spend the afternoon together on May 25 from 12pm-6pm making progress on their crafts or hobbies while deepening friendships with other women from the congregation. Please contact Rene H. if you plan to come rene.heard@conejochurch.org.

Memorial Day Picnic / May 27

Monday, May 27, is Conejo's annual Memorial Day picnic at Dover and Hendrix Park in Thousand Oaks. This is a great day for fun, food, fellowship, and games with friends and family. It is also an opportunity to introduce our friends from outside of church to our church family in an atmosphere of light-hearted fun. Activities include softball, volleyball, board games, and the ever-popular crawdad-hunting in the creek. The fun starts around 10am, with grilling at 11am, and lunch around noon. In next week's Family News, we will ask members to bring food or drinks to share according to the initial letter of their last name so that we will have a nice picnic without anyone having to do too much. Please contact the office at office@conejochurch.org if you are willing / able to help with or clean-up details.

A-E: Side Dish or Salad

F-O: Two or more 2-liter drinks and chips

P-Z: Desserts

Summer Classes for Children

What a beautiful gathering we had on our stage last Sunday. Eight families brought their young ones, promising to lead them toward God throughout life. We, the church family, promised to walk with and encourage them in this faith journey. One very tangible and immediate way that we can do this is through spending time with our children in their weekly Bible classes and worship times. Please check your calendar and sign up for a week or two or three to spend time showing our children kindness and love as you share a part of God's story with them. We currently have three age groups - Nursery (0-2), Pre-School (2-5 years), and Elementary School (K-grade 5). Click [Bible Classes](#) to serve as a teacher for the 9-10am classes; or [CM Worship](#) to help between 10:45 and 11:30 or scan the QR code to choose which week(s) you can join our children in their classes.

Bible Class



CM Worship



High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Classes

On Sunday mornings in May, Nick Zola will be guest teaching from the Gospels. We are blessed to have him share his knowledge of Jesus' ministry and parables. On Sunday nights, we have dinner and devo from 5:30-7pm. Our Sunday night series is called "I Am," looking at Jesus' words about himself and how these words reshape our lives.



May's Youth Group memory verse: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."
— John 11:25-26

Registrations Open For Summer Camps

It's time to register your kids for summer camps! King's Kamp is for kids entering 4th grade through finishing 8th grade, and Teen Camp is for kids entering 8th grade through finishing 12th grade. Summer camps are an experience you don't want your kids to miss.

To learn more about each camp and register your child, please click [King's Kamp](#) or click [SoCal Teen Camp](#).

Mission Trip Meeting / TODAY

Today the mission team will have their third team meeting in the youth room at 1pm. Make sure to attend so we can discuss specific trip details around transportation, staying at the Amor camp, and working together in Mexico. Please complete the online mission trip medical release form if you haven't done so already. The trip is getting closer!

Nerf War Night / Today 5-8pm

Tonight the youth group will gather for dinner and some nerf war fun from 5-8pm! Invite your friends, bring your own nerf guns, and get ready to rumble. Extra nerf guns will be provided for those who need them. Bring \$5 per person to offset the cost for dinner and nerf darts. Looking forward to blowing off some steam before finals.

YG Calendar

Click [Summer Calendar](#) to see the upcoming youth events.

Children's Ministry

Children's Class Offerings

Nursery - Haylie D.
2s/3s/4s - Leslie S. and Sarah G.
Kinder-5th grade - Paula M. and Lynn B.

Worship Classes are available for children during our sermon time.

Nursery - _____
2s/3s/4s - Amy M. and Sarah G.
Kinder-5th grade - Travis M.



"You've Got A Friend In God" VBS / June 17-20

Mark your calendars! Invite your friends! VBS is coming soon! All are invited to join us **June 17-20** for four fun evenings learning about the friend we have in God. We will begin each night by sharing a meal together. Our VBS final show will be the morning of June 23. Sign up to volunteer at tinyurl.com/vbs24cvcc

King's Kamp

Registration for King's Kamp 2024 is now open! Our theme will be **Christmas in July** as we learn about the Light of the World. We're dreaming of a Kamp Christmas with you! Information and registration can be found at kingskamp.org.

Please don't let cost keep you from joining. Scholarships are available for those who need them.

Rattlesnake Alert!

Parents, please make sure that your children stay out of the flower beds and plant-filled areas. We are in a rattlesnake environment. As the weather warms, snakes come out. The playground is checked prior to children entering it.



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

For the dedication of eight precious little ones at our service of dedication last Sunday

BIRTHS: **Drexel Thomas Reilly** (son of Melody and Creed Reilly); **Isla Day Sutherland** (daughter of Andrew and Chloe Sutherland); **Lucienne Zazie Rushford-Collyer** (granddaughter of Jerry and Lori Rushford); **Eloise Bennett Erickson** (daughter of Ty and Eliza Erickson)

THOSE GRIEVING

Family of Tim Coupe – following the sudden death of Tim, former Conejo member

Nick Odenath – loss of father, Al Odenath

Phil Daringer – loss of father, Phil Daringer

Stan Thomas – loss of father, Leroy Thomas

Jim White – loss of mother, Joanna White

Vincent Chambers – loss of father, Buford Chambers

Darlene Rivas – loss of Lucinda Hodges, sister-in-law

Daelan Blankfein – loss of father, Fred Blankfein

Kim Milanovich – loss of grandmother, Alice Michael

Tammy Ditmore – loss of mother, Darlene Fielder

Christy Guilbault (former member) – loss of brother, David Gonzales

Char Hurley – loss of nephew, Matthew Horner

Bonnie Rockey – loss of Jerry Roby, grandfather

Rodney and Brian Smithers – loss of cousin, Jason Knight

Tim Willis – loss of father, John Willis

Loree Hunnicutt – loss of mother, Judy Long

Andrew Clark – loss of mother, Kerrie Clark

Mark and Suzanne Scarberry – loss of daughter, Caitlin Scarberry

FIGHTING CANCER

Sherry Horner (sister of Char Hurley) – stage IV breast cancer, metastasized to bones

Maria Baake – recovering from surgery for breast cancer

David Green – not a candidate for chemotherapy or radiation; facing long-term cancer suppressor drug therapies

Dede Koldyke (cousin of Steve Scott) – her cancer has returned

Cindy Hall (cousin of Matt Joyner) – stage IV metastasized breast cancer

Kurt Krebs (friend of Ed Sanders) – multiple myeloma

Justice Howard (cousin of Yashica Budde) – thyroid cancer

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Judy Tapper – recovering from recent surgical procedure to replace pacemaker battery

Carrie Wall – recovering from knee replacement surgery

Rodney Smithers – recovering from recent open heart surgery

Peace and safety for all in war-torn areas: Israel, the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia

Marty Lince (brother of Suzanne Scarberry) – congestive heart failure; recovering and healing after leg amputation; infections

Marilyn Aurand – nodules in lungs are noncancerous

Reilly Phillips (son of Phil and Heather Phillips) – type I diabetes

Jack Horn (co-worker of Robert Charles) – lineman seriously injured by high voltage wire; pray for healing and hope as he recovers at home

Joe Reynolds (father of Brittany Joyner) – heart failure

Calvin Hill (friend of Haylie Douglas) – severely lung-terned, many complications

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

Mary Zollman (friend of Lisa Scott) – multiple sclerosis

Harriet Nutter (mother of Daphne Green) – depression

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

Made in the Streets – Nairobi, Kenya; prayers requested following major flooding impacting several ministry locations

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

Javon Johnson – six-month deployment to Okinawa

Michael Warford – stationed in Spain with the Navy

Derek Willis (nephew of Tim Willis) – serving in PA in the Army

Attendance
+ Giving

May 12 Attendance		May 12 Giving		\$18,097
On-Site Service	191	Weekly Giving Average	\$14,474	
Online Viewing	51	Weekly Giving Budget	\$12,502	
		Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,669,144	
		Property Settlement	\$225,000	

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