



CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

November 10, 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
- 12:30pm Adult Education Meeting
- 5:30pm CVYM Dinner and Devo "Resilient Living"

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 11 Monday Guys' Group
- Nov. 11 Women's Bible Study
- Nov. 13 Flourishing Families
- Nov. 13 Life Group at the Reynolds'
- Nov. 14 Conejo Academy Tutoring
- Nov. 14 Life Group at the Fosters'
- Nov. 15 Guys' Golf Outing
- Nov. 15 Moms Better Together
- Nov. 17 Young Adults' Group Lunch
- Nov. 23 Anchor / Flourish Meet Up!
- Nov. 24 Armloads of Love

Upcoming Birthdays

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| Alex Vasquez | 11/8 |
| Julie Waters | 11/11 |
| Josie West | 11/14 |
| Michael Ditmore | 11/19 |
| AJ Rivera | 11/19 |

Serenity Prayer

Andy Wall

*"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference."*

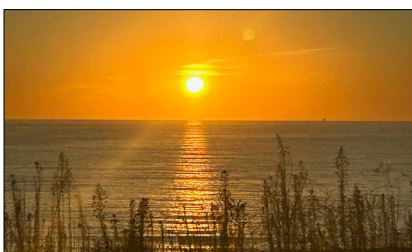
- attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr

The 2024 election is over. The people of the United States have elected Donald Trump to be the next president. However you may feel about it, this is the result of the 2024 election.

In our church family, we have brothers and sisters in Christ who are all over the electoral map. During this season of presidential transition, I would remind us of 1 Timothy 2:1-2. "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." I will especially continue to pray the Lord's Prayer, that God's kingdom may come and that God's will may be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

I would also invite us to remember our sermon series from this past August, about how a healthy spiritual core (i.e., a strong foundation) for our lives can help us navigate this season, helping us to be winsome in our witness to Jesus and Christlike in our attitudes and behaviors. First, we regularly confess that "Jesus is Lord" and that nothing and no-one else is. Second, we pay attention to what we set our minds upon and ruminate about; we must especially resist allowing any media outlet to become the primary way we think about culture and the world. Third, we participate in practices that help us live bigger, more Jesus-shaped lives. These practices include hospitality as a way to invest in others, peacemaking as a way to pursue reconciliation, and serving others as a way of reflecting Jesus in a "me-first" world.

Finally, I would invite us to regularly bring to mind the beatitudes we've been exploring this fall, understanding whom Jesus blesses in God's kingdom reign: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for righteousness sake. May we put our full confidence in Jesus' words above any human words and may we place our ultimate trust in Jesus' way above any human way.



What's Happening At Conejo



Current Sermon Series: *Present Grace, Future Promise*

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Jesus' seventh beatitude is a standing rebuke to our human failures to make peace at the interpersonal, communal, and international levels. Jesus' blessing speaks to all who are actively engaged in bringing God's wholeness and healing to our broken world and our broken relationships. Jesus called his followers to do the sometimes thankless and always difficult work of peacemaking. Peacemakers seek to reconcile, not by pretending there are no real differences, but by calling forth care and understanding of the "other" in ways that enable people to work together despite their differences.

Fall Adult Education Classes

In our adult auditorium class, Matt Joyner is leading a class titled "Faith, Imagination, and the Natural World: Scientific Reflections on God and Our Universe" an exploration of the intersection of faith and science. Join us in this series and examine the interplay of scientific ideas with personal faith in Jesus Christ and how we understand the Bible.

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

Moms Better Together / November 15

Moms of all ages are invited and encouraged to be a part of this Conejo ministry. This meeting has been scheduled for Friday, November 15, from 5:45-7:45pm at the CVCC church building. Please let the planners



know you intend to participate by [signing up here](#) for this meal with friends for an evening of fellowship and refreshment.

Tutoring at Conejo Academy / Thursdays at 6pm

Tutoring is in process at Conejo Academy 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. Contact Rob West at (805) 657-2911 or email tutoringatconejo@gmail.com if you would like additional information.

Fall Small Groups

Our small group program is in process 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.

Please click [Fall 2024 Small Group ministries](#) for a detailed listing of the small group ministries.



Young Adults and Friends Lunch / November 17

All CVCC Young Adults are invited to "Sunday Lunch" at noon on November 17, at BJs restaurant located at 3955 Thousand Oaks Blvd in Westlake Village. Come share in an opportunity to visit, build community, and get to know each other better. If you have finished high school and are younger than 30, you fit into this group. Please click ["I'm coming to lunch!"](#) to RSVP.

Armloads of Love / November 24

As we approach Thanksgiving, we have a wonderful opportunity to provide holiday meals for families in need from the Conejo Elementary School. On Sunday, November 24, you're invited to bring various food goods to church with you. Please click [printable grocery list](#) of the food items we will be providing. Please [sign-up online](#) for the specific items you can bring. Thank you for your willingness to take part in the tangible expression of gratitude to God for his many blessings.

Armloads of Love

SHOPPING LIST FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2024

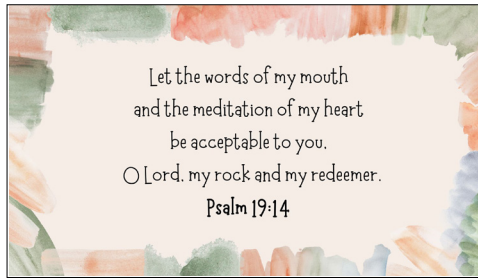
- LOAF BREAD (2 LOAVES PER FAMILY)
- CEREAL (24 OZ. BOX CHEERIOS OR CORN FLAKES)
- CORN TORTILLAS (50 COUNT)
- FRUIT (3-POUND BAG APPLES OR ORANGES)
- JUICE (1 GALLON APPLE JUICE OR ORANGE JUICE)
- MASA FLOUR (4.4 POUNDS)
- NUTS (2 POUNDS)
- POTATOES (10 POUNDS)
- RICE (10 POUNDS)
- VEGETABLE OIL (48 OZ.)
- \$30 GIFT CARD FOR TURKEY

PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE FOR **21 FAMILIES** IN OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY.

High School + Middle School

Youth Group Bible Class / Today

The November Bible class will be taught by Jim and Penny White. They will teach lessons about "David and His Psalms." We hope that everyone will learn the memory verse that they've chosen for this month's verse: Psalm 19:14.



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 11/17, and 12/1. You can think of this series as a teen version of the Sunday morning resilience class for adults.

Youth Ministry Calendar

Click [Youth Ministry Calendar](#) to access the revised youth ministry calendars. Please be thinking about which events you might help with through the end of 2024.

CVYM Connect Calendar

Parents, please help us know your kids' extra-curricular schedules by sending them to Kari Odenath (kariwhit@gmail.com). Kari has created a calendar to help us connect at our various events for our teens. You and other members can also quickly view the [CVYM Connect Google Calendar](#) here or via the QR code on the youth room doors. Conejo wants to support the teens, so send all the info to Kari so we can be more present with your families outside the church walls.

Anchor & Flourish Meet Ups! / November 23

The next Anchor & Flourish gathering will be a "combined bowling event in the evening on Saturday, November 23. We will meet at Lucky Strike (706 E. Los Angeles Avenue in Moorpark). Parents and teens, please mark your calendars and watch for details via email and in next week's Family News.

Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser

Thank you, church, for always supporting the youth group's mission effort to Mexico. A total of \$6,708.80 was given toward this mission effort. If you were unable to attend but would like to contribute to the mission fund, please do so through the QR code on the right. Thank you for your continual encouragement to our teens.



Donate funds

YM Weekend Fun: HS Plismo Retreat / MS SkyZone

Last weekend many of our students were blessed with the opportunity to spend extra time together. HS students spent time in Pismo; MS students were at SkyZone in Thousand Oaks. Many thanks to the adult chaperones and parents who helped with these events.



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 - Nissa H. and Maxi M.

2's -5's - Rene H., Ashlyn T. and Sarah G.

Kinder-5th Grade - Dwayne H.



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.

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. Thank you for helping us keep accurate records as we endeavor to serve your family.

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; Scott, Johnelle, Nora, Oliver, and Logan Opel

Birth – Avery Salvador Urquia (grandson of Guy and Rosie Patenaude) was born to Alex and Robin Urquia on October 17

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

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 working; semi-monthly biomarker tests yielding positive results

Sandra Brasher (friend of Rene Heard) – breast cancer

Dede Koldyke (cousin of Steve Scott) – 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

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Diane Owen (friend of Seth Hays) – recovering from double-lung transplant

Linda Heard (mother of Chris Heard) – recently placed on hospice care, Alzheimer's Disease

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, Firemen – during the recent fires and strong 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

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

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 Condeley (daughter of

Janie Condeley) – 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

November 3 Attendance		November 3 Giving	
On-Site Service	140	Weekly Giving Average	\$15,271
Online Viewing	33	Weekly Giving Budget	\$12,502
		Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,675,670
		Property Settlement	\$225,000

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