

BE the BLESSING

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 11, 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-Church Game Night

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 25 YG Back To School Bash
- Sept. 1 Fall Kickoff
- Sept. 1 Kindergarten Blessing

Upcoming Birthdays

Brooklyn Baird	8/8
Stephanie Simpson	8/10
Brad Starkey	8/10
David Green	8/17
Sara Jackson	8/18

What's Your Flight Plan?

Andy Wall

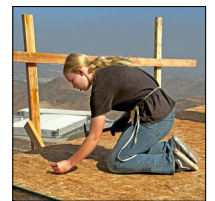
[Editor's note: Today's article, adapted from a piece written by family therapist Michelle Mentzer, provides a hopeful reminder for any families who don't happen to be perfect. It can also apply to any person who is striving, imperfectly, to live purposefully and faithfully.]

Good families, even wonderful, godly families are off track 90% of the time! Hard to believe, isn't it? The thing that matters is that they have a certain sense of destination. They know what the "track" looks like, and they keep coming back to it time and time again.

It is like the flight of an airplane. Before the plane takes off, the pilots have a flight plan. They know exactly where they are going and start off in accordance with their plan. But during the course of the flight, wind, rain, turbulence, air traffic, human error and other factors act upon that plane. They move it slightly in different directions, but barring anything too major, the plane will still arrive at its destination.

How does that happen? During the flight the pilots receive constant feedback. They receive information from instruments that read the environment from control towers, from other airplanes, even sometimes from the stars. Based on that feedback, they make adjustments so that time and time again, they keep returning to the flight plan. The hope lies not in the deviations, but in the vision, the plan and the ability to get back on track.

The flight of that airplane is an apt metaphor for family life. With regard to our families, the critical piece is not whether or not we are off target or even if our family is a mess right now; our hope lies in the vision and in the courage to keep coming back time and time again to the wisdom and guidance that God has given us in scripture for our families.



What's Happening At Conejo

Welcome to Our Guests!

We are so glad to have you visit with us. Whether you are new to the area or have just chosen to visit with us today, we feel blessed and thankful for the opportunity to spend the morning sharing life and worshipping God with you.

Please fill out a welcome card (from beneath the chair in front of you) with your name and at least your email address. Then, drop it into the "offering bag" as these are passed or into the wooden box marked "offering" in the foyer. Having that information enables us to share information with you about the upcoming events and ministry of this church. At the end of each week, the church sends out an email with the electronic version of the Family News to all CVCC members. We are happy to share this electronic bulletin with our guests as well.



Sermon: *Striving Toward An 'Even If' Faith*

Tim Willis, one of our Conejo shepherds. Below is his synopsis of his sermon.

The goal in this sermon is to stand face-to-face with a very common temptation: To depend more on the physical blessings of God to reassure us of His presence than depending on God Himself to be "with us." The prophet speaks in Habakkuk 3 at a time of growing anxiety. God has given longstanding promises of peace and prosperity, but those seem to be in jeopardy. Habakkuk 3 presents a hymn of anticipated deliverance, but the prophet concludes by saying, "Even if I do not enjoy peace and prosperity, I will rejoice in the Lord." We must develop a faith that will remain strong, "even if" we currently face times of adversity, threat, and

Summer Adult Education / Text Talks

For the summer months, 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, Andrew Sutherland will be sharing a few significant texts from his / her faith journey.

All-Church Game Night / Tonight 5pm

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

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.

Moms Better Together / August 16

Moms of all ages are invited and encouraged to be a part of this ministry at Conejo. The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, August 16, from 5:45-7:45pm at the CVCC church building. [RSVP here](#) to help ensure an accurate count for meals.



Fifth Commandment / August 27

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 27 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 1

Our Fall Kickoff Sunday is slated for September 1. Our plan is to share in a backyard potluck breakfast and fellowship time during our Bible class hour.

On that day, the 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.



High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Classes

On Sunday mornings in August our lesson series is 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



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.

High School Pismo Retreat / September 13-15

On the weekend of September 13-15, the high school group will head to Pismo Beach for their annual retreat. This weekend is for students who are currently in 8th grade through high school. 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 8, so that those planning will have time to prepare. More info on theme and schedule coming soon!

Children's Ministry

Children's Bible Class Offerings

Children's Bible Classes

Nursery - _____
2's-5's - Ashlyn T. and Sarah G.
Kinder-5th Grade - Ashlyn T.

Worship Classes are available for children during our sermon time.

Nursery - _____
2s-5s - Kari O. and Sarah G.
Kinder-5th grade - Dwayne H.



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. QR code option.

Children's
Bible
Classes



Children's
Worship



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.'"

Kindergarten Blessing

Our Kindergarten Blessing celebration will be held on September 1 at 5pm at the church building. All children entering kindergarten (or those entering 1st grade who didn't have this opportunity yet) and their families are invited to come and celebrate this wonderful new beginning with dinner followed by a family blessing time and a blessing from our church community.



All are invited to come and support our families. Please bring a side dish, drink, or dessert to share. Pizza will be provided. RSVP at tinyurl.com/cvckinder24

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

Emersyn Starkey – recovering at home now from Covid pneumonia

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 Auran – 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

August 4 Attendance		August 4 Giving	
On-Site Service	102	Weekly Giving Average	\$12,910
Online Viewing	55	Weekly Giving Budget	\$12,502
		Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,672,981
		Property Settlement	\$225,000

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