

WATCHMAN ALERT

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Watching While Waiting

“My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation [hope] is from Him.” Psalm 62:5

Thank you for your ministry of expectation and for praying with hearts full of hope. Our over 200 missionaries serving in 30 plus countries, thank you too. It means a great deal that we are a church that fully trusts that God does answer. Why do I say that? Because when the quiet expectation of our soul is on Him, *restless waiting becomes restful watching*. Watching for His Power (Psalm 62:11), His Mercy, (Psalm 62:12) and His Glory, (Psalm 63:2) to emerge.

Please pray, watching expectantly for God to show up in the lives of our missionaries with His power, His mercy and His glory...

- **When they pray!** Luke 18:1, Ephesians 6:18
- **When daily they open His Word!** 2 Timothy 3:16 & 17

You might ask, why this reminder to pray for these basic spiritual disciplines? Because, like us, here at home, our missionaries struggle. Busyness overwhelms their quiet time...just living cross-culturally is exhausting...a new language is an added layer of weariness...plus, inconveniences abound in developing countries. Whoever they are, and wherever they are, living on the other side of the planet is arduous at best and so it is imperative that our missionary family never stop praying and feeding/resting on the Word of God.

Prayer is key to maintaining a heart full of expectant adoration and restful watching for His glory. It is amazing that our prayers to Him never go to voicemail. He is always available, attentive and never absent. For each of us, missionary or otherwise, prayer is key to God's effectiveness through us...Ephesians 6:18, ***“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—”*** Once the Armor of God has been featured, Paul finishes with the offensive weapon of prayer. S. D. Gordon writes...“Our fighting is praying. Praying is fighting, spirit fighting...That word **praying** is the climax of this long sentence, and of this whole epistle. This is the sort of action that turns the enemy's flank and reveals his heels.”

Thank you is too common, a phrase, for expressing the joy it brings to the hearts of our missionaries knowing that we are praying for them.

Rejoicing,
Mark J. Dalton
Director of Missions

PRAISE & PETITION...

Senior Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- Give thanks to our God for sending His Son! May this truly be a time to reflect on God's goodness and keep the 'reason for the season' as our primary focus!
- The Christmas season affords us many opportunities to share our Savior with others. Let's trust God to enable us to see the 'open doors,' give us the words to share, and draw many to Himself while there is yet time.
- Give praise to God for our outreach through Shadow Mountain Cares, Angel Tree and the Great Christmas Card Mail Out. Ask God to use these expressions of love to encourage and draw many to Him.
- As many face despair due to economic conditions and cultural failings around us, pray that God will use each of us to share the hope that is found only in Christ and the joy that comes from a living relationship with Him.
- Look to our God to stop the hostilities in and around Israel.
- Pray for revival in our land.
- Look to our God for continued protection around all He has called us to do.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

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 during the Christmas season.

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

- God has been at work in the lives many of those who have recently found our church.
- Our discipleship group has been hungry to learn.
- We had a great turn out in our last new member's class.

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 the 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, Jordan Roberts, Chuck and Loretta Emert, Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Dave and Yolanda Schoenfeld, Jim Nemece, Elizabeth Carrillo, Matthew Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Donna Coombs, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Sterling Smith, Don Harrison, Ken Howell, Gwenda Brown, Jeanette Eddery, Larry Weinstein, Shirley Pickney, Jack Kriege, Jordan Verhoeve, Jonothan Jones, Sandy Saunders, Glenda Parker, Nancy Johnson, Bea Keller, Al Garrett, Marilyn Campbell, Mark Kuker, Troy Shields

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Roger Arnold, Julie Wiseman, Sue Graham, Terry Noyes

"The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows them that trust in Him." Nahum 1:7

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

- Gifts at **Christmas** began with the GIFT OF GOD'S SON JESUS!
Because God **loved** we sinners desperately in need of forgiveness!
- Gifts of the **Wisemen** demonstrated a heartfelt response
Because they wanted to **express** their honor/respect for such love!
- Gifts of **Service** by Ministry Advisors at SMCC in listening and caring is...
Because of wanting to utilize God's gifts of love for His glory and others' good!
- Gifts of **Gratefulness** from those interviewed often return to those investors at later times reflecting the value they gained from those moments together...
Because they incorporated the ideas into regular life rhythms that were life-changing,
- Gifts of **Prayer Support** offered by Watchmen are a result of loving God back and proving His power...
Because He is **trustworthy** and **powerful**.

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 the music ministry team as they plan and prepare for the musical outreach events of the Christmas season.
- Pray for the Children's Choir as they prepare to present their musical "Miracle on Main Street" on Sunday night, December 8th. Pray that the message of the true meaning of Christmas would be clear to all.
- 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 our big events this fall—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, especially on Saturdays.
- 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

- Please pray for the new leaders going through our Leadership Essentials training. Ask God to help them grow in their calling and be equipped to lead with both grace and truth, building strong, Christ-centered communities.
- Each week, 1,100 people gather in small groups throughout San Diego County to deepen their relationship with God and with one another. Please pray for their continued spiritual growth and for God's guidance as they navigate the joys and challenges of life together.
- As Christmas approaches, please pray for safety and restful, quality time with family for all of our small group members. Ask God to grant them a refreshing season as they celebrate our Savior's birth.

College Ministry

- Please pray for our students and for their protection from the cultural forces prevalent on college campuses.
- Pray for our students who are seeking hope and truth in a world that seems divided to them.
- Please pray for our weekly small groups, monthly activities and fellowship gatherings.

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 YA's who are pursuing the Lord!
- For a great 2024 which saw physical and spiritual growth in our ministry.
- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that the group is sharing them with each other!
- For our amazing volunteer leaders who serve YA's. May the Lord bless them richly.

Prayer requests

- **For 2025 as we plan new events and teach through *Identity*.**
- **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 YA's that God is calling into more romantic relationships. That they would put God first and their significant other second.
- **Pray for the couples** looking to get married in 2025.

- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YA's at SMCC.
- **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 & Jasmine. Pray for valuable time together as a couple, and for their daughters to find their value, strength, and hope in Christ every day.

Middle School Ministry, Chase Eurich

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

Praises:

- We have 20 healthy and growing table communities in the ministry.
- Our recent events have been well attended, and we have had great fellowship times.
- For the new couples attending the ministry. We have seen new couples almost every week this year.

Prayer Requests

- We have nine ladies who are pregnant in the ministry. We need prayers for healthy babies and pregnancies.
- Prayers for new leaders as we continue to expand our table communities.
- Prayers for several families in the ministry who have recently lost family members.
- Prayers for several individuals in the ministry going through considerable health challenges.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Praise God for the miracle of His birth and the hope Jesus provides!
- A fantastic Global Connect event featuring Cori Gervasi and 16 SMCC missionaries!
- An excellent Leadership Breakfast!
- Volunteers who gave their time, talent, and resources this past year!
- Praise God for the 1,630 ladies who registered and participated weekly in Bible studies and groups this year!

Prayer:

- Women's Ministries will stay true to its mission: Connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow!
- The joy of serving others would strengthen our leaders and provide opportunities for more women to be trained and equipped to lead a small group.
- Revival and God will advance our reach of women in 2025!
- Both new and returning ladies will sign up for the spring semester and see the value of investing in God's Word by participating in Bible study and small groups.
- Revival begins in the heart! Women would have an accurate view of who they are in Christ and see their value in the home, the workplace, marriage, and family. God would protect and guide them as they navigate through life's challenges.
- The Christmas dessert on December 10th for active-duty military wives will bless the ladies, and they will feel loved and supported by the SMCC family.
- 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.
- Please pray for continued growth in our Discipleship program. Women will grow strong in their faith and desire to serve in the body of Christ.
- God's confirmation over the right speaker for our spring GIRL TIME event!
- Protection over all that surrounds Women's Ministries and SMCC!

"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, Manny Sanchez

Praises

- We had a great Fall Bible Study season with 400 men in average attendance, ending Dec 3!
- We saw over 15 men receive Christ in Bible study over this season.
- We helped 13 men get into discipleship this last month.
- Our Thursday morning Men's prayer meeting celebrated two years of going strong.
- Our Pumpkin Carving event was a huge success, and the largest one we've ever had with over 100 dads and kids.

Prayer

- We launch the Spring Men's Bible Study on Tuesday January 14th, pray that we have 500 men on day one.
- We are praying for 100 men to receive Christ this coming year through the men's study and 50 to be disciplined in our discipleship ministry.
- We are planning a Dads and Sons Bible study in January for five weeks aiming to have 50 pairs. Pray for success in that.
- We are looking for a Dads and Kids volunteer leader for the Men's ministry.
- Pray that we are able to launch another Thursday morning prayer meeting toward Mission Valley.
- Praying as we plan a Men's retreat in 2025.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him." (Matthew 2:2) As the wise men of old, we look "...for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:13)

This month, our Production and Facilities departments will work very hard every day of the week as they set up, tear down, provide audio, video, graphics, and many other services. We need every one of them to remain healthy and strong as they perform these critical roles. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen and sustain them.

Please pray that the many concerts (Kids Choir, Uriel Vega, and several CUSSD concerts), Christmas Tree lighting, Living Nativity, and the Christmas Eve service will bring great glory to the Lord, and that He will use these celebrations to bring people to Him.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Prayer—for the ongoing crisis for the school and ministries SMCC supports in Lebanon.
- Prayer—for the safety and effectiveness of our missionary families in Israel. Pray for these families as they parent their children during a long season of fearfulness within Israel.
- Prayer—for Ron Myers' trip to Thailand.
- Prayer—for Fernando Herrera and his wife Leslie to gain clarity related to their future as missionaries.
- Prayer—for safety and restful time with families for our many missionary families who will be traveling during the Christmas season.

Sports Ministry, Tim Brown

Praise

- Praise God for the coaches and volunteers who have given their time and talents to coach up the participants.
- 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 opportunities to share the Gospel, both one on one and in our team settings, with the families who will be involved in our sports programs.
- Pray for the recruitment of godly, mature coaches for the upcoming Youth Basketball League starting in November.

- Pray for the volunteers and coaches who will help serve in the Youth Basketball League. Pray for their teamwork and communication while coaching and leading.
- Pray for the families that participate in the Youth 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.

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

Praises:

- Our Cares Ministry continues to have to have over 150 volunteers serving faithfully each week!
- We have been given a donation to cover 1,100 families with turkeys and Cares thanksgiving boxes.
- Cares recipients we have been praying for are receiving answers from our gracious God.
- I have been remembering to contact volunteers that are out sick and lift their spirits, thank you for your prayers on that.

Prayer Requests:

- Continued prayer for our recipients that they would continue to have hearts softened by the Spirit and that many would come to know Jesus.
- That our volunteers would be strengthened by the Spirit to evangelize and pray for the lost coming to Cares.
- That the Holy Spirit will enable us to discern who is in dire need as our registration is now closed due to such a demand from our community. We are now serving 1,200 families per month.
- That God would help me to maintain balance between ministry, seminary, and family.

Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña

Praise:

- God for our **kid's ministry team**, a group of people filled with the love of God and a passion to make each moment with our kids count.
- God for **Worship Night with Samuel Hernandez**, in a special service dedicated to the sole purpose of worshiping our Father with our friends and families.
- God for our **Discipleship class "Arje,"** where in a 10-session class our members can study more in depth what it is to disciple with the opportunity to ask questions with knowledgeable pastors.
- God for **Year 2024**, a year full of blessings in which we got to experience God's grace and share moments with our families and friends.

Pray:

- For our **Discipleship program in 2025**, where we will focus on providing our members with multiple opportunities and tools to advance in their walk with Christ in hopes of preparing them to disciple more people.
- For the **Year 2025**, so that all the projects and plans for the year be in accordance with God's purpose, leaving everything in His hands for the good of His people.
- For our **Hispanic Pastoral families**, that they may continue with renewed strength for the coming year 2025.
- For our **Border Christmas event with our Evangelism team**, where we will be delivering blankets and clothes to orphanages and nursery homes in need.

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises:

- For the four people who accepted Christ: Two Americans, one Iraqi and one Mexican at Parkway Plaza Ministry.
- For the monthly potluck dinner every last Friday of the month, and the testimonies and blessings shared.
- For the blessings enjoyed at the special bi-weekly meeting for twelve young married couples every other Thursday.
- For the remarkable increase in the Facebook views and followers of our various meetings streaming.
- For the increase in our weekly Sunday service. Several guests are new to our congregation and became regulars.
- For the successful very delicate heart surgery of a church member. She is a widow and living alone.
- For the organization of our Kids Ministry. The attendance almost doubled. The parents are also very happy.

Prayer Requests:

- For the people who respond to the Gospel message and pray. Especially that of our Evangelism ministry.
- For our sister Nehad who was attacked by a strange virus in her left ear and her hearing was affected.
- For three sisters: Salma, Nadia and Heyam who are going through some health challenges and treatments.
- For the critical situation in Lebanon as the limited war is still going on between Israel and Hezbollah.
- For all those who are involved in the various ministries as volunteers and for the part-time employees.
- For the ordination service of the associate pastor of our Arabic Ministry who just graduated from seminary.
- For the Ladies weekly meeting; in particular the various guests and the large number of the online viewers.

Alpine Campus, Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- As we look back on 2024, we're incredibly grateful for the faithful service of so many in our congregation. Seeing such a high percentage of our church family consistently volunteering week after week has been a true blessing and a testament to their dedication.

Praying For:

- Please pray for our church community as we support individuals and families facing health challenges. We seek God's healing, wisdom, and strength for caregivers, as well as guidance for those navigating major life decisions. May we experience spiritual growth and God's provision in all personal and collective needs.
- Pray for families who find the holidays challenging and stressful. We ask for Christian impact and a spirit of peace in the lives of family members who may not yet know the Lord.
- Please pray that through our Christmas Season we will be a light in the community of Alpine, welcoming those who may not have a home church, and providing a warm and welcoming place for them to worship and grow in the Lord.

Encinitas Campus, Paul Murray

We are thankful for...

- The addition of many new members from the Encinitas campus.
- A terrific Fall Season of Ministry and connection.
- Many guests and visitors that have returned and become part of our campus family.

Requests:

- For all our December seasonal services. 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, 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...

- Christmas Events throughout the month
- Our dedicated volunteers

Prayer for:

- Merging of North Park and South Bay Campuses
- More Small Group Leaders
- Planning for Events in 2025

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Praise:

- We are completing the building renovations! We hope to be completely done by Christmas!
- We have a women's ministry team led by three women working together to serve the ministry.
- We should have a new office administrator!

Prayer:

- Pray for our "Christmas Dinner and a Movie" outreach event on the 8th. We will have dinner and watch "Why the Nativity."
- Pray for our involvement in the local Christmas parade on Saturday the 14th. That we might connect more families to the church and share the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- Pray for our women's fellowship gatherings.
- Pray for our worship team that will be featuring our own strings and piano trio on Christmas Eve!

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise for:

- The privilege of serving as a ministry of Shadow Mountain.
- Pastor Jeremiah's leadership and ministry, including his role as chancellor of Southern California Seminary.
- SCS Students and Alumni who are serving in local churches, in missions, in counseling, and in Christian schools and colleges. Grace, peace, and wisdom in serving.
- Our faithful faculty who work diligently in equipping believers with biblical knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills!

- The joy of serving as SCS Staff and Faculty. Providing a working environment full of servant-minded people ready and available to serve the student body in their education to succeed in spreading the gospel in their ministry fields.
- Spring 2025 registration is open so please continue praying for our new and continuing students.
- Five of our Bible faculty were accepted to present at the 2024 Evangelical Theological Society National Convention being held in downtown San Diego. This is the premiere Evangelical academic event, where we offered a special presentation featuring our faculty publishing and contributing authors at the San Diego Convention Center.

Prayer for:

- Effective ministry for Seminary Leadership: Dr. Gary Coombs, President, Dr. Gino Pasquariello, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. James Fazio, Dean of Bible and Theology; Dr. Elizabeth Elenwo, Dean of Behavioral Sciences.
- SCS students and their families to be encouraged and faithful in their academic studies, ministries, and personal faith development as they navigate many shifting circumstances.
- Continuing generous support of donors through faithful giving for scholarships to help students attend seminary for Biblical training and formation.
- Ministry opportunities for graduating alumni as well as a connection with others through the Alumni Association.
- The Call to Care Training continues as so many churches are requesting help in setting up a ministry of lay biblical counselors to assist in the needs of the church. Please pray as we build up our teams to meet the need.
- Upcoming Donor Dinner focusing on appreciating our faithful supporters.

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praises:

- For the Lord's incredible gift of His Son Jesus Christ and the blessing we enjoy to teach the Truth of the Gospel to our students.
- For the support of Shadow Mountain Community Church on so many levels starting with Pastor Jeremiah.
- For our approaching 60th anniversary of CUSSD and Christian education in 2025.

Prayers:

- Please pray that all of the campuses have successful and meaningful Christmas programs for our students and their families and that those who do not have a church home will consider joining one of our SMCC's Christmas services.
- Please pray that students and staff and faculty have a restful and healthy Christmas break and come back rejuvenated for the second semester.
- Please pray for our student(s) and family members who are walking through cancer to have peace and comfort and that they are healed!
- Please pray that school leaders would have wisdom and discernment in managing admissions and capacity for our school district in order to continue to fulfill our mission in Christian Education.
- Please pray that God would bless and strengthen each marriage among our school families and staff in order to provide the best family support situation for our students.