CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

May 24, 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
5:30pm	YM Game Night at the Building

Upcoming Events

May 25	All-Church Picnic
May 26	Fifth Commandment
May 27	Flourishing Families
May 28	Fosters' Life Group
May 30	Guys' Golf Outing
May 31	Brendin Williamson Preaching
May 31	25th Anniversary Party for Andy Wall
Jun 7	Promotion Sunday
Jun 7	HS Senior Celebration Banquet
Jun 15-18	Vacation Bible School
Jun 21-26	Mexico Mission Trip with Amor
Jul 5-11	Teen Camp
Jul 19-25	King's Kamp

Upcoming Birthdays

Rylan Downey	5/22
Joe Cocke	5/23
Luke Zola	5/24
Jeremy Johnson	5/27
Alexey Ornales	5/28
Rick Marrs	5/28
Lara Chambers	5/29
Mark Davis	5/30

The Power of Small Things

Andy Wall

"All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all..."

– Cecil Frances Alexander

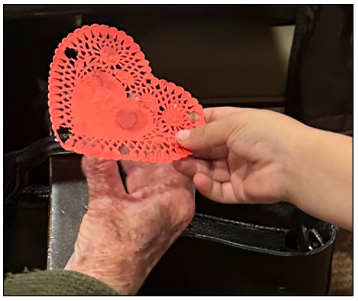
Bigger is not always better, despite what my friends from Texas might claim. There are many small things that are not only remarkable but make a huge difference.

Take three very different examples. First is electrostatic force, which is the fundamental "glue" that holds oppositely charged atomic particles together. Electrostatic force is what binds electrons to the atomic nucleus and enables chemical bonding between atoms. Without this invisible force, none of the atomic particles that make us us would adhere together, and we'd waft away.

Second, imagine you have a middle-school-aged child in a new school district. You pray for your child to be able to negotiate the adjustment during a vulnerable time in their development. After a week of feeling lonely, your child returns from school and announces they've made a nice friend. You feel a burden lifted, knowing that something as simple as one good friend can make all the difference in your child's school life.

Third, in Luke 16:10ff, Jesus taught what some call the little-much principle. It describes our real-world practice of gaining trust through showing ourselves responsible in our small commitments. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much." Jesus' proverb is echoed in Ben Franklin's saying: "Watch the little things; a small leak will sink a great ship." Faithfulness in small things can open the door to becoming responsible for larger things. In Luke 16:12, Jesus says that when we faithfully steward the resources of others, we may well gain the opportunity eventually to steward our own.

In fairness, I enjoy a grand spectacle as much as the next person: a magnificent Olympic opening ceremony, a majestic sunset over a windswept beach, a throng of worshippers filling a huge arena with praise. But such mountain-top experiences are not what life is typically composed of. For every big event or major life transition, there will be thousands of little moments and simple kindnesses. At the end of the day, the accumulated weight of the little moments far outweighs the occasional grand gesture. So if you have the chance, enjoy the grand moment. But in the meantime, make the most of every opportunity, as long as it is called today, to be faithful in the little things.



What's Happening At Conejo

And the Angels Rejoiced

Paxton Van Atta was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. Paxton, we rejoice with you and your family upon your baptism. Our prayers are that your journey as Christ's follower will be filled with joyful service to God and to all who are around you. We pray that your witness in the world will be a beautiful reflection of the life of our Lord Jesus as you share your time, talents, and the love of God throughout your life. May God bless you and empower you to walk faithfully in Jesus' steps.

Today's Sermon: "Hidden Figures"

In our current sermon series, we're reflecting on simple yet powerful phenomena that exist all around us. This week, our message will connect the beauty of small things and the power of simple spiritual wisdom. In nature, we find there is elegant beauty in simple phenomena such as bubbles and spider webs, bird nests and light beams, sand structures and the electrostatic force, among many others. In Scripture, we find a similar principle: that God works through the small, the hidden, the humble, and the often overlooked.

Adult Education: "Paul and the Churches?"

Paul's letters offer windows into Christian life in the first century. Join the auditorium class April–June 2026 as we learn about Paul's travels, the churches he planted, and consider how we might apply lessons from these churches' triumphs and challenges to our own churches today. This week, Tim Willis will lead a discussion about the epistle to the Ephesians.

Formula Fund for the Wests

Since some of the Wests' friends have already set up a meal train, our church will be gathering funds to buy diapers and baby formula as a way to welcome Evie to the world and love the Wests. There are two ways to give by our May 31 deadline:

Check: earmark your check for ***"formula fund"*** and drop it in the offering

Online: click here "Formula Fund" to make a one-time contribution to our "Membership Benevolence"

We pray all good things for the West family and little Evie as she grows in wisdom, stature, and in love for God and others.

Children's Minister Search

Families and volunteers, we want your input as we search for our next children's minister! Please complete the brief survey here or scan the QR code. Any questions may be directed to the search committee chair, Laura Estes (laura.estes@conejochurch.org or (512) 925-1247). Please pray for the search and interview process as well as the health of the children's ministry as we navigate the upcoming transition.

Memorial Day Church Picnic / May 25

Monday, May 25, is Conejo's annual Memorial Day picnic at Dover and Hendrix Park in Thousand Oaks. This is a great day for fun, food, fellowship, and games with friends and family. Please invite your friends! Activities include cornhole, volleyball, or 9-square, as well as board games, and the ever-popular crawdad hunting in the creek. The fun starts around 10am, with grilling at 11am, and lunch around noon. Please bring food or drinks to share according to the initial letter of your last name (see below).

A-E: Desserts
F-O: Side Dish or Salad
P-Z: Two or more 2-liter drinks and chips

Directions to Dover / Hendrix Park:

- From the 101, take Lynn Road north (Oaks mall on your right)
- Turn right at Gainsborough signal
- Pass Seventh Day Adventist Church to open area on the right
- Turn right into driveway across from Grand Oak Lane
- Note signage that reads "Conejo Valley Botanic Garden"

Fifth Commandment Meeting / May 26

Join us on Tuesday, May 26, 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.

25th Anniversary Celebration / May 31

Last year marked 25 years of faithful ministry from Andy Wall with the Conejo Valley Church of Christ. We will be celebrating this milestone as a church family on May 31 beginning at 5:30pm. We would LOVE for as many CVCC friends as possible to be present to celebrate with the Conejo church as well as with the Wall family. If you plan to come please click sign me up and indicate the number of people who will be coming with you. Join us for dinner and an evening of fun, celebration, reminiscing, and honoring our beloved minister for a quarter century of faithful love and service to this church family.

Background Check for Volunteers

To comply with recent changes in state laws, we are updating our background checks for volunteers who work with minors. We need to have these completed as soon as possible for every adult who works with minors—for all Bible class teachers, VBS volunteers, mission trip participants, camp helpers, and youth drivers and chaperones. Please see Amber Johnson or Rene Heard for the appropriate forms. Thank you for helping us keep our young people safe and for helping us stay in compliance with state standards.

Middle School and High School

Senior Sunday / June 7

Please join us on Sunday, June 7, at 6pm for our Senior Banquet here at CVCC! Dinner will be served and we will take time to recognize and honor our 2026 graduating seniors. It is our CVCC family tradition to gift our graduating seniors with personalized Bibles signed by members of the congregation. These Bibles will be located in the lobby leading up to the Senior Banquet—don't miss your chance to sign the Bibles and add your note of blessing and encouragement as Wyatt Daringer, Jordan Downey, Justus Baird, and Hayven Gaffga prepare to enter into this next season of life!

If you plan to attend the Senior Banquet, please sign up by clicking "Senior banquet" or through the QR code on the right so that we can plan accordingly for the meal.

Youth Ministry Bible Classes

This week, as we look toward the summer months, we begin a series along the lines of the theme for the summer camps: an exploration of the Lord's Prayer. This week, we will take note of the greater context of the prayer and get a sense of its overall shape and character. We will reflect on the depth of meaning in each phrase—the language and form that Jesus chose when he instructed his disciples to pray. We will seek his guidance as we, too, open our hearts to learn and experience the posture and relationship that Jesus envisioned for us as we pray.

Upcoming CVYM Events

May 24	Teen Game Night! @ 5:30, CVCC
May 31	Amor Meeting #3 @ 12:30, CVCC
June 7	Senior Banquest @ 6pm, CVCC
June 21-26	Amor Mission Trip (passports required)

Youth Summer Camp Registrations Are Live!

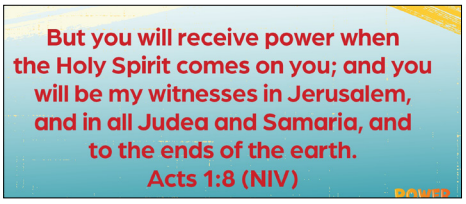
Sign-ups for our summer camps are LIVE! Teen Camp and Kings Kamp are week-long, faith-based camps, designed to invite students into a deeper love of God, of others, and of themselves. Both camps will center around Jesus' teachings in Matthew 5-7, what we often call the Sermon on the Mount.

Sign up as soon as possible for the lowest price! ***Early bird registration closes May 31st.***

Teen Camp is July 5-11 and is for students going into 8th grade through graduated seniors.

Kings Kamp is July 19-25 for students going into 4th grade through 8th grade students.

Children's Ministry



What Our Kids Are Learning

During our Bible Class times, our Little Lights will continue to learn the stories of Jesus and our Kingdom Kids will explore stories of the Holy Spirit's arrival and work within the early church. Together, we will marvel at the truth that the Spirit dwells in us, helps us, and gives us strength and boldness!

In Children's Worship, our Little Lights will be learning about "Psalms: The Big Book of Emotions." They will learn about how God made us be able to feel many emotions, but He also gave us the ability to handle them and look to Him for help. Our Kingdom Kids will be starting a new unit called "Heroes vs Villians." The Bible is full of epic stories of good vs. evil for us to explore and spoiler alert: God always wins!

For more info, please see the Children's Ministry Newsletter through the link or QR Code.

Summer Teachers

During the summer, our wonderful, committed Bible Class teachers take a much deserved break. Please consider serving as a summer Bible Class teacher for our nursery, preschool or elementary classes! See Amber Johnson!

Wonder@Home

Scan the QR Code or click Wonder@Home for ways to engage in the wonder of God together at home. Includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Promotion Sunday, June 7

Families, please plan on joining us during Bible Class on Sunday, June 7 for a special celebration of learning for all of our students in Children's Ministry! We will be reciting memory verses, singing songs, honoring our wonderful teachers, and promoting all of our kids up to their next age group and grade! All children, birth-5th grade, will be recognized!

Vacation Bible School / June 15-18

Registration is OPEN!

Volunteers and Participants sign up today to be a part of this amazing event. It will take place from June 15-18, 9am-12pm at the CVCC building! You don't want to miss out!

Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

Pregnancies: Lexy Clark (June)

Birth: Evangeline Therese West (Evie), daughter of Rob and Alyssa West; sister of Mena and Josie born on May 6

New Member: Jeffrey Ignarro

Baptisms: Paxton Van Atta, Reese Odenath, Emersyn Starkey

Tammy Ditmore – recovering well from recent intestinal surgery

Matt Joyner – recovering well from recent knee surgery

Joe Reynolds (father of Brittany Joyner) - has a place to live now following the destruction of his home in a fire

THOSE GRIEVING

Ed Sanders – loss of mother, Barbara Sanders

The Beck Family in Simi Valley (friends of Rylan Downey) – loss when 13-year-old Reis Beck was killed in an e-bike accident

Bill Foster – loss of mother, Sonja Foster

Kym Churchman (friend of Rene Heard) – loss of son, Ayden Churchman

Joe Cocke – loss of brother, Larry Cocke

Family and Friends of Steve Rouse

Lynn Burke – loss of cousin, Steve Foster

Will Gaffga – loss of father, Davis Gaffga

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

FIGHTING CANCER

Marti Lewis (sister-in-law of Maureen Thomas) – recently diagnosed with cancer; recovering from surgery on April 20

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

Rick Marrs – recently completed radiation for prostate cancer

Harriet Overton – undergoing treatment for leukemia

Bruce McAfee (husband of Maxi McAfee) – undergoing treatment for histiocytic sarcoma

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

Nina Rowland (friend of Shannon Latson) - dealing with numerous medical problems and uncertainty

LaVerne Pangburn (sister of Kay Falletta) – currently in hospital after numerous falls, injuries, and broken bones; in pain, discouraged

Kendra Davis (sister of Suzanne Scarberry) – recovering from recent hospitalization in a skilled nursing facility; discouraged

Louisa (Lulu) Steinwedell (friend of Lisa Scott) – a young girl (like family to Steve and Lisa) who is having brain surgery for the removal of a tumor

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

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 world, 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

Medical Clinic Mission Support – Ghana

Daniel and Karly Napier – Thessaloniki, Greece

Megan Randolph – Associate Director of Teacher Services, TeachBeyond

Brendin Williamson – Trekko 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

May 17 Attendance	
On-Site Service	132
Online Viewing	57

May 17 Giving	$15,583
Weekly Giving Average	$12,649
Weekly Giving Budget	$13,550
Be the Blessing Giving (To Date)	$1,702,196

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