

# CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

# BE the BLESSING

February 1, 2026

## 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 at CVCC

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 2 Women's Bible Study
- Feb 2 Guys' Group
- Feb 4 Flourishing Families
- Feb 4 Reynolds' Life Group
- Feb 5 Conejo Academy Tutoring
- Feb 5 Fosters' Small Group
- Feb 7 Guys' Golf Outing
- Feb 7 CVCM Pause and Play
- Feb 8 CVYM Super Bowl Party
- Feb 12 Health Ministry Seminar at CVCC with Heather Toole
- Feb 15 All-Church Game Night
- Feb 21 Hiking Ministry to Sycamore Canyon Falls
- Feb 22 40-Day Spiritual Adventure Begins
- Feb 22 East Coast Swing Class
- Feb 22 Mexico Mission Team Meeting
- Feb 28 Crafty Women Event

### Upcoming Birthdays

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| Henry Estes      | 1/31 |
| Ben Miller       | 1/31 |
| Becky Rocky      | 1/31 |
| Christopher Hays | 2/7  |
| Jamison Clark    | 2/8  |

## Where's Waldo?

Rodney Smithers

Most of us have played this game where you try to find Waldo in a large group of people. There have been times when I've said that he wasn't there because I couldn't see him. Then someone points him out to me. He was right in front of me the whole time.

Sometimes we have the same question about God. When we are going through a difficult time in our life, we cry out "Where are you God?" We may be facing the loss of a loved one; a serious illness of our own or someone in the family; marriage problems; or financial problems. And we wonder where God is.

Then you hear the sound of a lawn mower and you walk outside and a friend is mowing your yard! He tells you that God told him to mow your yard for the rest of the summer. Then a lady from church shows up with a bucket of cleaning supplies and says she's there to clean your house. Or the Sunday morning that a loved one dies, another lady from church shows up and says she felt she needed to be with you rather than at the building. She holds your hand and prays for you because you can't pray for yourself, answers your phone because you are unable to talk, hugs you when you break down in tears.



Not to mention all the calls, cards, texts, and e-mails you receive. And then you walk outside. The sun is shining, birds are chirping, flowers are in bloom and you say "Good morning, God!" He was right in front of you the whole time.

I'm reminded of the poem "Footprints in the Sand." It's the story of someone reviewing their life with the Lord. For much of their life they see two sets of footprints as they walk with the Lord. During difficult times however, there is only one set of footprints. They ask the Lord why He abandoned them when times were tough. "Oh, my child!" says the Lord. "Those footprints you see are mine. It was during those times that I carried you!"

# What's Happening At Conejo



## Today's Sermon: "My God, My God, Why?"

The Psalms are often recommended to people going through difficult times for their poetic language and emotive content. At the same time, many of the struggles the psalmists endured were quite different from our own struggles, particularly as they often fled violent foes; sometimes the psalmists even wished violence on those foes. By looking at Psalm 22 and a smattering of other psalms, we can see a pattern emerge of bold conversations with God by the desperate, and perhaps through imitating the psalmists during difficult seasons, we might develop stronger faith, stronger hope, and a stronger appreciation for the ways God manifests his goodness to us.

## Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets

The books of Hosea through Malachi may be short, but they pack powerful teachings about human frailties and divine reliability into their compact frames. In January–March, the auditorium class will survey these short books, seeking these prophets' messages for their own times and applications for today. This Sunday, Laura Estes will lead a class on Hosea.

## CVCC Small Groups

Meetings for our small group program take place all around the Conejo Valley and beyond. These groups meet for a variety of purposes including prayer, Bible study, fellowship, service, mentoring, and outreach. Some groups include children, some are for teens, some are for adults, and some include all generations. Please click [2026 Small Groups](#) or scan the QR code for updated details about the winter and spring opportunities to become more involved with a small group. A snapshot of the current groups is listed below:



CVYM Devos	Sundays, 5:30pm
Guys' Group	Mondays, 6:30pm
Women's Bible Study	Mondays, 7pm
Flourishing Families	Wednesdays, 6:15pm
Reynolds' Life Group	Wednesdays, 6:45pm
Conejo Tutoring	Thursdays, 6:15pm
Fosters' Life Group	Thursdays, 7pm
Guys' Golf Group	Saturdays, early mornings
CVYM Event Calendar	Support teens at their events

## Monthly, Quarterly, and TBD

Fifth Commandment	4th Tuesday, 7pm
Open Playground	1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9am
Women's Ministry Dinner	Quarterly Fridays, 6pm
Hiking Ministry	TBD Saturdays (next hike on 2/21)
Potluck and Singing	TBD Saturdays (next on 3/14)
Anchor Group	2-3x/academic year
Flourish Group	2-3x/academic year
Crafty Women	Monthly Saturdays or Sundays

## Valentines for Seniors



All members are invited to come to the playground (after Bible class or church) to join in with a ministry of encouragement led by our children and teens on Sundays from now until February 8, and make valentine cards to be delivered to senior friends! Come, create, encourage, and enjoy some time with our young people as they prepare to bring smiles and joy

to seniors among the church family and within the greater community. All materials will be provided for card creations.

## Health Ministry / February 12

The Health Ministry is pleased to welcome Heather Toole, Assistant Director of Conejo Valley Hospice, on Thursday, February 12 at 7pm. Heather will lead an informative discussion about hospice care— what it is, how it differs from palliative care, what a POLST is and why it's important, as well as a discussion of all the services hospice offers to family members. All are invited to attend this valuable session. Please feel free to bring friends and neighbors to learn more about these important aspects of compassionate end-of-life care. To learn more about a variety of upcoming seminars as well as resources available, please click [Health Ministry Resources](#) or scan the QR code above.



## Andy's Blog

During the spring semester while Andy Wall is on ministerial sabbatical, he will post updates regularly on his blog: [andyswalldotblog.wordpress.com](#). We ask that you pray regularly for his rest, renewal, reflection, and study during this time. Also, please pray for Carrie, Andy, and the students as they share adventures in Argentina this semester.



## Hiking Ministry / February 21

Our next hike will be on February 21 at 10am. We will hike to the Sycamore Canyon Falls and meet at the trailhead where Wendy dead ends on Potrero road. It is about 4 miles round trip. Not suitable for strollers.



## East Coast Swing Class / February 22

Shannon and Jim Latson are teaching a free beginner's level East Coast Swing Class on Sunday, February 22 from 2:30 -4pm. The class will be taught at their home. Participation is limited to six couples, so RSVPs are needed. Please text Shannon at (818) 489-1156 if you are interested in participating.

## Women's Craft Event / February 28

Ladies of all ages are invited to enjoy a time of deepening friendships while making progress on their current craft projects, creations, or hobbies of choice. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun day of creativity on Saturday, February 28. The fun begins at 11am and will continue to 5pm. Come for all or part of the day.

# Middle School and High School

## Volunteer for CVYM!

Those who have expressed interest in chaperoning for the CVYM's weekly Sunday Bible classes and devos will be scheduled through the Planning Center app. Please accept or decline each assignment (as you do for services). If you are interested in serving in this capacity and have not yet communicated that with us, please let us know through the *Let Me Serve* form, or through direct communication with Chandler whose contact info is on page 4.

## Upcoming CVYM Events

- February 1 Sunday Evening Devo @ CVCC
- February 8 Super Bowl Party (TBD)
- February 15 Church-Wide Game Night @ CVCC

## Youth Ministry Bible Classes

The youth group Bible class is in a series looking at *The Grand Narrative of Scripture*, including six movements: Creation, Fall, Israel, Jesus, The Church, and New Creation. This week, we begin exploring the final stage, by taking a look at the book of Revelation. We will reflect on themes of restoration vs. escape,

fear vs. hope, and God's ultimate plan to dwell with His people. How does hope in new creation affect our lives today?

## HS Winter Retreat

This past weekend, Doug, Bonnie, Chandler, and six teens went up to Big Bear for the annual high school winter retreat. When we weren't bowling, glow tubing, or hiking, we were enjoying time in a lake-view cabin, singing songs, fellowshiping, and reflecting on God's calling on our lives and the unique ways that he has wired us to respond in faithfulness. This retreat kicks off a year of exciting events for Conejo Valley Youth! Be sure to keep an eye out for what's up next!

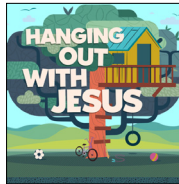


# Children's Ministry

## What Our Kids Are Learning in Bible Class

### Kingdom Kids (Elementary) Bible Class:

*"Hanging Out With Jesus!"*—God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, into the world because of His deep love for us. Jesus extended that love to the people He hung out with as He traveled and taught. And His love is so great that He eventually died on the cross to save us from sin and He invites us to hang out with Him...forever!



**Little Lights (Preschool) Bible Class:** *"Jesus Gathers Disciples!"*—Our preschool-aged children are invited to join in Ms. Leslie's Bible class to engage with stories about Jesus. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have a love for Jesus written on your child's young heart and mind.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.  
John 3:16-17 (NIV)



## What Our Kids Are Learning in Worship

### Kingdom Kids Worship: *"Winter Games!"*

—Sending two pairs of ice dancers out on the floor at the same time, not wearing pads during an ice hockey game, playing dodgeball with a curling stone; these are all clearly bad ideas! By considering these silly ideas, we will learn how to avoid foolishness in our own life and strive to make God-honoring decisions.



# Wonder@Home



Scan the QR Code or click [Wonder@Home](#) for ways to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!



**Little Lights Worship: *"David and the Giant: God is With Me!"*** - We will learn about the early life of David and see that God was with David every step of the way, just as God is with us!

## Valentine Pause and Play / February 7



Parents, bring your kiddos (babies-5th grade) to the church to stay and play while you get away and take a pause! *RSVP today* to attend or to volunteer!



SAVE  
THE  
DATE!



# Prayer Corner

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

## PRAISES

**New Members** – Ben Miller and Rachel Miner; Kelly and Charlotte Collins

**Pregnancies:** Lindsey Sanders (February); Alyssa West (May); Lexy Clark (June)

**Baptisms:** Emersyn Starkey, Nora Opel, Jake Johnson

## 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

## FIGHTING CANCER

**Marilyn Auran** – additional cancer in the right lung; physically and mentally battle-weary

**Steve Rouse** – Stage IV pancreatic cancer

**Rick Marrs** – undergoing treatment for prostate cancer

**Harriet Overton** – undergoing treatment for leukemia

**Kiki White** (sister-in-law of Jim and Penny White) – recently

diagnosed with contained uterine cancer; rheumatoid arthritis

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

**Cheryl Argano** – 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

**Matt Joyner** – torn ACL and MCL; awaiting direction from doctors

**Davis Gaffga** (father of Will Gaffga) – recently placed on hospice care

**Dale Pfremer** (father of Kindy De Long) – recovering at home following surgery and long hospital stay

**Tyler Ditmore** (son of Mike and Tammy Ditmore) – recovering from surgery to repair significant knee injury

**Dot Holden** – has had numerous falls recently; family searching for caregiver to help

**Mike Thomas** – recovering from hip surgery

**Wayne Helm** (friend of Landis family) – injured in a helicopter accident; prayers for Wayne's healing, for the other person who survived, and for the family

who lost a person in the crash

**Jim Green** (brother of David Green) – recovering from recent heart surgery

**Greg Parker** (brother-in-law of Sheryl Sanders) – recovering from recent appendectomy

**Steve Foster** (father of Amber Johnson) – recovering from recent cochlear implant

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

**Peggy Carter** (grandmother of Christina Eng) – some limitations due to atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure

**Shirley Pacifici** (mother of Charee Landis) – recovering from heart valve repair

**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

**Joe Reynolds** (father of Brittany Joyner) – heart failure

**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

**Peace and safety** for all war-torn areas around the world

**Healing, peace, and justice** in our nation and communities

## 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

**Brendin Williamson** – Trekkio Church, Tucson, Arizona

**MILITARY SERVICE**

**Michael Warford** – stationed in Spain with the Navy

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

Attendance  
+ Giving

January 25 Attendance		January 25 Giving	
On-Site Service	131	Weekly Giving Average	\$10,225
Online Viewing	50	Weekly Giving Budget	\$13,550
		Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	\$1,698,813

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