



July 5, 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

Upcoming Events

- Jul 5-11 Teen Camp
- Jul 7 Fifth Commandment
- Jul 11 Guys' Golf Outing
- Jul 14 Dockweiler Beach Bonfire
- Jul 19-25 King's Kamp
- Jul 26 Won By One
- Jul 28 Dockweiler Beach Bonfire
- Aug 2 All Sing and Ice Cream
- Aug 11 Dockweiler Beach Bonfire
- Aug 25 Dockweiler Beach Bonfire

Upcoming Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|------|
| Joshua (JoJo) Rocky | 6/29 |
| Marilyn Aurand | 6/30 |
| Doug Hurley | 7/2 |
| Ellie Sutherland | 7/5 |
| Sheryl Sanders | 7/6 |
| Tammy Ditmore | 7/8 |
| Rachel Miner | 7/9 |
| Kari Odenath | 7/10 |
| Pat Tudor | 7/10 |
| Dwayne Hunnicutt | 7/11 |
| Maureen Thomas | 7/16 |
| Laura Estes | 7/19 |
| Chris Heard | 7/19 |
| Bryn Kliet-Blankfein | 7/22 |
| Tim Horton | 7/23 |
| Wes Johnson | 7/24 |

A More Perfect Union

Andy Wall

This weekend, all around these United States, people have gathered in groups large and small to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We're looking forward (at the time of this writing) to gathering with family in San Pedro for a hillside view of the 4th of July fireworks all over Los Angeles and Long Beach.

I appreciated something Darryl Tippens wrote this past week regarding this season of celebration: "We should do our best to avoid two extreme views of America being promoted today. One narrative...presents a pristine, fault-free grand narrative of an almost perfect America. The other narrative is equally false. It's the story of a hopelessly flawed, irredeemable country." Like every nation in the world, our history is complex and flawed but also includes much to celebrate.

A recent example includes our hosting of some 1.2 million World Cup visitors from around the world. The people of Lawrence, Kansas, adopted the visiting nation of Algeria by learning the chants of that national team, with local residents enthusiastically greeting Algerian travelers with the fan rallying cry "Viva l'Algérie!" Transit workers in sweltering Houston voluntarily handed out free ice-cold drinks to international fans on city buses and trains to prevent heat exhaustion. In Kansas City, local pit masters and residents guided Argentine fans, who are steeped in their own asado steak culture, to the glories and nuances of dry-rub barbecue in neighborhood BBQ joints.

Much of the goodness of life in the United States is not headline news. We see this goodness in the people of our communities, our fellow workers, and our friends. We see it in area parks, local churches, and Little League games. We see it in Vacation Bible Schools, food drives, and outdoor summer concerts. We see it in a fire department's pancake breakfast, a Friday afternoon neighborhood soccer game, and a casserole delivered to a bereaved friend. I never cease to be amazed by the resilience, humor, acts of kindness, creativity, and faith of those around me.

A quote mistakenly attributed to Alexis de Tocqueville says, "America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will no longer be great." This basic goodness, however flawed due to our human selfishness and sin, is what I pray we always continue to pursue in our great American experiment, always understanding that there is more work to do in pursuit of "a more perfect union."



What's Happening At Conejo



Today's Sermon

As the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we'll be reflecting appreciatively on some of the great ideas that have guided the history of our country, as rooted in the teaching and wisdom of Scripture. While our national legacy is far from perfect, the idea of "the American experiment" is an aspirational ideal that we are committed to keep working on and improving, not unlike our own personal faith commitments to keep growing in Christ.

Sunday Class: Surely God Was In This Place

Our summer auditorium class series, "Surely God Was in This Place," kicks off this Sunday. During this series, various members of Conejo Church will share parts of their faith stories in a class on the places and spaces in which God has met them during their spiritual journeys. Biblical examples of places in which people encountered God include the wilderness, mountaintops, caves, lakes, roads, the temple, homes, upper rooms, an olive orchard, and more. This Sunday, Carrie and Andy Wall will share about a few places in which God has encountered them in their faith journeys.

Summer Scheduling, Please Help!

Please help us keep things running smoothly by going into the Planning Center Services App and blocking out the dates that you will be out of town in July and August. Planning Center is used to schedule people for our worship services as well as the youth ministry and children's ministry. It will be extremely

helpful if every member blocks out the days that they will be out of town. If you are not sure how to do this within the Planning Center app, please send an email to the office (office@conejochurch.org) with a list of dates that you will be in town and able to be scheduled to help with Sunday services. We will be very happy to help block out the dates for you.

Thank You to the Green Family

Last Sunday, the Green family retired from a long-term commitment to the Coffee and Donut Ministry. Thank you, David, Daphne, and Sarah for many years of arriving early to prepare coffee and donuts for everyone to enjoy as they go to Bible class or visit between Bible class and worship. Chandler Darby will be coordinating this ministry going forward. Please let him know if you can help.



Summer Opportunities for Fellowship!

Although many will be traveling throughout the summer months, there will be opportunities for community and fellowship with the Conejo Church.

- Bonfires on Dockweiler Beach with other churches in the SoCal area will take place every other Tuesday. The next one is scheduled for July 14.
- Teen Camp will be in session from July 5-11.
- King's Kamp will be in session from July 19-25.
- Won By One Concert at CVCC is scheduled for July 26.
- "All Sing and Ice Cream" is scheduled for August 2.

For those who are traveling: Please travel safely, be an encouragement wherever you are, and know that we anticipate your reengagement with life at among the CVCC church family!

Mexico Mission Trip Photos



Middle School and High School

Youth Ministry Bible Classes

Last week, the youth group spent time sharing and reflecting on the Amor Mission Trip. This week, we conclude our series on the Lord's Prayer, drawing in insights from previous weeks and incorporating a study on the conclusion of the prayer and Jesus' emphasis on forgiveness. Thanks to John Downey for guest teaching while Chandler is at Teen Camp.

Summer Camps Are in Full Swing!

Teen Camp and Kings Kamp are week-long, faith-based camps, designed to invite your students into a deeper love of God, of others, and of themselves.

This year, both camps will center around Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5-7, what we often call the Sermon on the Mount.

Teen Camp runs this week, 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.

There's still time to sign up for Kings Kamp if you're interested. But you must do so asap to secure a spot. Scan the QR Code to get started and feel free to reach out to Chandler with any questions.



Summer Bonfires!

It's that time of year again! Our SoCal Youth Summer Bonfires kicked off on June 16 and run every other week through August 25. Plan to join us from 5-8pm at Dockweiler Beach for our remaining dates* on **July 14, July 28, August 11, and August 25** to connect with youth group friends old and new from all over the SoCal area for games, music, devos, and more. Can't wait to see you there!



*For the Dockweiler Beach Bonfires, Chandler will plan to leave the church building at 2:30pm and return by 9:30pm. Please plan to arrive at the church by 2:15pm if you'd like to join the vanpool!

Children's Ministry

What Our Kids Are Learning

During our **Bible Classes**, our Little Lights will continue to learn the stories of Jesus. Our Kingdom Kids are kicking off a special new unit for summer titled, "**Happy Campers: Adventures with God awaits in the great outdoors!**" When Jesus walked this earth, He invited 12 men to share in His life and to join Him on a great adventure. Today, Jesus invites each of us to join Him on this adventure as well!

In **Children's Worship**, our Little Lights will be learning about "**Psalms: The Big Book of Emotions.**" Our Kingdom Kids will learn that true freedom comes when we become completely dependent on God as they talk about "IN Dependence Day."

(Due to travel schedules of our families and volunteers, some Sundays our children may be combined in multi-age classes.)

Kingdom Kids' Summer Memory Verse



Children's Ministry Newsletter

All of this information and more can be found in our [Children's Ministry Newsletter](#)! Check it out!



Summer Teachers

We need help!!!! During the summer, our wonderful, committed Bible Class teachers take a much deserved break. Please consider serving as a summer Bible Class teacher or helper for nursery, preschool, or elementary classes. Contact Char Hurley!

VBS Moments of Wonder and Delight



Prayer Corner

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

PRAISES

Births: Judah (Jude) Richard Clark, son of Andrew and Lexy Clark, brother of Jamisen Evangeline (Evie) Therese West, daughter of Rob and Alyssa West; sister of Mena and Josie

New Members: Paul and Maya Nutley, Jeffrey Ignarro

Baptisms: Paxton Van Atta, Reese Odenath, Emersyn Starkey

Surgical Recoveries: Tammy Dittmore, Matt Joyner

LaVerne Pangburn (sister of Kay Falletta) – able to return home after a month of care in hospital and rehab facility

THOSE GRIEVING

Christian Socquet – loss of mother, Elizabeth Cowan

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

Bruce McAfee (husband of Maxi McAfee) – undergoing treatment for histiocytic sarcoma; hospitalized due to complications

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 – prostate cancer

Harriet Overton – undergoing treatment for leukemia

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

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

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

Medical Clinic Mission Support – Ghana

Daniel and Karly Napier – Thessaloniki, Greece

Megan Randolph – Associate Director of Teacher Services, TeachBeyond

REMADE (formerly Made in the Streets) – Nairobi, Kenya

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

Javon Johnson – serving in WA as a Navy chaplain

Attendance
+ Giving

Attendance	June 21	June 28	June 21 Giving	\$9,708
			June 28 Giving	\$11,219
On-Site Service	203	132	Weekly Giving Average	\$12,420
Online Viewing	32	40	Weekly Giving Budget	\$13,550
			BtB Giving (Funds Remaining)	\$1,743,034

CONEJO VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

(805) 371-1381 Office | (805) 371-1384 Fax

www.conejochurch.org

Chandler Darby

Youth Minister
(770) 654-5262

chandler.darby@conejochurch.org

Rene Heard

Worship & Media Manager
(818) 665-8598 cell

rene.heard@conejochurch.org

Char Hurley

Interim Children's Minister
(805) 405-3777 cell

char.hurley@conejochurch.org

Andy Wall

Preaching Minister
(805) 331-0187

andy.wall@conejochurch.org

Elders: Michael Dittmore, Bill Foster, Chris Heard, David Rhoades, Mike Rivas, Tim Willis – elders@conejochurch.org



CHURCH

2525 E. Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362