CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

August 24, 2025

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
5:30pm	CVYM Devo in the Park (1st of the season!)

Upcoming Events

Aug 31	All-Church Game Night
Sept 4	Open Playground
Sept 7	Fall Kickoff
Sept 12	Women's Dinner
Sept 14	CVYM Family Potluck / Parent Meeting
Sept 21	All-Sing and Ice Cream
Sept 26-28	CVYM HS Pismo Retreat

Upcoming Birthdays

Jon Burke	8/25
Emily Green	8/26
Ty Erickson	8/29
Lynn Burke	8/30
Yvonne Darby	8/31
Susu Pratt	8/31
David Rhoades	8/31

Building Renovation Project / Next Steps

*[**Editor's note**: this week's article provides an update from Rick Furino, who is spearheading our building renovation planning and project. If you'd like to give input on this project, I encourage you to please do so during the next two weeks.]*

The building and outdoor designs drawings, which incorporate the latest updates from the Church stakeholder group, will be available for the entire Church to review starting this Sunday, August 24. We are excited to share these designs with the entire Church to solicit feedback and answer questions before the designs are finalized.

To facilitate this review, Rick Furino will be available to meet with you at the building during the dates and times listed below. Feedback provided during this review period will be shared with the architects and incorporated into the design, if feasible. It is critical that anyone with an interest in the design, take this opportunity to understand what is envisioned and provide feedback before the designs are finalized.

After this review period (ending September 5) any changes or modifications to the design will require rework, incur significant additional costs, and extend the schedule.

Review Dates and Times:

- Sunday, August 24 (12 - 1:30pm)
- Monday, August 25 (6:30 - 8pm)
- Wednesday, August 27 (6:30 - 8pm)
- Sunday, August 31 (12 - 1:30pm)
- Wednesday, September 3 (6:30 - 8pm)
- Thursday, September 4 (6:30 - 8pm)
- Friday, September 5 (6:30 - 8:00pm)

Conference Call Option: Although a face-to-face review is the best way to conduct these sessions, Rick will also be available to meet with you via a conference call by scheduling a time via an e-mail request. His contact information is: rfurino@outlook.com.

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 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 tray as these are passed or into the wooden box marked "offering" in the foyer. Having your email address enables us to share information about upcoming events and ministry of this church. 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, but will need your email address.

Current Sermon Series: New Testament Cameos

For the past month and a half, we've been meeting some of the lesser known characters in the New Testament whose lives were impacted by Jesus the Messiah. As we wrap up this series, we'll reflect together on the idea that we, too, play cameo roles in the Christian story, making (relatively) small contributions that are still consequential before God. Given our culture's penchant for the big, the spectacular, and the impressive, we might be tempted to discount our place in God's story. But "outstanding" persons in the God's Kingdom come in lots of shapes and sizes. The question for us is: are we willing to be used by God to brighten our corner of the world?

Adult Education / Summer Auditorium Class

Our summer auditorium class is titled "Spiritual Practices that Shape Our Faith." Each week, various members of Conejo Church share about disciplines of the faith that have shaped them in significant ways. This week, Nathan Eng and Andy Wall will lead a class titled, "Seeking the Outward Disciplines In the Great Outdoors."

Back-to-School Drive for Conejo Academy

Because of the rising cost of school supplies, we're having a "fall school supplies" drive for the Conejo Academy (our neighborhood elementary school). We are currently collecting the following items to share with our neighbors. This supply drive will continue through September 21.

Game Night / August 31

Sunday evening, August 31 beginning at 5pm, we will meet at the building for an evening of fun and games for all ages. Bring your favorite card games, board games, and snacks to share. Since the following Monday is Labor Day, it will be a great opportunity to have extra time with friends at church!

Fall Kickoff Sunday / September 7

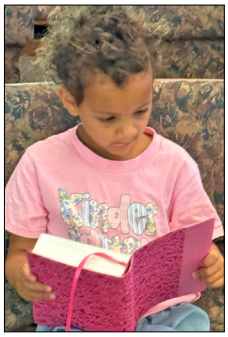
Our Fall Kickoff Sunday is slated for September 7. Our plan is to share in a backyard potluck breakfast and fellowship time during our 9am Bible class hour. Pull out a favorite family recipe to share with your church family that day.

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.

Conejo Women / September 12

Ladies, please save the date of Friday, September 12, for dinner and fun at the church building. Additional details coming soon!

Growing



Learning

Middle School and High School

Youth Ministry Bible Classes

As we approach the fall season and anticipate a new curriculum series, the CVYM Bible class will be exploring some important questions related to the study of the Bible, such as "What makes the Bible trustworthy?" and "How does the Bible speak to my life today?" As we have done over the past two weeks, we will also continue to invite input from the teens on what aspects of Bible study are especially interesting, exciting, and perhaps confusing. These insights will inform our curriculum for the fall, so don't miss out on the opportunity to be a part of the conversation!

Upcoming CVYM Events

As we gear up for fall, there will be many opportunities to get together to support and encourage one another, share in studies and devos together, and share in service projects for others in the community. Below are a few of the dates currently on the church calendar for CVYM. Parents and teens, please share your extra-curricular activity schedules with Kari Odenath (kariwhit@gmail.com) for the CVYM Events Calendar.

- August 24 — Kickoff Sunday Evening CVYM Devos
- September 7 — Fall Kickoff
- September 14 — CVYM Parents' Meeting
- September 26-28 — HS Pismo Retreat

Back-to-School Sunday Moments

Children's Ministry

What Our Kids Are Learning

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

During **August**, the big picture for the children's ministry classes will center around: God is always there to help us and keep us safe, no matter what happens! The scripture focus for August will be **Psalm 46:1**.

Kindergarten Blessing

What a special time we had blessing our new kindergartners as they begin their educational journey! Thank you to everyone who attended the event to celebrate Callan and Evie! They felt so incredibly loved by their church!

Back-to-School Blessing

Last week families gathered on the playground to pray over all of the children as they head back to school. What an honor it was to be able to place them into the Father's hands! Please continue to pray for all of the children as they shine their lights all over the Conejo Valley this year!

Harvest Festival 2025

Save the Date for our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25! We will have games, prizes, snacks and a costume parade! Invite your friends and neighbors! Scan the QR code to sign up to be a part of the planning. Many hands make light work!

"Open Playground!" / Begins September 18

On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month, from 9 -10:30am, the CVCM Playground will be open! Parents, grandparents, and kids are welcome to come, play, and fellowship! Bring your coffee and snacks! This would also be a great time to bring a friend! We want all of our children to feel at home at their church! Questions: Contact Amber Johnson at (310) 463-3252 or amber.johnson@conejochurch.org.

Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

New Members – Chandler, Yvonne, Luci, Banks Darby; Jonathan Pearce; Arlene Leedy

Pregnancies: Phil and Jordan Cho (August), Brian and Molly Sanders (October), Michael and Jenna Jolly (November), Arthur and Lindsey Sanders (February)

Baptisms: Nora Opel, Jake Johnson, Calleigh Hunnicutt, Gwen Hunnicutt

Hiring and ordination of Chandler Darby, our new Youth Minister

THOSE GRIEVING

Dwayne Hunnicutt – loss of brother, Kevin Hunnicutt

Chris Heard – loss of parents, Robert and Linda Heard

Tami Williamson – loss of father, Tom Bonner

Eliza Erickson – loss of infant nephew, Shepherd Wright

Bonnie Rockey – loss of grandfather, Donald Skipper

Arlene Leedy – loss of husband, Bill Leedy

Javon Johnson – loss of sister, LaShaunia Pross

Matt Joyner – loss of grandmother, Joyce Joyner

Tony Baird – loss of father, David Baird

Char Hurley – loss of sister, Sherry Horner

Jan Willis – loss of sister-in-law, Rosemary Davis

FIGHTING CANCER

Tony Demuth (brother-in-law of Joe Cocke) – recently diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma

Cheryl Argano – recently diagnosed with breast cancer

Marilyn Aurand – cancer has returned; physically and mentally battle-weary

Becky Russell (grandmother of Haylie Douglas) – breast cancer

Maria Baake – breast cancer

David Green – biomarker tests every other month yielding positive results

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

Kurt Krebs (friend of Ed Sanders) – multiple myeloma

VARIOUS CONCERNS

Steve Foster (father of Amber Johnson) – recovering from hip surgery

David and Danna Willis (brother of Tim Willis) – as they adjust to life in the US after 20 years of mission work in Samoa

Jeff Emery (brother-in-law of Chris Heard) – recovering from recent triple bypass surgery

Peggy Carter (grandmother of Christina Eng) – recent surgery removing infected gallbladder; complications due to atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure

Brittany Joyner – safety, stamina, opportunities to encourage those around her on the castle-building team in France

Brian and Molly Sanders (son and daughter-in-law of Ed and Sheryl Sanders) – twins due in October!

Shirley Pacifici (mother of Charee Landis) – ongoing heart issues

Susan Pratt – recovering from knee replacement surgery

Patricia "Gamma" Foster (grandmother of Noel Tomlinson) – prayers for peace and comfort while she's in a memory care unit

Eliza Erickson – problems with thyroid function

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

Carol Overton (mother of Daniel Overton) – recovering at home from effects of a brain infection

Steve Simpson (brother of Lorna T., Stephanie S. and Claudia dB.) – rare and aggressive autoimmune disease, ANCA-Associated Vasculitis

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

Peace and safety for the world in turbulent times

Joe Reynolds (father of Brittany Joyner) – heart failure

Calvin Hill (friend of Haylie Douglas) – severely burned

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

MILITARY SERVICE

Javon Johnson - serving as chaplain at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington

Michael Warford – stationed in Spain with the Navy

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

Attendance + Giving

August 17 Attendance	
On-Site Service	150
Online Viewing	39

August 17 Giving	$23,197
Weekly Giving Average	$13,381
Weekly Giving Budget	$13,550
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	$1,691,484

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