

WATCHMAN ALERT

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Fresh Reminders About Prayer

Today I received a gorgeous bouquet of pink roses and other complimentary blooms. The delivery person provided some tips which she said should keep it fresh for up to two weeks. Although I am hopeful that will be the case with these flowers, I have to admit, I am doubtful. It has been my experience that what's fresh today is not necessarily going to be fresh tomorrow. At any rate, if I want to experiment with the tips offered, I will have to invest some time and care.

My prayer life has some similarities. After reworking my requests into categories and updating them to reflect recent happenings, I am exhilarated about how much more efficient my prayer time becomes. But life happens so fast and much that yesterday's requests are obsolete and there is removal and replacing that needs to take place to experience that freshness I so desire.

Here are some ideas that I hope to incorporate to freshen my prayer time, which might encourage you in your walk/talk with God.

Plan your prayer time with preparations that you find helpful. It beats flying in, out of breath, and overwhelmed with life. Soft sacred music is one of my favorites for a quiet heart.

Remember WHO HE IS and who I am not! It is so important for me to humble myself before the Creator/Sustainer of the Universe that loves/cares for little old me. It is impossible for me to be reminded of that concept without choking up; for which I do not apologize.

Admit your dependency on Him. The load we carry is way more than we can handle. He reminds us to sling (cast) our weighty concerns over on Him because of His care for us. What more could we ask?

Yield not to distractions and disruptions. This is really hard for me because life is one huge interruption! The minute we head for our prayer chairs the enemy sounds an alarm of attack. THAT becomes a crucial moment of warfare. We get to choose exactly who will be victorious.

These are such simple ideas you might question their mention. But I have found that it's the little things that Satan throws my direction to derail what I hoped would be a fresh time of prayer. These tips will only work if used with intentionality like my flowers will only last longer if I make the effort and invest in their care.

Yours for FRESH PRAYER TIMES,

Joyce Tepfer

Director of Servant Ministries

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- I am thankful for our recent series on The Battle For Your Soul! Let's use the 'Weapon of Worship' to fix our attention on the only One who can shield and protect us.
- Trust God to continue to shape us through the ministry of Jimmy Scroggins, Tim Dilena, Clayton King, and Anthony George during August.
- Thank Him for the tremendous outreach to our children (1,737) through our Summer Blast event and over 894 workers who made this outreach a success. God brought 276 children to salvation. Let's trust Him to bring about protection and lasting 'fruit' in the life of each child.
- Planning for our Fall Ministry Kickoff is underway. Pray that God would direct our steps as we seek to use the time and resources He has provided to advance the work of the Kingdom.
- Our schools begin classes on August 19th with our Seminary classes beginning September 1st. Let's trust God to use our training resources to shape each student spiritually, academically, and theologically for His use and glory.
- Pray for revival.
- Continue to trust God for His protection around Shadow Mountain Ministries.

Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure.' (Isaiah 46:9-10)

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 our Marriage Mentor program; for those who are preparing for marriage and for our mentor couples.
- Please pray for all those who will be attending our DivorceCare and GriefShare groups beginning August 10 & 11. Pray for healing for all who have lost loved ones and for those going through separation or divorce. And please pray for our group leaders as they minister to those who attend.

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 Reports

- Praise God for the many people who have trusted Jesus Christ through our **Home Visits** and Parkway Plaza outreach.
- Praise God for all those who have followed the Lord in believer's baptism and publicly proclaimed their faith in Jesus Christ.

- Praise God for the pastors who faithfully meet with baptism candidates, hear their testimonies, and have the privilege of baptizing them.
- Praise God for the eight people participating in our **24th New Believers Discipleship Class** as they grow in their faith and build a strong biblical foundation.

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 Karrie Almeida, our Administrative Assistant, who cares for all the details surrounding assimilation.
- Pray for our Discipleship Groups, that they would help build strong foundations for new believers and connect them to the life of the church.
- 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 Members 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: Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Jim Nemec, Elizabeth Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Don Harrison, Jeanette Eddery, Shirley Pickney, Jean Kriege, Jordan Verhoeve, Marilyn Campbell, Mark Kuker, Krystal Emery, Lee White, Lorraine Hanley, Mary Hodge, Ellis Grant, Janet Lawry, Pat Dorroh, Andy Pheasant, Rex Gatrach, Gary Coombs, Kent Sturgeon, Sam Gaea, Wayne Hendrickson, Marla Hutchins, Char Smith, Rick Sherry, Mildred Caballes, Joyce Warren, Heather Curlee, Ruth Youde, Judy Lynch, Martha Davisson

Pray for shut-ins: Sally Barber, Barbara Hendrix, David Morris, Alice Cook, Karena De La France

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Samuel Jardin, Victor Ramirez

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” John 11:25-26

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

- It's August and it's a bit of a break for Ministry Advisors who faithfully, all year long, stand at the ready to jump in and interview.
- As you pray for us, ask God to freshen our spirits for the opportunities ahead.
- Each time we meet with new people we have the honor of blessing them with information and encouragement.
- Pray that we never tire of that privilege.

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 His blessing over all the music groups at our church. Ask God to continue to guide the leaders and the members of the Shadow Mountain Choir and Orchestra, Shadow Youth Choir (Grades 9-12), Resound Middle School Choir (Grades 6-8), Children's Choir (Grades 1-5), and Praisemakers (Age 4- K).
- Pray for Rob Whitlock and his wife Amber as she has had some serious health challenges this past year, particularly with her heart and lungs. Rob plays either piano or organ in the worship services each week and has been a part of our rhythm section for many years. Pray for the doctors who are consulting with Amber and for her strength and healing.
- 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

At the time of writing, Summer Blast has not yet taken place, so we look forward to sharing answered prayers and praise reports in the next Watchman Alert. Thank you for faithfully praying with us.

Each year, Summer Blast reminds us of the variety of gifts God has given His people as hundreds of volunteers serve together. It is also a beautiful reminder to recognize and nurture the gifts God has placed in the children He has entrusted to our care every weekend. As we've intentionally prayed over the gifts we see in them, we've been amazed. We see young evangelists with remarkable boldness to share Jesus, future intercessors who stop to pray for a hurting friend, children with gifts of friendship and hospitality who gladly welcome the one standing alone, and young encouragers who naturally speak life to others. Even in these small beginnings, God's varied grace is on display.

Peter reminds us, "*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace*" (1 Peter 4:10). Would you join us in praying that we would faithfully steward the gifts God has entrusted—not only in ourselves, but also in our volunteers and in every child He entrusts to our care?

Please pray:

- That we would faithfully steward the gifts God has entrusted to us, serving in the strength He provides.
- That our volunteers would joyfully use their gifts to serve Christ and lovingly nurture the gifts they see in children.
- That God would give us wisdom to recognize, encourage, and cultivate the gifts He has placed in each child.
- That children would grow in boldness, compassion, and joy as they use their gifts to bless others and glorify God.
- That our ministry would be a place where gifts are discovered, nurtured, and joyfully offered back to the Lord.

Small Group Central, Dale Bacon

- As many of our small group leaders take a well-deserved break over the summer, pray that this season be marked by rest, renewal, and meaningful time with family. Ask the Lord to keep them safe on their travels and refreshed for the season ahead.
- Please pray as we begin preparing for our fall small group semester, that God would raise up new leaders, bring new people into biblical community, and guide every detail as we prepare for another season.

College Ministry, Trey Cole

Prayer Requests:

- That God would provide 13 adult couples to serve on Thursday Nights in the College Ministry to facilitate discussion and prayer.
- Asking God to create a sense of deep unity within the College Ministry, despite differences in personalities and interests.
- For students to continue saying “yes” to serving in different ministries in the church.

Praises:

- Students are excited about what God is doing through them in the ministry!

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

Praises

- **Our Alaska Missions trip was amazing.** We were able to share Jesus with a lot of unchurched kids for the very first time.
- **July weddings went off great!** Love seeing the Lord bring people together.
- **Our Summer Events have kicked off,** and God is building our community.
- **God provided a car** for Jasmine, when she’s ready to drive!

Prayer requests

- **For executing for our summer activities**—lots of logistics to work out! We need people to help.
- **Continued Spiritual** and **physical** growth of our ministry.
- We need to develop more **leaders** to step up from within our group. Pray for **new table** and **small group leaders** to emerge.
- **Spiritual Revival.** There is something hindering our ministry. Pray for the Lord to reveal it and remove it.
- **Clarity and Vision for what the next iteration of Young Adults** looks like, as we strive to serve our singles, military, and engaged people at Shadow Mountain.
- **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 (ala Acts 6).

- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **For opportunities to minister to our military more directly**, and gain base access.
- **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.
- **For Pastor George: clarity** and **endurance** as he leads his group and others. **Wisdom** to navigate the demands of ministry and family. **Endurance** for ministry. **Focus** as he prepares teaching lessons.
- **Also**, for a strong marriage to **Krysten** and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two daughters, **Amira & 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 new job for Krysten** as her previous employment ran its course.
- For **Jasmine** to get her **Driver's License**. For a **job** for **Amira** that works with her school schedule.
- **Prayers for the Local Fire Departments** that Pastor George serves as Chaplain (San Miguel, Santee, Sycuan). Safety for the crews and opportunities to hear the gospel. Also, opportunities to expand the influence of the Chaplains in the San Diego area.

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.

Family Life Ministry, James Darnell

Praises:

- Praise for the wonderful Family Life, men's spiritual disciplines, discipleship and meals.
- Praise for our leaders who consistently are faithful and outgoing.
- Praise for our volunteer team, who have been a great blessing this year.

Prayer:

- Pray specifically for military families and many spouses in workups or on deployment.
- Pray for the parents in the ministry and their children.
- Pray for the marriages in the ministry and their growth.

Young Marrieds Ministry, David Todd Jeremiah

Prayer

- We have a lot of turnover in young marrieds with couples moving and new couples joining. Prayers that couples would find Godly community at their new homes and that new couples would find community at Young Marrieds.
- We need new leaders in the absence of leaders moving away.
- We are in another season of babies being born. Prayer for safe and healthy moms and babies.

Praises:

- We have had lots of new couples that have joined and been committed to the ministry.
- We had an amazing marriage retreat in the end of June.
- Summer marriage series has been great, and we are closing it out soon.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- For all the women who attended the Coffee Connect event!
- For opportunities to connect, grow, and serve!
- All the volunteers who faithfully serve in Women's Ministry!
- For more opportunities to share the gospel and make disciples!

Prayer:

- Ladies would desire to connect with God, His Word, and women who want to grow.
- New and returning ladies will register for the Fall Bible studies and connect into the SMCC family.
- Teaching Directors and Administrative teams will be prepared and have all their needs met for the Fall semester.
- Prayer over our Administrative support and social media needs as we reorganize and prepare for the Fall.
- New leaders will be encouraged, equipped, and trained to lead a small group in the Fall.
- The Joyful Hearts (widows) group will feel supported and loved as they meet throughout the summer. God would continue to comfort and care for their daily needs.
- 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 Women's Ministry as we minister to the needs of His women. Loving, leading, and serving women would be on full display!
- 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

- For our awesome Men's team of godly, hardworking, servants—Ron, Chip and Noelle.

- For the 200+ men who attend the Men's Summer Workshops to get equipped in the area of evangelism, apologetics, leadership in marriage and preparing for retirement. It was almost double the number of men we had last year. We had lots of great feedback.
- For one of our men who has taken on the responsibility of planning, marketing and executing our Dangerous Man Outreach. He will be a wonderful help to us.
- For the brand-new marriage core team of four couples that will lead a "thriving marriages" campaign for us in the new year. We had our first meeting and are putting plans together to help and encourage marriages.
- For Steven and Scott who led our Dads and Kids ministry so faithfully this last year. They did a great job.

Prayers

- We are looking for new volunteer leadership in our Dads and Kids ministry as our two leaders finished their term. Pray for a godly man or two who are passionate about helping dads connect with and disciple their kids.
- Please pray for our Men's Breakfast on August 29th. We would love to see 400 men there.
- Please pray for our new Bible study season starting Sept 8, that we have a great attendance and lots of new men so they can find community and connection.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

"Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!" (Psalm 71:1) We have the unspeakable privilege of serving a matchless Savior. Praise His name!

Ask in faith, nothing wavering...

- God's blessing and power upon Norelis Dyshkant, Administrative Assistant to Bryan Snow. She also supervises the receptionists, Linda Parker, Lisa Moody, Teresa Lemcke 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!
- *"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies."* (Psalm 18:2-3) As we put our trust in Him, let's pray for safety and deliverance from the Enemy.
- August is the month of the schools opening, Men's Breakfast, and summer speakers. Please pray as we work hard to complete summer projects and get everything ready for a new season of ministry.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Please continue to pray for our six missionary families serving in the Middle East (in Israel, Iraq, Lebanon, and the UAE). Please pray for them to have wisdom and discernment in difficult circumstances, for their overall safety amid international conflict, and for our staff to know how best to encourage them.
- Please pray for three of our missionary families who are expecting babies this year. Pray for healthy pregnancies and for birth details to be planned easily, since some will need to travel to other countries for delivery.
- Pray for Mark Dalton's trip to Hungary from August 20th through 27th. The trip will consist of a leadership development conference for the church leadership that SMCC supports in Albania.
- Pray for our Albania Summer Camp Global Team from July 23rd through August 9th. The team will assist our missionaries, Ty and Lysi Tartaglia, with two weeks of summer camp for middle and high school students at Legacy Hill Camp.

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.
- Praise God for the participants and families that will be involved with the Summer Sports Camps (June-Aug).

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 Summer Sports Camps. Pray for the families that will send their kids to participate and the influence we might have on them.

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

“Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.” Psalm 86:1-2

Praises

- God has been bringing new people to our ministry that we are able to then share the Gospel with. We are seeing fruit from loving on these people!
- As the price of food continues to rise, donations continue coming in to offset the cost.

Prayers

- There have been several devastating things happening in families that have come to Cares, such as murder of a mother, suicide of a grandson, and other things.
- 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, as fuel prices drive up the cost of giving to our community.
- For the health of volunteers and recipients as there is no shortage of people who are sick.
- Continue to pray for protection for everyone on campus as we serve a diverse culture in our community.
- Please pray for spiritual protection over my (Gowing) family, and over the ministry.

Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña

Praise God for:

- The fantastic response of our church, Shadow Mountain en Español, with our current sermon series, **Differences That Define Us.**
- The new family ministry in our church, called **Agape**, which is truly an answered prayer from God.
- The life of each person that has come to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- The families in our congregation that have a job to support their households.
- Every member that supports our different ministries.
- The work of God through “Bajo Fuego,” an initiative by pastor Hayden Lema, that is freeing men from the chains of the enemy through Christ.

- How God is taking care of the lives of the church's leadership staff, and their families.
- The unity and purpose God has brought to our different ministries, helping us share the Gospel with Boldness.

Pray:

- For pastor Zaldaña's daughters, Rebecca, who is studying at CBU, and Gracia, who is a senior this year. That God would lead their steps through different challenges.
- For God to continue using His church, Shadow Mountain en Español, to share the gospel with the Hispanic community of San Diego.
- For God to give us wisdom and direction leading the Youth Ministries.
- For the life of each member of our SMCC Youth Community, may they grow in the love of Christ.
- For God to continue to give us grace and passion to serve and honor Him.
- For the wisdom to guide members to Christ through our different ministries.
- For God to open doors everywhere we go to preach the gospel.
- For God's grace and strength to share the gospel, and to have the entire church getting involved in evangelism.

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises

- We praise God for a joyful and blessed special meeting with an Iraqi Christian singer and an Egyptian preacher, with an excellent attendance.
- We thank God for the ongoing prayer ministry, as many who come to SMCC to receive food boxes are open to prayer.
- We praise God for a Muslim woman who met with a member of our Care Ministry, welcomed prayer, and was encouraged by the experience.
- We thank God for a deacon from a Catholic church who has shown interest in the Gospel and requested prayer for his family.
- We are grateful for three young women who volunteered to form a worship team for our weekly Friday evening meetings.
- We thank God for the many church members who faithfully serve in our various ministries.
- We praise God for the full recovery of several church members who were recently affected by viral illnesses.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our Care Ministry each Friday as many Arabic-speaking individuals come for assistance, and many request prayer for their personal needs.
- Continue praying for our elderly members and shut-ins, especially those facing health challenges and chronic pain.
- Pray for God's peace to prevail in our troubled world, especially in regions affected by conflict, particularly Lebanon.
- Please continue praying for the FUEL Ministry, asking the Lord to call and prepare a Christian couple to lead this important ministry.
- Pray for those who faithfully attend our Sunday services but have not yet fully committed their lives to the Lord.
- Pray for a young Syrian man seeking to leave Syria and travel to Albania, where he hopes to reunite with his parents, who live in the United States.
- Pray for all those who faithfully serve in our various ministries during our weekly meetings, especially our dedicated volunteers.

Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- We praise God for the many faithful volunteers serving in ministry at the Alpine Campus. Their dedication, sacrifice, and willingness to serve as unto the Lord are a beautiful demonstration of God's love for one another and for our community. We are incredibly grateful for each person who gives of their time, energy, and gifts to strengthen the ministry and bless the body of Christ.

Prayer Requests:

- We also ask for prayer as we look ahead to the Fall and seek to expand the number of small groups available at the Alpine Campus. Pray that God would raise up three new small group leaders and allow us to launch three new small groups this fall. May the Lord call and equip faithful leaders to step into this important discipleship ministry, helping others grow in spiritual maturity, deeper community, and faithful service to Christ.

Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf

Praises:

- We are still very thankful for the two families with kids who are faithfully attending, and now we have a new family coming with a newborn baby boy! They love the sound teaching from Pastor Jeremiah. We are hoping we will have to start another small group soon.
- We had a huge turnout for Celebrate America and our motor coach down to the main campus was totally full—with a waiting list! The people here love one-another and it is a great place to be part of the body of Christ.

Prayer Requests:

- I would love to see more guys attend our men's discipleship meeting early on Friday mornings, as it is the best time of the whole week (for me).
- Please pray for more people with musical talent to attend.
- We are still searching for a new building where we can meet. Please pray for a wonderful place.

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 17 small groups operating this season.
- Praise God for our new Shadow Mountain App and the many new decisions for Christ submitted each week through the App and through texting **JESUS** to **70209**. We have over 50 new responses and decisions for Christ since the launch of the App.

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.
- Please pray that the Lord will continue to powerfully to use our church App to draw many to Jesus on a global scale.

South Bay Campus, Fausto Garay

We are thankful for:

- Successful Summer Blast with average attendance 260 of kids and volunteers each day.
- Summer Blast volunteers and staff!
- Volunteers that help keep the church running.

We are praying for:

- Engagement of our Summer Blast families in our AWANA program and other youth activities.
- Small Group leaders to lead small groups in the Fall.
- Growth of our Youth Group.

South Bay Campus—Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Jesus Tiznado

Praise God for:

- We are thankful for the health God has restored in many brothers at church.
- We are thankful for keeping the church united and firm in the study of His Word.
- We are thankful for the body of deacons serving God faithfully.

Pray:

- For the youth, may God awaken a heart of service for others serving those in need including the homeless.
- For the Family events we have every month at South Bay “Together at the table.”
- For the evangelism activity across the border in Tijuana “Coffee & Prayer.”
- For the Tiznado family, so their son Jesus Jr. may be strengthened in Christ through his missionary training.
- For Jesus Jr. as a missionary through YWAM and a transcultural missionary trip in 2026.

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Central Coast prayer:

- For our worship team and new musicians that they help our people worship the Lord each Sunday.
- That we continue to grow in relationship with the kids and families who attend Summer Blast!
- That the campus continues to connect with the local community.

Praise for:

- A wonderful team who served in Summer Blast.
- Our campus has become a warm family who is very focused on Jesus.
- The many leaders from the main campus who connect with us on a weekly basis.

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise:

- The 2026 Graduation and 80th Anniversary Celebration was a wonderful event that highlighted what the Lord has done through SCS over the years. Dr. Jeremiah gave a meaningful commencement address and honored Dr. Coombs for his 30 years of service and ministry as President over SCS as well.
- There were over 40 graduates and the largest recorded banquet and Commencement attendance.

Prayer:

- Please pray for our upcoming leadership conference that will be a continued effort in helping local churches train the next generation of ministry leaders.

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for calling His people to serve as teachers and staff in the coming school year.
- Praise and thanksgiving for the supportive leadership of Shadow Mountain and CUSSD and for our support staff that work hard in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the Lord's 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 that the Lord would bring each student to Christian Unified Schools for His purposes, His timing and for His Glory.
- Please pray that excitement and anticipation grow as the '26-'27 school year approaches and that the Lord prepares faculty, staff, parents and students for an impactful and fruitful 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.