

# WATCHMAN ALERT

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## *Faith That Moves Mountains*

Many of us pray like the woman who lived in a house facing a small hill. This hill obstructed her view and blocked the warm rays of sunlight.

One day, after reading Matthew 17:20 in her Bible, where Christ said, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you,” she decided to act. She closed the window facing the hill, drew the curtains, knelt down, and fervently prayed to God to remove the hill from in front of her house.

When she finished praying, she opened the curtains and looked outside, only to find the hill still standing. She muttered, “I knew this would happen.”

What Jesus meant to teach us in this passage is not the literal removal of mountains, but the power of faith to overcome obstacles that seem insurmountable. Faithful prayer can remove barriers that hinder us, no matter how large or impossible they may appear.

A true story illustrates this beautifully. In Tennessee, a small church built a new building on donated land at the base of the Great Smoky Mountains. Ten days before the church’s grand opening, the local government issued a notice that the building could not be used because the parking lot was too small for a church of that size. Services could not commence until a larger parking area was provided.

The situation seemed hopeless. The church had already used all available land for the building and parking. The only option was the adjacent mountain, which appeared impossible to alter.

On Sunday morning, the pastor announced that he would meet that evening with anyone who had “mountain-moving faith”—those who truly believed in God’s power. The goal was to pray for God to move the mountain and provide the funds necessary to prepare the land for parking.

That evening, 24 out of the 300 members attended the prayer meeting. For three hours, they prayed with unwavering faith. At 10:00 p.m., the pastor concluded the meeting with confidence, saying, “We will hold our opening service next Sunday as planned. Our faithful God has never let us down, and He won’t fail us now.”

The next morning, the pastor was surprised by a knock at his door. A man in construction gear introduced himself as a representative of Acme Construction Company. He explained that his company was building a shopping mall nearby and urgently needed fill dirt for the project. “Would you be willing to sell us some dirt from your mountain?” he asked. “If you agree, we’ll pay for it and pave the area for free. We need to start immediately because we can’t continue our project without it.”

By the following Sunday, the church held its grand opening as planned. The congregation celebrated not just the new building but also God’s faithfulness. Many who witnessed this extraordinary event experienced a renewed belief in the power of mountain-moving faith.

Dear reader, do you have faith that moves mountains?

The Word of God in James 5 reminds us:

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again, he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

Do you believe in God’s power to remove the mountains in your life—the mountains of sin, worry, or anything else that hinders you?

If so, take heart. The same God who moves mountains in Scripture and in stories of faith is ready to work wonders in your life today.

**Pastor Robert Helou**

Pastor, Arabic Congregation

## **PRAISE & PETITION...**

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### *Senior Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah*

- Join me in giving thanks to our God for the resurrection of our Savior and the new life we have in Him, now and forever more!
- Many will attend our Resurrection Weekend services. Let’s trust God to move in the hearts of each attendee (and those watching online) to draw many to Himself and be glorified through meaningful worship.
- Plans are underway for several Shadow Mountain outreach teams this summer (Albania, Uganda, Thailand, Alaska, Central California). Ask our God to fully staff each team and provide the resources needed to accomplish His work.
- Our High School Ministry Annual River Trip takes place the last weekend of this month. This is a major outreach. Pray for changed lives through the preaching of the Word, for safety throughout the weekend.
- Christian Unified Schools will conclude their 2024-2025 academic year next month. Let’s trust God to enable each student to finish well and to permanently impact the heart of each student God has gifted to us to shape for His glory.
- Pray for revival.
- As always, pray for God’s protection around Shadow Mountain Ministries.

*Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. (Romans 6:8-9)*

### *Family Ministries*

#### **Praise**

- For the opportunity to provide biblical counsel and encouragement to individuals who are facing challenges.

#### **Prayer**

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for our counselor as she connects with people seeking guidance.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones or are going through separation or divorce. Please pray for our leaders and the needs of all who attend our GriefShare and DivorceCare groups.

*Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23*

## *Evangelism, Connections, Discipleship, New Members & Baptism, Pastor Scott Pittman*

### **Praise Report**

- We have had a large amount of First Time Guests coming to Shadow Mountain in the last few weeks. Lots of them are looking for a new church, some are new to church, some are prior Catholic or other church, “religious” backgrounds. Pray that God will guide us in our follow up with them and they would all find the Lord and find a home here at Shadow Mountain.

### **Prayer Request**

- Pray for our Evangelism/Connections team, that God will continue to guide them in their efforts.
- Pray for the deacons and deaconesses who help with baptisms.
- Pray for our discipleship groups, that they would be able to build a strong foundation to their new faith and that we would be able to connect them into other ministries of the church.
- Pray for Toni Vowels our Administrative Assistant who cares for all the details surrounding assimilations.
- Pray for all our first-time guests, that God would meet them where they are and help them find a home at Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for everyone involved in the New Member’s Class as they process the details of class during this season.
- Pray for all the altar counselors and pastors, that they would be encouraged, and that God would give them many opportunities to minister to people in our weekend services.

*“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth.” Psalm 57:5*

## *Pastoral Care, Pastor Ray Benton*

Pray for Pastor Ray Benton and Pastor Gareld Murphy and Pastor Tim Powell as they seek to be an encouragement to those going through difficult physical challenges and those who are shut in. Pray our calls will provide encouragement and comfort

Pray for our tele-care team members who connect weekly over the phone with encouragement by means of prayer and scripture to those who are shut-in from our congregation. These calls are more important than ever because of the isolation many are experiencing.

**People home/hospital recuperating:** Dawn Wilson, Chuck and Loretta Emert, Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Dave and Yolanda Schoenfeld, Jim Nemeč, Elizabeth Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Donna Coombs, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Don Harrison, Ken Howell, Jeanette Eddery, Larry Weinstein, Shirley Pickney, Jack Kriege, Jordan Verhoeve, Jonothan Jones, Glenda Parker, Marilyn Campbell, Mark Kuker, Terry Ulmer, Christina Bowman, Pat Pearson, Joel Schrum, Bea Keller, Krystal Emery, Sharon Hiebert, Sue Jarrett

**Pray for shut-ins:** Sally Barber, Sue Jarrett, Barbara Hendrix, John Goetz, Cliff Swanson, Doug Ayres, David Morris, Alice Cook, Karena De La France

**Pray for families who have lost loved ones:** Ron James, Ray Grimm

*“Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.” Psalm 24:8*

## *Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper*

The Gift of **SPRING!**

**Spring** offers us an opportunity for *new beginnings*. People new to our area or our church family find it the perfect time to join membership and *grab a new focus, fellowship and spiritual growth rhythm*.

**Spring** is one of the hundreds of ways God showers us with His *creativity* decorated with *hope*. The beauty of *bright colors, energy and new ideas* are attractive to the watching eyes just as every precious person who comes to our family.

**Springing** up from various directions and locations are new members and others interested in viewing the need to *discover, define and develop* their spiritual gifts and use them for God's glory.

**Spring** 2025 is here, and we don't want to miss any of the *fresh, inviting and productive* opportunities for God's Glory and our good.

Pray to that end as Ministry Advisors demonstrate His love to those **springing** into our lives!

## *Business Office, Josh James*

### **Praise**

- God's continued favor and blessing on Shadow Mountain, Christian Unified Schools, and Southern California Seminary.
- The congregation's faithful giving and His provision for the ministries at Shadow Mountain.
- The congregation's support of the Benevolence Fund and the Deacons' discernment and compassion in the administration of this fund.
- The dedicated staff that God has called to serve in the Finance, Payroll, and Compliance/Benefits Department.

### **Prayer**

- God's counsel in our stewardship of that which He has entrusted to us. May we use it according to His will to reach people locally and world-wide with God's Word, the Gospel message, and knowledge of His love. That many would come to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- Provision for those at SMCC who are struggling financially.
- Counsel for daily wisdom and discernment for our staff.
- Prayer for discernment and consistent joy for our educators at the school and seminary.

## *Music Ministry, Tobin Davis*

- Praise God for the addition of Aaron Henry to our production staff. Pray for Aaron and his family as they adjust to life and ministry in a new state.
- Pray for our technical team as they serve in each of our weekend services.
- Pray for the music ministry team, for wisdom and discernment, as they plan and prepare for upcoming services and outreach events.

## *Kids Ministries, Jesse Abeel*

### **Praises**

- We are seeing kids coming to faith, wanting to get baptized, and enjoying their time at church while learning and growing in their faith! We are thankful to be blessed to minister to whole families.
- We have a vibrant team of staff and volunteers, which is a huge praise! We all love working together and have a sense of unity.
- Our Kids Blast (and Kids Blast Jr.) large group program continues to be a success and has attracted many new kids to church.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray for Easter and Summer Blast as we begin to plan these huge events—that many kids would invite their friends and we would see a huge turnout as we seek to reach out to our community.
- We are still experiencing a need for more consistent adult volunteers.
- Some of our families are experiencing hardship with loss of loved ones, financial struggles, and sickness.
- Pray for our staff and volunteers to joyously communicate the love of Christ to our kids, their parents, and each other
- For kids to have a genuine relationship with God, build a Biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and develop a community at church that they love being part of.
- Pray for the power of God's truth to permeate deeper in the hearts and minds of our young ones than any of the lies surrounding them in this culture we are living in!

## *Small Groups, Dale Bacon*

- **Pray for our groups**—Pray for our small groups to be places of deep connection, transformation, and growth. Ask God to build strong, Christ-centered relationships among members, where people feel welcomed, encouraged, and challenged in their faith.
- **Pray for our leaders**—Pray for our small group leaders as they faithfully shepherd their groups. Ask God to strengthen and encourage them as they pour into others, giving them wisdom, endurance, and joy. Pray that they would remain rooted in Christ, growing in their own faith as they lead, and that they would experience God's presence and guidance.

## *College Ministry, Trey Cole*

### **Prayer Requests:**

- That God would provide 10 adult couples who desire to serve on Thursday Nights in the College Ministry to host tables, lead prayer, and facilitate discussion.
- For God to use the College Ministry to conform students to His image and call unbelievers into salvation.
- For our April Bible Studies, that God would bring spiritual growth to the students who attend.

### **Praises:**

- That many students are excited to get involved in the ministry and grow in their faith.
- Students are already getting involved and making new connections with one another.

## *Young Adult Ministry, 20's – 30's, George Helewa*

### **Praises**

- Thank you that we HAVE a ministry to this vulnerable and challenging demographic. This is a good group of YAs who are pursuing the Lord!
- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that the group is sharing them with each other!
- For our amazing volunteer leaders who serve YAs. May the Lord bless them richly.
- For robust small groups that act as the lifeblood of our ministry.

### **Prayer requests**

- **For 2025 as we teach through *Identity in Christ***
- For our **Small Groups** to maintain their community and momentum into the new year.
- We need to develop more **leaders** from within our group. Pray for new table and small group leaders to emerge.
- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **Mental, emotional, and spiritual health for Young Adults** who are assaulted everyday by the world. **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.
- For our Men to be surrendered and be Men of God who LEAD. For our Women to be Women of Honor, and surrendered to God; May patience, honor and virtue to define their lives. Pray especially for the men in our group, that God would give them more mentors and that they'd embrace genuine, godly manhood.
- **Continued Spiritual** and **physical** growth in our ministry.
- **Relational wisdom** for the YAs that God is calling into more romantic relationships. That they would put God first and their significant other second.
- **Wisdom** for young Adults that are joining us out of failed marriages and relationships.
- **Pray for the couples** looking to get married in 2025 as they make plans for the rest of their life.
- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YAs at SMCC. Consistent help to manage the “business” of the ministry so Pastor George can focus on the people of the ministry.
- **For Pastor George: clarity** and **endurance** as he leads his group and others in the new year. **Wisdom** to navigate the demands of ministry and family. **Focus** as he prepares teaching lessons. **Also**, for a strong marriage to **Krysten** and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two daughters, Amira and Jasmine. Pray for valuable time together as a couple, and for their daughters to find their value, strength, and hope in Christ every day.
- **Prayers for the Local Fire Departments** that Pastor George serves as Chaplain.

## *Middle School Ministry, Chase Eulich*

### **Prayer requests**

- Pray that God would continue to bless Middle School Ministry and the momentum of reaching new students and new families.
- Pray for spiritual growth in those attending our mid-week small groups.
- We have lots of new students joining us—please pray they feel welcome and comfortable.
- Pray that students would have a tenderness toward the Gospel.
- Pray for the parents of our middle schoolers—they have a hard job and need support and encouragement!
- Pray for more volunteers to join us in reaching middle schoolers for Christ.
- Pray for continued safety and health for our staff, volunteers, and students.

### **Praises**

- Our ministry to middle schoolers is continuing to grow!
- Students seem to be really connecting and are finding a sense of community in our ministry.
- We have an exceptional team of staff and interns. I thank the Lord for them!

## *Shadow Youth High School Ministry, Pastor Grant Todd*

### **We need prayer for the following concerning the Youth Ministry**

- For the Lord to use the High School messages to help our students connect and grow.
- We want to pray for students to connect, grow, and serve the Lord.
- Asking God to energize and use our staff to reach out to our students.

## *Young Married Ministries, Troy Leeman*

### **Praise:**

- Lots of new couples have attended YMC since January.
- The Young Marrieds Valentine's Getaway was a success.
- Continued learning and growth in ministering to couples in both phases.

### **Prayer:**

- Prayer for several upcoming deployments and spouses on deployment currently.
- Prayer for the healthy pregnancies and babies in YMC.
- Prayer for continued momentum and growth in the phases.
- Prayer for upcoming YMC service night at Ronald McDonald House at Rady's Children's hospital.

## *Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson*

### **Praise**

- For the over 450 ladies that attended Coffee Connect!
- Praise God for new ladies ready to connect, grow, and serve!
- Praise God for providing a sweet connect time through Bingo to our Joyful Hearts (widow) Group!

### **Prayer:**

- Our GIRL TIME event with Jennifer Rothschild will be a massive outreach to the community! Hearts would be open to receiving the gospel, and God would be glorified through His church and people.
- Please pray for travel mercies and good health for Jennifer and her assistant. Please pray over the event planning details, including mailers, email, social media, text, and personal invites. Volunteers, the technology and music department, maintenance, security, shuttle, parking, our in-house catering (Provider), setup, and tear-down would go smoothly.
- Thursday, April 3rd, is our Active-duty Military Wives Bunco night. Please pray that many ladies sign up, and that moms feel secure knowing that we provide excellent childcare for their kiddos. Our evening will be filled with lots of joy and laughter. The ladies will genuinely feel supported and connected to SMCC and each other.
- Women's Ministries will stay true to its mission: Connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow!
- God will provide more leaders for the Fall.
- Both new and returning ladies will see the value of investing in God's Word and be excited about signing up for the Becoming Part 3 summer Bible study.
- God would provide uninterrupted writing time as Jennifer prepares Becoming Part 3. God's hand of peace, protection, and favor would rest upon her.
- Caring for Kids, Needlecrafters, Joyful Hearts, Discipleship, Military Wives, and Global Connect groups will provide opportunities for women to connect, grow, and serve!
- God's wisdom, guidance, and protection over Lisa, Jennifer, Kasey, and Council as we seek His will in ministering to the needs of His women. Loving women well would be on full display!

- Leaders would be encouraged to become disciple-makers.
- Protection over all that surrounds SMCC!
- God would be glorified through His people!

*“For the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro carried away with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:12-16*

## *Men’s Ministries, Pastor Manny Sanchez*

### **Praises**

- Praise God for the wonderful men’s event, Dangerous Man. Over 1000 men attended and many responded to the gospel and recommitted their lives.
- Our Discipleship Ministry: Twenty-five men are currently being discipled one on one, and more are requesting to be discipled every week.
- After one year of praying for a leader, the Lord blessed us with two new excellent leaders to head up our Dads and Kids ministry and their first event is April 2nd—it’s an ice cream social.

### **Prayers**

- Pray that our follow up team follows up diligently with the men who made decisions at Dangerous Man.
- Our goals for this year are 100 salvations (28 so far) 50 in discipleship (25 are in process) and 1000 men in weekly Bible study by the end of 2027 (550 combined with all campuses).
- We are planning for the Father’s Day Car Show, pray for 150 cars and 60 volunteers to help and that many men would come who haven’t been to church or heard the gospel and that they would be saved and come to SMCC.

## *Campus Operations, Bryan Snow*

*“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ...But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

(1 Corinthians 15:55, 57)

Christ’s victory over death and the grave is the fulcrum of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul said that *“if Christ be not raised our faith is vain, and we are yet in our sins”* (1 Cor 15:17). But praise the Lord, He is risen, and we have the privilege of taking this Gospel to the world!

### **Would you please pray?**

- Please pray that God would give Richard Perry, Jen Burr, Jordan Knepper and Donald Flanagan wisdom, understanding, and knowledge as they serve on the IT team. Jen is also the Administrative Assistant to Tobin Davis in the Music Department.
- *“And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?”* (1 Cor 15:30) The Gospel ministry is not without danger. Please continue to pray for the Lord’s protection of our families, students, missionaries, and members.
- Please ask the Lord to bless our major events: Easter service, Youth Ministry River Trip, Women’s Ministry Girl Time event, and the School’s Spring Musical.



## *Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs*

- Praise—for the safe arrival of John and Stacy's baby boy in February.
- Praise—for the safe arrival of Trevor and Aeryn McGee's baby girl in March.
- Prayer—for Mark Dalton and Phil Spigelmire's trip to India, Nepal and Albania April 3-19 and for the Pastor's Conference in Nepal.
- Prayer—for God's direction and wisdom for a missionary who has been asked to relocate and assume a supervisory position.
- Prayer—for several missionary kids who will be serving on mission teams this summer.
- Prayer—for a veteran missionary couple facing serious health issues.

## *Sports Ministry, Tim Brown*

### **Praise**

- Praise God for the 24 teams and over 200 men that signed up for the Men's Basketball League.
- Praise God for the resources available on our campus to facilitate our Sports Programs.

### **Prayer**

- Pray for those serving in the Sports Ministry to represent Jesus Christ well during our sports programs.
- Pray for the Monday Evenings from Mar-June when the Men's Basketball Leagues host games from 6pm-10pm. Pray that the environment would help build relationships, share the Good News, and draw people to Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for the Men that participate in the Men's Basketball League. Pray that they would be open to visiting other programs at SMCC. Pray for the relationships that we would build with them and the influence of the Christian community in their lives.
- Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel, both one on one and in our team settings, with the participants who will be involved in our sports programs.
- Pray for the recruitment of godly, mature coaches for the sports programs.
- Pray for the volunteers and coaches who will help serve in the upcoming Youth Summer Camps. Pray for their teamwork and communication while coaching and leading.

## *Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing*

*For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. Psalm 107:9*

### **Praises**

- God continues to amaze us with His blessings financially to this ministry so that we are able to help so many in our community (1,100 families a month!).
- The privilege of having our ministry on campus where our community is able to receive their assistance and physically see where we are inviting them to church and other ministries like Men's, Women's and Kid's.
- God has continued to provide vendors that supply food at wholesale prices.
- Some recipients have gotten back on their feet allowing space on our registration for other families who are in need.

### **Prayers**

- That the Holy Spirit would continue to work amongst our volunteers and into the hearts of those whom we are serving. For lives changed!
- That God would continue to graciously provide the resources to support this ministry.
- For the health of volunteers and recipients as some have still been experiencing serious health ailments.
- With everything going on overseas, pray for protection for everyone on campus as we serve a diverse culture in our community.

## *Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña*

### **Praise God for:**

- Our Women's Retreat Moriah at Camp Maranatha, where a small group of the women's ministry dedicated a weekend to strengthening their relationship with God and to meet new people.
- Classes Paideia, an introduction class for new believers where a small group of recent believers meet with a knowledgeable leader and who provides information regarding our church's ministries, membership and baptism.
- Our Men's Ministry and leaders. They have been of great impact in many new members lives, by providing counseling support, and activities to create new relationships.

### **Pray for:**

- Those in our Evangelism Ministry at our South Bay and El Cajon campuses who will be training our members on April 12th on how to biblically evangelize the people in their community.
- For our Children who will be celebrating Kid's Day on April 27, a festive day in Mexico where we celebrate all of our little ones and the gift of having them with us.
- For our Youth Ministry in South Bay who will be spending a day spreading the Good News in the streets of downtown San Diego, may God give them the wisdom and the boldness to speak the Truth.
- For every new family that comes for the first time to the Hispanic service. For every husband and wife seeking the word and wisdom of God.

## *Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou*

### **Praises**

- The Lord's blessings during three special, well-attended meetings in mid-February, where many responded to salvation invitations.
- The salvation of three individuals—one Mexican and two Iraqi—who accepted Christ through the Parkway Evangelism Team.
- God's protection in a car accident involving a church member and a trolley. Though he sustained minor injuries, he was safely rescued.
- The launch of three special discipleship classes, designed to equip church members at different spiritual levels.
- The miraculous healing of a father, whose daughter is a church member. He was gravely ill, but the Lord answered our prayers.
- The successful surgery of a church member who had a cancerous thyroid removed. Praise God for a smooth procedure and recovery.
- The successful development of an Arabic QR code for "Walking With Jesus" the daily devotional by Pastor Jeremiah.
- The opportunity to support several needy families in Lebanon and Syria through the generous donations of our church members.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for all those who have responded to the Gospel message, especially through the Parkway Evangelism Ministry.
- Pray for the various ministries, especially Kids Care, and for more volunteers to help in this vital ministry.
- Pray for church members suffering from illnesses and health issues, including viral infections. And recovering from surgeries.
- Pray for our sisters, Afaf and Heyam, as they continue to face ongoing health challenges and cancer treatments.
- Pray for peace and stability in Lebanon under the leadership of the new president and the head of the minister's cabinet.

- Pray for the situation in Syria under the new regime, asking for God's protection over minorities, especially Christian denominations.
- Pray for a true spiritual revival in our church and in the Arabic Evangelical churches throughout San Diego County.

### *Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover*

#### **Praises**

- We thank God for such a robust volunteer ministry at the Alpine Campus! What a blessing to see so many serving and growing in their walk with the Lord, as a result.

#### **Praying for:**

- God to blossom our community, particularly those who attend our 10:45 AM Service. Praying for attendees to connect and come to a place where they feel like the 10:45 Service is where they belong.

### *Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodewolf*

#### **We are thankful for...**

- The addition of many new members from the Encinitas campus.
- Many guests and visitors that have returned and become part of our campus family.

#### **Requests**

- As we begin the new year, pray for good attendance, and for new people and familiar friends to attend our Campus.
- The health and wellbeing of many of our members.
- For young families and children to attend our services.

### *Online Campus, Pastor Rod Gray*

#### **Praises**

- For over 15,000 viewers worldwide each weekend on our online platform, Facebook, and YouTube.
- For those who accept Christ and those who make recommitments through our online ministry.
- Praising God for 15 small groups operating this season.

#### **Prayers**

- For many who are homebound and shut-in to find a place to belong at Shadow Mountain Online.
- Continued increase for new online small group leaders and continued growth of our online small groups.
- For unchurched non-believers to come to Christ through our online platforms.

### *South Bay Campus, Pastor Fausto Garay*

#### **We are thankful for...**

- Successful launch of our GriefShare Ministry with 15 participants and a volunteer.
- Continued growth in our Game Night Ministry with 60 participants.
- Active participation in our Membership class.

#### **Prayer for:**

- Preparations for 2025 events including Easter.
- Continued growth of Kids Ministry and Youth Ministry.
- Continued growth of Men's and Women's Ministry.

## *Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley*

### **Prayer**

- For our new office administrator, Sonia Bartlett and our previous one Phyliss Bennett who will be overseeing administration of Kids Ministry.
- Development of our Kids ministry team covering weekly lessons, activities and Summer Blast.
- Continued development of our worship team.

### **Praise:**

- We continue to have new visitors attend weekly.
- We had wonderful men's meetings including a fellowship lunch and Dangerous Man.
- Many of our members attend a small group where they continue to grow deeper in their faith.

## *Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs*

### **Praise for**

- **The Blessing of Ministry through Shadow Mountain:** We are grateful for the opportunity to serve as a ministry of Shadow Mountain, and for the partnership in sharing the gospel.
- **Pastor Jeremiah's Inspiring Leadership:** Praise for Pastor Jeremiah's faithful leadership and ministry, including his role as chancellor of Southern California Seminary, which continues to inspire and guide many.
- **Dedicated SCS Students and Alumni:** Gratitude for students and alumni who are faithfully serving in local churches, missions, counseling ministries, and Christian schools and colleges. We celebrate the grace, peace, and wisdom God grants them as they minister to others.
- **Faithful and Skilled Faculty:** Praise for the dedicated faculty who diligently equip students with biblical knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve in their fields.
- **A Servant-Minded SCS Team:** We are thankful for the joy of serving alongside SCS staff and faculty, who create a working environment marked by a servant-hearted attitude and commitment to helping students succeed in their ministry calling.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- **Blessing and Wisdom for Seminary Leadership:** Pray for Dr. Gary Coombs (President), Dr. Gino Pasquariello (Provost and Chief Academic Officer), Dr. James Fazio (Dean of Bible and Theology), and Dr. Elizabeth Elenwo (Dean of Behavioral Sciences) as they lead with vision, integrity, and effectiveness in their ministries.
- **Encouragement for SCS Students and Families:** Lift up students and their families, asking for strength, encouragement, and faithfulness in their academic studies, ministries, and personal spiritual growth as they navigate life's changing circumstances.
- **Gratitude and Support for Donors:** Pray for continued generosity and faithfulness from donors, whose giving provides scholarships that enable students to receive biblical training and spiritual formation at the seminary.
- **Ministry Opportunities for Alumni:** Ask for doors to open for graduating alumni to step into meaningful ministry roles and to stay connected with one another through the Alumni Association, fostering ongoing support and collaboration.
- **Growth and Impact of the Call to Care Training:** Pray for the continued success of the Call to Care Training, as churches increasingly seek guidance in establishing lay biblical counseling ministries. Ask for the provision of resources and the strengthening of teams to meet this growing need within the church community.
- **Pathways to Ministry Partnerships Luncheon Series:** Thanks to grant funding, SCS is advancing its mission to equip leaders for impactful ministry, and we want to celebrate by hosting a series of events designed to bring local ministry leaders together to connect, learn, and collaborate.
- Thank you for joining in prayer for these important needs!

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### **Praises**

- Praise for a successful Jogathon season. This is a wonderful celebration of our school community, and we are so grateful for the staff, parents and students that come together to raise funds to improve our school.
- Praise for a successful Dad's Day event at our South campus.
- Praise for a successful sports season with playoff runs for several of our programs including CIF San Diego Championships for our boys' soccer team and girls' basketball team.
- Praise for strong re-enrollment numbers and strong admissions interest for the 2025-2026 school year.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for the health and safety of our staff and students during the last few months of school as we have many special events on top of the regular day-to-day business of learning.
- Please pray for students to be respectful to each other and the adults. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we turn their hearts to God and set expectations of honor and respect for one another and our teachers and staff.
- Please pray for a staff member who recently lost her mother and that she feels the Lord near to her and has the peace that surpasses all understanding.
- Please continue to pray for our enrollment season for discernment for the families of our prospective students as well as our admissions and business office staff as they make admission decisions. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom to both the school and the families.
- Please pray for wisdom for our leadership team particularly in regard to hiring for the 25-26 school year and that the Lord will bring the candidates that He would like to see join our school community.
- Please pray that all of our students and their families would be rooted in a local church, regularly attending and growing in their faith as part of a church family. With Easter approaching, we especially encourage our school community to be in the habit of worshiping together and celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. We pray that our students and families would join us at SMCC or a similar Christ-centered church and that they would also take the opportunity to invite a friend to one of the Easter services as we rejoice in Christ's triumph over death!