

# CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BE the BLESSING

August 4, 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
- 6:00pm All Sing and Ice Cream

### Upcoming Events

- Aug. 10 Malibu Makos Surfing Lessons
- Aug. 11 All-Church Game Night
- Aug. 25 YG Back To School Bash
- Sept. 1 Fall Kickoff

### Upcoming Birthdays

Ty De Long	8/4
Joel Ornales	8/5
Robert Charles	8/6
Griffin McAfee	8/6
Steve Scott	8/6
Chris Stivers	8/6
Kellie Van Atta	8/6
Brooklyn Baird	8/8
Stephanie Simpson	8/10
Brad Starkey	8/10

## Are You "Under the Influence?"

Andy Wall

*"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."* **Ephesians 5:18**

When a person in Australia has had too much to drink, Aussies may euphemistically say, "She's under the weather." When an American has imbibed too much, there are dozens and dozens of slang words and expressions to describe this state of being. One way of saying a person is drunk is, "He's under the influence." The implication is that one's normal and more controlled behavior has been overridden by the presence of alcohol.

In Ephesians 5:18, Paul indicates two contrasting substances with which a person can be filled. He warns against drunkenness, which can lead to wasting one's life away—remember Jimmy Buffet's old song about Margaritaville? Paul then urges an intoxicating alternative: believers are to imbibe deeply of the Holy Spirit. Paul seems to be saying, "If you're going to be 'under the influence,' place yourself under the influence of the Spirit of God."

A friend of mine who is in the Narcotics Anonymous program, introduced me several years ago to a simple phrase that has relevance for this discussion. The phrase is "Don't interfere." It speaks to the tendency of a recovering addict to sabotage and subvert the healing process. "Don't interfere" begins with the assumption that God wants to bring about wholeness in your life, and that following the Twelve Steps can help in that process. However, we all have the capacity to thwart and hamper the good that God wants to do in our lives. Hence the warning, "Don't interfere."

Can you see how this phrase might apply to the work of God's Holy Spirit within a Christian's life? God's Spirit is seeking to guide you along healthier paths, to build new habits and virtues in your character, to bring the transformative influence of Christ to bear on your life. We have the capacity either to cooperate with the Spirit's work in us or to suppress it. Hence Paul's warning in 1 Thessalonians 5:19, "Do not quench the Spirit." Or as N.A. puts it, "Don't interfere!"

How can you tell if you're under the beneficial influence of the Spirit? One way is that the Spirit's fruit is blossoming in your life: love, joy, peace, and so on. (Galatians 5:22-23). Another is that a Spirit-filled person will exercise her God-given gifts to glorify God and serve others (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:8-11). The Holy Spirit will also confirm to us that we are God's children, granting us confidence in our relationship with the Father (Romans 8:15-16). May we never grieve the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30), but eagerly be filled by the Spirit's life-transforming influence.



# What's Happening At Conejo



## Sermon: *If I Could Tell You One Thing*

Today's message is being brought by Jiana Manglicmot, one of our summer ministry interns. Below is her synopsis of the sermon.

If I could tell you one thing...it would be the story of God's love in my life! Throughout scripture, we have countless examples of people (Jesus being the prime example) sharing stories in order to reveal the goodness of God's love in their lives. Jesus shared parables—stories that people could relate to—so that the crowds could understand. Our lives...our stories...are meant to be shared so that we can grow to know God's love as it applies to our own lives! I am excited to share my personal testimony with you and I hope that my story inspires you to see and share the story of God's love in your life as well.

## Summer Adult Education / Text Talks

For the summer months of July and August, our Sunday morning auditorium class will feature a variety of Conejo members sharing about one or more favorite Scriptures and why they are important to them. The series is titled "Text Talks" and each week the class will feature sharing about biblical texts that have challenged, nourished, or transformed members of our church family. Today, Nico Heard will be sharing a few significant texts from his faith journey.

## Help Needed!

Please contact the office ([office@conejochurch.org](mailto:office@conejochurch.org)) if you are able to help with any of these needs.

- **Coffee / Donut Ministry:** A huge thank you to the Fallettas for delivering and preparing donuts and to the Warfords for preparing coffee during David's summer travels.
- **Projectionist:** We are running short on people to help run projection during our worship service. This job does require a training session, but is extremely important for us to have song lyrics, scriptures, and sermon slides.

## Thank you for Manna Donations

Thank you Church for your quick response with donations for the Manna Food Bank. Summer is a heavy need time for families with children who are experiencing food insecurity. Together, we donated 278 pounds of food/beverage items for the community.

If you were unable to participate last week and would like to donate to Manna, you can drop off Monday-Saturdays at 95 N Oakview, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

**Drop off times:** Monday-Friday from 8am - 4pm  
Saturday from 9am - 1pm

**For More Details:** <https://www.mannaconejo.org/>



## All Sing and Ice Cream / Sunday, August 4

If you love singing praises to God and sharing ice cream on a warm summer's evening, join us at 6pm on August 4 for our annual All Sing and Ice Cream event. If you're able, please bring a batch of your favorite homemade ice cream (store bought ice cream works too!). Come for the heart-felt praises and harmonies, stay for delicious desserts and summer fellowship.

## All-Church Game Night / Sunday, August 11

Next Sunday, bring your favorite board games and card games for an evening of fun and fellowship at the church building. The fun will begin at 5pm and go until about 8:30pm. Please also bring your favorite snacks and / or soft drinks to share.

## Won By One in Concert last Sunday

Thank you to all who came out last Sunday to enjoy a wonderful evening of music, praise, and testimony by the members of this year's Won By One group!

## Summer Events at Conejo

Please click the [Summer at Conejo](#) link so that you can plan to meet with the church family for special events this summer.



# High School + Middle School

## Youth Group Bible Classes

On Sunday mornings in August we will be teaching a series called "Going Places," looking at messages from the Gospels on how Jesus treated people he cared about in order to learn how we can better treat our friends. Sunday night YG dinner and devo will not meet during the summer due to changed scheduling.

Please refer to the [YG Summer Calendar](#) for event information and SYS (summer youth series) gatherings. Sunday night youth



group will kick off with the Back to School Bash on August 25.

**August Youth Group Memory Verse:** "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20

## Surfing Lessons with Malibu Makos / August 10

Time to hit the waves with friends again! On Saturday, August 10 from 9-11am, we will meet at North Zuma Beach Tower 16 for surfing lessons and a short devotional. Wetsuits, boards, and lunch will be provided. Invite your friends and enjoy the last moments of summer vacation together! [RSVP here.](#)



## Back to School BASH / August 25

On Sunday evening, August 25, we will gather at north Zuma beach from 4-8pm to say goodbye to the summer and hello to the new school year. There will be beach games, dinner, singing, and a devotional. Youth group families are all invited. Let's start off the school year with enjoying each other's company and living in the charge of taking care of each other during the rest of the year. Praise be to God for making us family and giving us all that we need.

# Children's Ministry

## Children's Bible Class Offerings

### Children's Bible Classes

Nursery - Noel T.

2's-5's - Jan W., Darlene R., Sarah G.

Kinder-5th Grade - Mike R.

### Worship Classes are available for children during our sermon time.

Nursery - \_\_\_\_\_ and Reese O.

2s-5s - Kari O. and Sarah G.

Kinder-5th grade - Mark D.



## Summer Bible Classes for Children

Please sign up for a week or two 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. Sign-up through the QR codes is also available.



Children's Bible Classes



Children's Worship

## Thank You for Supporting and Blessing our Kids!

Thank you to our weekly volunteers and teachers as well as those who helped with our recent Vacation Bible School and summer camps!

## Memory Verse

Our current memory verse is Matthew 19:14.

*"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. The kingdom of heaven belongs to people like them.'"*



# Prayer Corner

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

## PRAISES

**Pregnant Mom** – Jacqueline Dillion-Wiens (October)  
**Baptism** – Zach Johnson  
**Teen Camp and King's Kamp** – blessings shared by teens and adult volunteers as God was worshipped, faith was strengthened, and relationships were deepened  
**AMOR Mission Team** – a fruitful and safe trip to build a home in Tijuana, Mexico  
**Vacation Bible School** – a wonderful week of shared learning, craft-making, storytelling, game-playing, meal-sharing, and praising the God who is our friend

## THOSE GRIEVING

**Michael Williams** – loss of father, David Williams  
**Suzanne Scarberry** – loss of brother, Marty Lince  
**Rick Marrs** – loss of father, Roscoe Marrs  
**Tiffany Ornelas** – following the death of her grandmother, Dorothy Cotton  
**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  
**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

## 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  
**Sandra Brasher** (friend of Rene Heard) – breast cancer  
**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

**Rodney Smithers** – recovering from installation of pacemaker  
**Sharon Box** (mother of Amy Moore) recovering at home after recent hospitalization  
**Glenn Brasher** (friend of Rene Heard) - 10 broken ribs and punctured lung after tractor accident  
**Elizabeth Cowan** (mother of Christian Socquet) – memory issues, infections, difficulty understanding medical procedures and care; recently placed on hospice  
**Rosemary Davis** (sister-in-law of Jan Willis) – recovering from surgery for brain tumor  
**Carrie Wall** – recovering from knee replacement surgery and a herniated disk in her back  
**Peace and safety** for all in war-torn areas: Israel, the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia  
**Marilyn Aurand** – spinal stenosis  
**Reilly Phillips** (son of Phil and Heather Phillips) – type I diabetes  
**Joe Reynolds** (father of Brittany Joyner) – heart failure  
**Calvin Hill** (friend of Haylie Douglas) – severely burned, 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  
**Harriet Nutter** (mother of Daphne Green) – depression  
**Mary Zollman** (friend of Lisa Scott) – multiple sclerosis  
**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 recent major flooding  
**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

**Michael Warford** – stationed in Spain with the Navy  
**Derek Willis** (nephew of Tim Willis) – serving in PA in the Army

Attendance  
+ Giving

July 28 Attendance		July 28 Giving	
On-Site Service	100	Weekly Giving Average	\$12,922
Online Viewing	82	Weekly Giving Budget	\$12,502
		Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,672,423
		Property Settlement	\$225,000

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