

WATCHMAN ALERT

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So Much and So Many

How about you? Does it feel to you like there are **MANY** concerns invading our world these days? For starters, how about:

- Inflation...Unprotected law-making
- Wars from neighborhood-wide to worldwide
- A dearth of respect for life...end of life for so many
- Wrong touted as right...Truth questioned
- A plethora of accidents...Health concerns skyrocketing...
- Babies born with unheard of defects...
- Family values ignored...Marriages crumbling!

We're surrounded by **MANY** people that are:

- Hurting...Needy!
- Desperate for healing
- Emotionally broken
- Lonely
- Hopeless

This short list is representative of so **MUCH** more... enough to bring on a giant case of the OVER-WHELMS! That is, of course, dependent on one's focus.

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You, Isaiah 26:3.

Each of the **MUCH** and **MANY** can be perfect opportunities for PRAYER or handwringing. It's a CHOICE!

- Praying can become like commas in the midst of life's **MANY** and **MUCH**.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, Philippians 4:6.

- It's like breathing up rather than crashing down.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help? Psalm 121:1.

- It's remembering WHO HE IS and who we are... His sheep wandering around in a pasture of so **MUCH** and **MANY** bumps, trials, tangles and rough patches.

The **MANY** and **MUCH** adjectives can also be attached to OUR GREAT GOD to name a few:

- He is ABLE
- The Blessed CONTROLLER of all Things
- The GIVER of all Good Gifts
- Our CREATOR, SUSTAINER
- All WISE and POWERFUL
- PEACE-GIVER with His presence
- ETERNITY-PROVIDER

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, Ephesians 3:20.

These are simply reminders that He may want to do some growing in us through life's **MANY** and **MUCH** for our good and His Glory...and we don't want to miss that even if it's a little messy!

Warmly In Him,
Joyce Tepfer

Director of Servant Ministries

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- I am thankful for our recent studies on Heaven! Trust God to continue to shape us through the ministry of Jimmy Scroggins, Jack Graham, Crawford Loritts, Clayton King, and Jim Jeremiah during August.
- Our Fall Ministry Kickoff is only a few weeks away. Let's look to our all-sufficient God to direct us as we plan and prepare for another season of proclaiming the precious truths of His Word.
- *Summer Blast*, our July outreach to children, was blessed of God. 176 children placed their faith in Christ. Give thanks to God for growing His kingdom and for the many workers who made this event a success.
- First day of classes for Christian Unified is August 20th. We expect a full enrollment. Pray that God will use us to shape and equip each student to carry out His will for their life.
- Pray for revival.
- Continue to trust God to protect Shadow Mountain Ministries and prosper all He has given us to do!

I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. (Psalms 145:1-2)

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.
- Please pray for our leaders and the needs of all who will be attending our DivorceCare and GriefShare groups when they begin August 11 and 12. Pray for those who have lost loved ones and for those going through separation or divorce.

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 and Baptism,

Pastor Scott Pittman

Praise Report

I've been part of a disc golf group that meets on Wednesday mornings. My heart has always been to use it as an opportunity to be a witness and share God's love. This past Wednesday, I had the privilege of leading one of the new guys, Sebastian, into a relationship with Jesus! Please pray that his decision was genuine and that I can help connect him to a solid church near where he lives.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our **Evangelism/Connections Team**, that God will continue to guide and empower their outreach efforts.
- Pray for the **Deacons and Deaconesses** who faithfully assist with baptisms.
- Pray for our **Discipleship Groups**, that they would help build strong foundations for new believers and connect them into the life of the church.

- Pray for **Toni Vowels**, our Administrative Assistant, who handles all the details related to assimilation.
- 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 those involved in the **New Member's Class**, that they would clearly understand and embrace the mission and vision of our church.
- Pray for all the **Altar Counselors and Pastors**, that they would be refreshed, encouraged, and used mightily as they minister during 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: Loretta Emert, Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Jim Nemec, Elizabeth Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Don Harrison, Jeanette Eddery, Larry Weinstein, Shirley Pickney, Jack Kriege, Jordan Verhoeve, Jonothan Jones, Glenda Parker, Pat Pearson, Marilyn Campbell, Mark Kuker, Christina Bowman, Joel and Joyce Schrum, Bea Keller, Krystal Emery, Lee White, Sue Buffington, Lorraine Hanley, Mary Hodge, Jay Miraflor

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Walleen Smith, Donna Kendrick, Judy Tarvin, John Hovey, Skip Beeman, Ken Howell, Chuck Emert, Sue Jarrett, Bruce Swanson, Kenneth Craw

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
James 5:16b

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepfer

Praise—Join us in thanking God for the respite in July to bring us forward refreshed for jumping into the fall season.

Pray that those who attend New Member's class will be heart-prepared to embrace all that is at SMCC for their growth and good.

Praise that in twenty-one years of Servant Ministries we have been privileged to meet with and hear the stories of 5,488 people!

Pray that God's power is evident in all the details of scheduling and completing the Servant interview with a sense of excitement and trust in God's direction.

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

- 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

- Our Kids Blast and Kids Blast Jr. programs continue to thrive, drawing many new children to our church.
- Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers is a true blessing, united in our passion for working together.
- We're thrilled to see children embracing faith, wanting to get baptized, and thriving in their church experience as they grow spiritually! We're grateful for the opportunity to serve entire families.
- We have been able to navigate staffing changes with grace, and God is providing for our needs to maintain a strong team to lead our ministry.

Prayer Requests:

- A need for more reliable adult volunteers in all weekend programming.
- That our staff and volunteers joyfully share Christ's love with children, parents, and one another.
- For children to develop a deep, authentic relationship with God, establish a strong Biblical foundation, form meaningful connections with peers and leaders, and cherish their church community.
- That God's truth would deeply impact our children's hearts and minds, overpowering the falsehoods in today's culture!

Small Group Central, Dale Bacon

- **A prayer of thanks for a great season of small groups!** Praise God for the growth, the new relationships formed, and the spiritual transformation we've seen in so many lives. He has been faithful to work through each leader and group.
- **Pray that our leaders and their families would find rest and refreshment this summer.** Ask God to renew their strength, protect their time, and fill them with joy and peace during this break.
- **Pray that God would begin stirring anticipation in our hearts for the next season of groups.** Ask Him to give us fresh vision, deepen our dependence on Him, and prepare new opportunities to reach and disciple others in the fall.

College Ministry, Trey Cole

Prayer Requests:

- That God would provide 14 adult couples who desire to serve on Thursday Nights in the College Ministry to host tables, lead prayer, and facilitate discussion.
- For college students to continue developing relationships with one another that extend beyond church events.
- For the incoming freshmen at Shadow Mountain and those coming to the area for school, that God would prepare their hearts and give them a desire to be involved in a local church while they are here.

Praises:

- Students have developed new relationships and asked for more opportunities to spend time together as a ministry!
- The Student Leadership Team is developing and already recruiting volunteers to serve within the ministry!

Young Adult Ministry—20's & 30's, George Helewa

Praises

- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that God is using the community to meet one another's needs.
- For our amazing volunteer leaders who serve YA's. May the Lord bless them richly.
- For robust small groups that act as the lifeblood of our ministry. It's been a blessed first half of the year.
- Thank you that we HAVE a ministry to this vulnerable and challenging demographic. This is a good group of YA's who are pursuing the Lord!

Prayer requests

- **Continued Spiritual and physical** growth in our ministry.
- **Our Beach Bible Study bonfires** are a big outreach and opportunity. Pray for our speakers and worship leaders, and that we get the amphitheater down at Vacation Isle each week.
- We need to develop more **leaders** from within our group. Pray for new table and small group leaders to emerge.
- We have some leaders preparing to step out to God's next chapter. Pray God blesses them and also fills our needs in Young Adults.
- For Small Groups, '25-'26 as we prepare to form new groups and start a new series.
- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YA's at SMCC. Consistent help to manage the "business" of the ministry so Pastor George can focus on the people of the ministry.

- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **For opportunities to minister to our military more directly and** gain base access.
- **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.
- **Relational wisdom** for the YA's that God is calling into more romantic relationships. That they would put God first and their significant other second. Also, wisdom and grace for those that come to us out of failed relationships
- 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 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.
- **For Pastor George: clarity** and **endurance** as he leads his group and others. **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.
- **A car** for Jasmine as she starts driving this summer. Praying for a small SUV to help accommodate her physical needs.
- **That all our vehicles continue to operate well.**
- **Prayers for the Local Fire Departments** that Pastor George serves as Chaplain. Safety for the crews and opportunities to hear the gospel.

Middle School Ministry, Chase Ewrich

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, Phase 1 & 2, Troy Leeman

Prayer:

- New ideas for YMC phase 2 for the fall
- New couples
- New leaders
- Military spouses who are deployed

Praises:

- The upcoming Marriage Series
- New babies coming home from the hospital
- Spiritual growth among the couples
- Continued building of community and connection

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Praise God for all the families that came to Celebrate America!
- Praise God for all the new ladies who attended Coffee Connect!
- Praise God for all the parts that work in unity to build His Church!

Prayer:

- Pray that God will draw many women to the Fall Bible studies, and that they will be spiritually hungry for God's Word.
- Ladies would feel connected and encouraged in their small groups.
- Pray that leaders will be prepared to lead in the fall with a servant's heart, putting on love and leading with a spirit of humility.
- God would continue to raise more Disciple-makers for the ministry.
- God will provide more leaders and volunteers as we continue to reach more for Christ!
- 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, leading, and serving women would be on full display!
- God will provide the right speaker for our Girl Time event in the Spring!
- Women's Ministries will remain true to its mission: connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow.
- Please pray for protection over all that God is doing through Women's Ministry.
- God would be glorified through His church and 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." Eph. 4:12-14

Men's Ministries, Pastor Manny Sanchez

Praises:

- Finished the summer Bible study season with more than 300 in weekly attendance—great for the summer!
- We added three salvations through the men's ministry which brings our total to 72 for the year. Our goal is 100 by the end of the year.

Prayers:

- We are launching our first ever Men's Summer Workshops. There are 4 topics for men to choose from, and it goes for 5 weeks. Dates are July 22-August 19th. Pray for many men to attend and grow through these offerings.
- We are offering a Marriage Conference on Aug 8-9th and we have 150 available spots. Pray for a sold-out event and for marriages to be strengthened. Many marriages are struggling right now in our church and community.
- We are preparing for the Fall Season of the Men's Bible study through the book of Ephesians. We are praying for a first night of 500 men and to keep the trajectory of growth in the ministry.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39). In the hustle and bustle of ministry it can seem like there is constantly a "fire" to put out, an event to organize and set up for, a new project to complete, or some other stressful situation. In times like these, we must remember to draw closer to the Prince of Peace and ask for His help. How sweet it is when He calms the storm and does something amazing in our lives, showing us His power, glory, and wisdom.

Ask, and seek, and knock:

- We rejoice that the Lord has brought Norelis Dyshkant to the team, who will serve as Administrative Assistant to Bryan Snow. She will also supervise the receptionists, Linda Parker, Lisa Moody, Erin Popka and Marsha Newman. Please pray that the Lord would give these ladies joy, grace, and patience as they represent the Lord and SMCC each day!
- *"Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually"* (Psalm 119:117). Please ask the Lord to hold us up, support us, and sustain us. With His good hand upon us, we will be safe.
- This month, teachers and students return to campus. There is a lot of work to do, so please pray with us that all will be accomplished on time, in good order, and in a way that will glorify the Lord.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Pray for our two families continuing to serve on the mission field in Israel and for a third missionary family who has temporarily returned to the US due to the conflict in Israel. Pray for them to be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.
- Pray for Jesus and Maria Gonzalez and their children while they prepare to move to a new city and find housing in Spain.
- Pray for Mark and Donna Dalton while they travel to Mozambique and the UAE from August 17th to 31st. They will be visiting four of our missionary couples to see their ministry and offer pastoral encouragement.
- Pray for our Global Team serving in Spain from August 5th through 18th.
 - Spain: August 5th – August 18th

Sports Ministry, Tim Brown

Praise

- Praise God for the resources available on our campus to facilitate our Sports Programs.
- Praise God for the servants that God has raised up to help coach, train, and work at our Sports Programs.

Prayer

- Pray for those serving in the Sports Ministry to represent Jesus Christ well during our sports programs.
- Pray that the sports environments would help build relationships, share the Good News, and draw people to Shadow Mountain.
- 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 participants in the upcoming Sports Summer Camps: Soccer Camp in June, Basketball Camp in July, and Multi-sport in August. Pray for the impact of the messages and relationships with the players and their families.
- 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

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while He is near." – Isaiah 55:6

Praises

- That God continues to bring those in need of Him and food right to our steps, we do not have to go seeking in the community, He brings them right here!
- We continue to receive food at wholesale cost from our vendors, and free produce from Feeding San Diego!
- Donors continue to bless this ministry, so that we are able to do more!
- For amazing volunteers who faithfully show up week in and week out.
- God answered prayer on some folks who did not really need the food and we were able to create room for others.

Prayers

- That we would continue to boldly proclaim Christ to those who need a Savior, and that the Spirit would give them understanding. Luke 24:45, "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."
- That God would continue to keep integrity in those seeking help so that the Cares team can keep focused on ministering to those in who come to us.
- For the health of volunteers and recipients as some have still been experiencing serious health ailments (always a need).
- May God keep volunteers safe as they serve our diverse community.

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises:

- We thank God that our daughter Damaris has recovered well. Her doctor has assured her that she is now able to return to work.
- We are grateful for the four discipleship groups currently meeting. Each group is engaged in a unique topic alongside regular Bible study.
- Praise God for the successful recovery of a church member who recently underwent a very delicate surgery.
- We continue to be blessed by our Friday night Bible studies, where we are currently exploring the books of the Minor Prophets.
- We thank the Lord for the wonderful time of fellowship we shared during our picnic at Santee Lakes, which included a potluck meal and outdoor activities.
- We are also thankful for the variety of summer activities and ministries taking place for both the youth and the children in our church.

Prayers:

- Please pray for the upcoming special meetings in July and August, featuring various guest speakers from Egypt.
- Pray for several church members who have contracted a virus with symptoms similar to COVID-19 and the flu.
- Remember in prayer the young man, Jason, who is slowly recovering from a serious accident that nearly left him paralyzed.
- Pray for Sister Afaf, who is battling a recurrence of colon cancer and recently underwent surgery.
- Lift up Brother Sam, who is suffering from serious bladder issues and may require surgery for bladder removal.
- Pray for Sister Nehad, who has contracted a strange virus that has affected the hearing in her left ear.

Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf

- We had 17 of our congregation get live-scanned last Sunday! Does this mean God is getting us ready for something? Please ask Him.
- Pray for the body of Christ in Encinitas to grow in number, to be very hungry for righteousness, and for a huge desire for Jesus to be high and lifted up to our surrounding community.

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 commitments 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, Fausto Garay

We are thankful for...

- Successful Sumer Blast.
- The increased number of volunteers to help with the Thursday Kings Crew.
- The beautiful modifications happening speedily on our campus to include Christian Unified school in August.
- Women stepping forward to lead and serve in the community and church.

Prayer for:

- New Admin Assistant at South Bay.
- Awana and small group Bible studies as they restart this month.
- Youth leaders to seek God for guidance as they lead the youth.

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Prayer:

- That we continue to connect with students who visited the campus for Summer Blast.
- That God continues to bring new visitors!
- That we find places for everyone at the campus to serve in their gifts.

Praise:

- Kids continue to accept Christ as Savior!
- God continues to bring new musicians to the worship team.
- We have a new work team at the campus caring for grounds and building upkeep

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.
- **Doctor of Ministry Intensives and Symposium:** We are grateful to share that our Doctor of Ministry students recently completed a powerful week of on-campus intensives, marked by deep theological engagement and rich ministry formation. The week culminated in a meaningful one-day symposium on June 23, highlighted by a special guest speaker who brought timely encouragement and insight. We praise God for the fruitful learning, strong sense of fellowship, and renewed vision for ministry that took place among students and faculty alike. Thank you to all who prayed—your support made a difference in this significant time together.

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.
- **Final Module and Upcoming Seminar:** Please join us in prayer as we enter the final module of the 2024–2025 academic year. Pray for strength, focus, and spiritual renewal for our students as they complete this important phase of their studies. We also ask for God's guidance and blessing over the preparation for our upcoming seminar on biblical leadership. May the planning and content be impactful, and the time together be transformative for all who participate.

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for bringing His people to serve as teachers and staff in the coming school year.
- Praise and thanksgiving for the supportive leadership at CUSSD and Shadow Mountain and support staff that work hard in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- Praise for the Lord's sustaining growth over the district and high enrollment numbers.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for our spiritual blessing and renewal for our staff and students in preparation for the start of the quickly approaching school year.
- Please pray that the Lord provides the right candidate for each remaining position at CUSSD and gives each hiring manager an abundance of wisdom in selecting these candidates.
- Please pray for our South campus as we plan for growth to serve the Chula Vista and South Bay community.
- Please pray that excitement and anticipation grow as the 25-26 school year approaches and that the Lord prepares faculty, staff, parents and students for an impactful and fruitful school year.
- Please pray for discernment in all the decisions that need to be made as we approach the new school year.
- Please pray for peace over the teachers as they wait for their rooms to be ready since many are moving rooms for this school year.
- Please pray for the facilities team as they work tirelessly to make our campuses beautiful and ready for the school year. Pray that all the facilities deadlines are met before school starts.
- Please pray that families and staff have a restful and safe remainder of their Summer and that they would return refreshed and ready to thrive in the new school year. space remaining and ask for prayer that the Lord would bring exactly who needs to be at Christian Unified for those spots.
- Please pray that our students, parents and staff have a summer filled with joy, rest, renewed strength and great family memories.
- Please pray for our leadership team and maintenance staff as they plan and prepare for the coming school year.