CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BE the BLESSING

May 31, 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
9:00am	5th Sunday Mission Report from Brendin Williamson
10:00am	Virtual Meet-and-Greet via YouTube Chat
10:15am	On-Site and Virtual Worship Service, Brendin Williamson Guest Preaching
12:30pm	Amor Mission Team Meeting
5:30pm	25th Anniversary Celebration

Upcoming Events

Jun 1	Women's Bible Study
Jun 3	Flourishing Families
Jun 4	Fosters' Life Group
Jun 6	Guys' Golf Outing
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

Alexey Ornales	5/28
Rick Marrs	5/28
Lara Chambers	5/29
Mark Davis	5/30
Scott Opel	6/5
Chloe Sutherland	6/5
Suzanne Reynolds	6/6
Loree Hunnicutt	6/7
Maxi McAfee	6/8

Qualities I Love About the Conejo Church

Andy Wall

When Carrie and I began our ministry at the Conejo Church in 2001, our daughters were 7, 4, and 2 years old. The cost of a gallon of gas was $1.65, a dozen eggs were $1.01, and a new car was $21,474! Pluto was a planet, China was the world's most populous country, and "going online" meant sitting at a desktop computer and using a dial-up modem. A lot has changed in our world in the past quarter century, but one constant has been our shared ministry here in Thousand Oaks, a partnership I cherish and for which I am deeply grateful! In honor of our celebration of shared ministry this Sunday, here is an incomplete list of qualities I love about our church.

1. **We're a multigenerational church.** We have at least five generations worshipping together each week, seeking to love, care for, and understand each other.
2. **We're a servant-hearted church,** committed to being a good neighbor to Conejo Elementary School, Many Mansions, and other local groups.
3. **We're committed to sharing the Good News** of Jesus Christ through teaching, sharing, and deeds of Christ-like care.
4. **We love and invest in our kids.** Our two most active ministries are to children and teens and they are at the heart of what we're about as a congregation.
5. **We love children worldwide,** including those at Conejo Elementary School, the City of Children (Ensenada), and Made in the Streets (Nairobi).
6. **We love to sing.** When people say, as if to shock me, that their favorite part of the assembly is the singing, I like to shock them back by revealing, "me too!"
7. **We're good in a crisis.** I've seen this church faithfully respond after 9/11, car accidents, Hurricane Katrina, the Great Recession, the deaths of dear friends, multiple major fires, COVID-19, and many more challenges.
8. **We're a church that sings each other's songs,** rather than a church that demands everyone sings the songs "I like."
9. **We're a purple church,** a blend of blue and red Christians who understand that while our faith impacts our politics, our faith also transcends political divisions.
10. **We're a talented church** that understands that the gifts we've been graced with are for blessing others, not for becoming puffed up and self-important.
11. **We value collaborative leadership.** We don't believe God gives one person ALL the wisdom that is needed for a community to be healthy and thriving.
12. **We value the spiritual gifts of our brothers *and* our sisters.** 'Nuff said!
13. **We're not perfect and we know it.** We'll never stop pursuing the upward call in Christ Jesus. And we will firmly resist the delusion that we've arrived spiritually, which means we're always willing to wrestle with important ideas.
14. **We're an adaptable church** that also appreciates its traditions. Both/and is often far better than either/or.
15. **We seek to love each other well.** Do we always succeed? Show me a church that does! But I've seen a demonstrated willingness to love one another, to welcome others as Christ welcomed us, and to walk together through good times and bad.

What's Happening At Conejo

Brendin Williamson Guest Preaching

We're delighted to welcome Brendin Williamson, whose ministry in Tucson we support, to Conejo today. Brendin grew up at Conejo and graduated from Pepperdine in 2012. He and his wife Kaitlyn moved to Tucson, Arizona four years ago to plant Trekko Church on campus at the University of Arizona. They love engaging the next generation as well as those who have walked away from faith or church. They have planted a church that is seeking to love those who don't know God and help emerging adults wrestle with questions of faith, purpose, and identity. While in Tucson, they have had two kids, MK and Kyler, and are exploring the whole new world of parenting. They love to be outside and are looking forward to many family camping trips in the future.

Brendin will be sharing an update on his ministry during the auditorium class at 9am. His sermon message is titled "The God Who Runs." Too often we operate as if God is like a frustrated parent that's really good at guilt-tripping his kids. Or that God is a righteous judge, desiring to punish us and even the scales of justice. Or that God is like a debt-collector who will expect a repayment of all the things I have wasted and broken. While these aren't in and of themselves inaccurate, this is not the picture Jesus gives of who God is. And honestly, the description of God that Jesus paints would be a God we would have a hard time recognizing. Yet, the heart of God is one of extravagant, profound love that, once glimpsed, can never be forgotten or ignored. Jesus desperately wants us to drop our pictures of God and listen as he describes exactly what kind of posture God has toward you (oh, and your enemy).

Brendin Williamson Ministry Update During Class

This Sunday, we're grateful to have Brendin Williamson present to share about Trekko Church, a campus church at the University of Arizona that he and his wife Kaitlyn are helping plant. Brendin's work is the most recent addition to domestic and foreign mission efforts our congregation supports.

Formula Fund for the Wests

This is the final Sunday to participate in the Formula Fund, which we're gathering to provide diapers and baby formula for the West family in celebration of the addition of Evangeline (Evie) Therese to their family. 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.

25th Anniversary Celebration / May 31

This January 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 this evening beginning at 5:30pm. In order to help our set-up team for the special evening event, please help us move chairs and tables immediately after the dismissal of our Sunday worship service.

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

Last Monday was a beautiful day of sharing time together as a church family at the Dover Hendrix Park. Time shared in conversation, playing games, sharing a meal, and enjoying the beautiful world while remembering the dedication and service of others. Thank you to everyone who helped with the details of the day: those who shopped, grilled, brought food, captured special moments in photographs, and helped with the process of setting up and cleaning up. Many hands make light work; shared time makes joyful hearts as we do life together.

Summer Travel Block-Out Dates

We use the Planning Center Services App to schedule many details for Sundays at Conejo. Please help us keep things running smoothly by going into your Planning Center Services App and blocking out the dates that you will be out of town for the summer.

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

The theme for this year's summer camps is the Sermon on the Mount. As we prepare for these events, the youth group will continue our study of the Lord's Prayer. We will take note of the greater context of the prayer and get a sense of its overall shape and character. We will continue to reflect on the depth of meaning in each phrase – the language and form that Jesus chose when he instructed his disciples to pray. Join us as we seek his guidance and open our hearts to learn and experience the kind of posture and relationship that Jesus envisioned for us as we enter into prayer.

Upcoming CVYM Events

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

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22–23a (NIV)

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 begin a new unit titled, ***"Be Like Jesus!"***

In Children's Worship, our Little Lights will be learning about ***"Psalms: The Big Book of Emotions."*** Our Kingdom Kids will continue their unit titled, ***"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 click Children's Ministry Newsletter or scan the QR Code on the left.

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!

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!

Promotion Sunday, June 7

Please plan to join 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 recite memory verses, sing songs, honor our wonderful teachers, and promote 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) – contained uterine cancer; rheumatoid arthritis

Tony Demuth (brother-in-law of Joe Cocke) –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) – recovering in a rehab center after numerous falls, injuries, and broken bones

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

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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 24 Attendance	
On-Site Service	134
Online Viewing	41

May 24 Giving	$7,682
Weekly Giving Average	$12,413
Weekly Giving Budget	$13,550
BtB Giving (Funds Remaining)	$1,742,175

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