

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

October 13, 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
- 6:30pm Made-In-The-Streets (MITS) Dinner

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 14 Monday Guys' Group
- Oct. 14 Women's Bible Study
- Oct. 16 Flourishing Families
- Oct. 16 Life Group at the Reynolds
- Oct. 17 Conejo Academy Tutoring
- Oct. 17 Life Group at the Fosters
- Oct. 19 Guys' Golf Outing
- Oct. 19 Hiking Ministry
- Oct. 19 "Let's Serve"
- Oct. 20 Chili Cookoff Mexico Mission Trip Fundraiser
- Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat

Upcoming Birthdays

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| Cheryl Argano | 10/16 |
| Lisa Scott | 10/19 |
| Patty Starkey | 10/19 |
| Pam Isaac | 10/22 |
| Lori Rushford | 10/22 |

Made in the Streets: An Introduction and an Invitation

Andy Wall

On August 3, 1995, missionary educators Charles and Darlene Coulston held an event at a local church in Eastleigh, a neighborhood in Nairobi, Kenya. The event was for kids who lived on the streets, primarily in the adjoining Mathare slums. The Coulstons were amazed when 200 street kids showed up! At the end of the day, a church leader told them, "You know they're coming back tomorrow, right?" Sure enough, 55 street-connected kids showed up the next day and a street ministry began. From those earliest days, a young man named Francis Mbuvi was part of this growing ministry.

Over the next 15 years, a Boarding Program for street-connected kids was created both in Eastleigh and in the Nairobi suburb of Kamulu, with major infrastructure developments in Kamulu. Over the same years, a variety of ministries to connect with, educate, feed, and nurture faith in these kids spread. This was a season of continual expansion of educational and vocational programs underlined by an unwavering dedication to the mission to minister to street-connected kids. During those years, Francis Mbuvi became a key leader of the Made in the Streets (MITS) program.

During the mid-2000s, the Coulstons began visiting their daughter Brenda and her family, who at the time were Conejo members living in Thousand Oaks. As we got to know the Coulstons, our interest in the Made in the Streets program grew. Eventually we sent teams to participate in the ministry during the summers of 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2016, and we fell in love with the kids and adult leaders of MITS. Our congregation has financially supported MITS for nearly 20 years and people in our congregation sponsor individual kids in the program.

This Sunday morning, we are delighted to have Francis Mbuvi in town to teach our auditorium Bible class (9am) and to preach during our worship service (10:15am). He is accompanied by Brad Voss, the executive director of MITS, who will be on hand to help answer questions and share information. This Sunday evening, there will be a dinner at 6:30pm to share more about exciting new happenings in this vital ministry. Please use the QR code on page 3 to RSVP.

We're grateful for the faithful work that began some 30 years ago with the Coulstons and is now sustained by dozens of workers and hundreds of volunteers in Nairobi and around the world. Please join us at every opportunity that you can this Sunday to learn more about and engage more deeply with Made in the Streets.



What's Happening At Conejo



Current Sermon Series: Present Grace, Future Promise

Today we are delighted to welcome our brother in the Lord and dear friend, Francis Mbuvi, to bring the sermon message. Mbuvi is the long-time administrator of the Made in the Streets program in Nairobi, Kenya.

Here is Mbuvi's sermon overview: "There are hundreds if not thousands of things that go on around the world that can easily make one question the presence and existence of God – from joblessness to a tough economy to homelessness, to mention just a few. We continue to see people give up in hopelessness because of the situations they find themselves in. The Gospel of Jesus Christ comes to lead these people and the world to see that despite the situations they find themselves in, if they believe in Jesus, then there is a high chance of a better tomorrow. Today I will share stories of young men and women and how the gospel has impacted them."

Welcome to Our Guests!

We are so glad to have you visit with us. Whether you are new to the area or are simply visiting with us today, we feel thankful for the opportunity to spend the morning sharing life and worshiping 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, including the electronic version of the weekly bulletin, the Family News.

Fall Adult Education Classes

Today, we invite members to gather in the auditorium to hear from Francis Mbuvi about the Made In The Streets Ministry.

Connie Horton is teaching a class titled "Raising Resilience," in the north overflow room. The class will discuss real-life concerns and practical strategies to help children, teens, and young adults grow up equipped to become resilient adults. All are welcome.

Adopt A Young Adult Program

We are resuming our Adopt a Young Adult program from last year. Even if you participated last year, we'd like for you to sign up again this year. We would suggest that you "adopt" a different young adult this year. But if you want to stay with the same person this year, please email Rodney Smithers at wmpfs4@aol.com or you may call / text him at (901) 674-3582.

How This Works For Young Adults

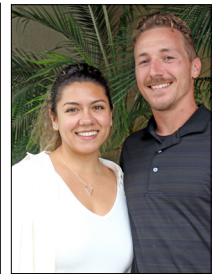
If you are a high school graduate who is off to college, a college student at Pepperdine or elsewhere in the Conejo Valley and attend Conejo Valley Church of Christ, or a college graduate living here in the area and attending CVCC, we want to bless you! For additional information about this, please click [tell me](#)

[more](#) for the details and click [sign me up](#) or use the QR code (under tell me more) to show your interest. We will connect you with a Conejo member or family!

How CVCC Members Can Bless Our Young Adults

At Conejo we want to take care of our young adults, whether they grew up with us and are staying local, have moved here for school or work, or have moved out to pursue school/work somewhere else. If you're interested in being an adult who blesses some of our younger members, please click [tell me more](#) for additional details and click [sign me up](#) or access the sign-up page through the QR code. It's that easy!

CVCC Members Moving



Tutoring at Conejo Academy

Tutoring is starting up again at Conejo Academy (previously Conejo Elementary School) on Thursday nights. We are looking for both weekly volunteers and substitute tutors. Being a tutor means spending an hour each week with first grade students, helping them with reading or math, as well as playing games. This ministry takes place in the students' classrooms and tutors have access to educational tools and supplies.

This year, we are also moving the weekly schedule up by 30 minutes, 6pm to 7pm, a change that should be helpful to the kids and their parents. Contact Rob West at (805) 657-2911 or email tutoringatconejo@gmail.com if you can serve as a tutor or substitute or if you would like additional information.

Hiking Ministry

On Saturday, October 19, meet the Hiking Ministry group at 9am at Wildwood Park for a morning of hiking fun, fellowship and fitness. For additional information, please contact Jon Burke at (805) 284-1111 or Lynn Burke at (805) 273-4565.

Fall Fair for Many Mansions / October 25

Many Mansions, the provider of low-income housing in our community, is sponsoring its annual Fall Fair for children residing in their homes on Friday, October 25, from 3-5:30pm. Our church is collaborating with Many Mansions on this year's fair, providing several activity stations similar to games that we've had at former Harvest Festivals. We are looking for adult and teen volunteers to help run these stations. Please click [Many Mansions Fall Fair](#) to volunteer for this event.

Fall Small Groups

Our small group program is underway, with groups meeting around the Conejo Valley and beyond. Please click [Fall 2024 Small Groups](#) for a detailed listing or pick up your copy from the entry table in the flyer.

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Class / Today



For Bible class, we'll launch a new four-week study on the first Sunday of each month for the rest of 2024. Using the familiar "Grow Students" curriculum, the October series draws on stories throughout the Bible to teach Christian

leadership principles. November is all about generosity, with lessons grounded in 1 Thessalonians. December returns to the gospels for Christmas-themed lessons.

Resilient Living / Today at 5:30pm

The dinner and devo series planned for Sunday nights has been changed. Middle school and high school students will come together for a class on resilient living taught by Connie and Tim Horton from 5:30 to 7pm today as well as on 10/27, 11/10, 11/17, and 12/1. You can think of this series as a teen version of the Sunday morning resilience class for adults.

Memory Verse

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Youth Ministry Parent Meeting Follow Up

Thank you, youth ministry families for attending last week's meeting. In the event you were unable to attend, please be

sure to fill out and return the [Family Information sheet](#).

For the most part, we are trying to keep the fall schedule as close as possible to what was previously announced. Click [Youth Ministry Calendar](#) to access the revised youth ministry calendars. Please be thinking about which events you might volunteer to help with through the end of 2024.

Chili Cook-Off Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser

Please start reviewing your recipes and plan to join us next Sunday, October 20, for the Fall Fundraiser for next Summer's Mission Trip.



Sign up to cook or help



Sign up to donate funds

YM Team Building Weekend / November 1-3

HS Pismo Retreat: All students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to participate in this year's Pismo Retreat which has been scheduled for November 1-3. The cost of the weekend is \$90 per person.



SkyZone & CFA Day: All students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to spend a portion of Saturday together at SkyZone and CFA. The fun begins at 11:15am and continues through 2pm. Please pick up a flyer or see information in the foyer about this event upcoming event for our middle school students.

Children's Ministry

Children's Bible Class Offerings

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Nursery - Noel T.

2's-5's - Leslie S. and Sarah G

Kinder-5th grade - Paula M. and Co W.



Worship Classes are available for children during our sermon time.

Nursery - Johnelle O. and Nora O.

2's -5's - Rene H. and Sarah G.
Kinder-5th Grade - Tim W.



Updated Children's Ministry Roster

If you have children in the Children's Ministry, please fill out the Google form at tinyurl.com/cvccroster24. This is for the new school year, so please fill this out even if you've done so in the past. Thanks for helping us keep the most accurate records to serve your family best!



Memory Verse

Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 7:9:

So I want you to realize that the Lord your God is God. He is the faithful God. He keeps his covenant for all time to come.

Trunk or Treat / October 26

Trunk or Treat is back! Each family/group that signs up to decorate their trunk will also run their own carnival style game or activity. Start thinking about fun costumes and exciting games! Be on the lookout for more information and mark your calendars for 6pm on October 26. Sign up to host a trunk at <https://tinyurl.com/hostTOT24> or by scanning the QR code.



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

Pregnant Mom – Jacqueline Dillion-Wiens (October)

Baptisms – Zach Johnson, Matthew Johnson

New Members – Derek, Laura, Miles, and Henry Estes; Clay, Aubrey, Milo, and Ellis Smith

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

Shirley Comia (friend of Bob and Kay Falletta) – recently diagnosed with cancer

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

Maria Baake – recovering from surgery for breast cancer

David Green – Cancer suppressor drug is doing its job; semi-monthly biomarker tests yielding positive results

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; recovering from hip replacement surgery

Kurt Krebs (friend of Ed Sanders) – multiple myeloma

Justice Howard (cousin of Yashica Budde) – thyroid cancer

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Penny White – recovery from recent abdominal surgery

Carol Overton (mother of Daniel

Overton) – trying to determine the cause of a brain infection

Brenda White – recent surgery to remove skin cancer

First Responders, Linemen, All who work outside – during the extreme heat, earthquakes, fires, and upcoming winds

Kendra Davis (sister of Suzanne Scarberry) – home recovering from serious complications from recent abdominal surgery

Steve Simpson (brother of Lorna T., Stephanie S. and Claudia dB.) – rare and aggressive autoimmune disease called ANCA-Associated Vasculitis; has attacked kidneys; will need kidney transplant soon

Elizabeth Cowan (mother of Christian Socquet) – memory issues, infections, difficulty understanding medical care

Rosemary Davis (sister-in-law of Jan Willis) – recovering from surgery for brain tumor

Carrie Wall – recovering from knee replacement surgery

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

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

Javon Johnson - serving as chaplain at the Ventura County Naval Base

Michael Warford – stationed in Spain with the Navy

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

Attendance
+ Giving

October 6 Attendance		October 6 Giving	
On-Site Service	167	Weekly Giving Average	\$12,789
Online Viewing	41	Weekly Giving Budget	\$12,502
		Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,674,807
		Property Settlement	\$225,000

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