

WATCHMAN ALERT

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Night Seasons

“I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;
My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me;

Because He is at my right hand

I shall not be moved.”

Psalm 16:7-8

The older I get the more I value the *“night seasons.”* What a wonderful time to talk and listen to the LORD. A time when all is hushed but heaven. Like King David, to pray for the LORD’s guidance even as we are protected by His presence. These verses of lament from this golden Psalm of David rest along the fault line of history...from David’s own prayer of preservation to the prophetic Messianic song being quoted in Acts 2:25-28. It matters little where David was, in cave or castle, the LORD was at his right hand. I must not pretend any longer to understand the depth and breadth of this hymn, but I do know it reminds me that He is by my right hand and yours in the *night seasons*.

Thank you for remembering to pray for our 98 families and 14 single missionaries serving in 38 different countries who are waking and sleeping in over 19 different time zones. This year I have a special request. Our families have well over 100 children. Would you please pray for them? Ask God to protect them physically and spiritually. Pray that they will each one fall in love with Jesus. Missionary Kids are known to be good pretenders. Please pray that the faith of their parents will truly become their own. Thank you for praying for these precious ones. And please pray for the marriages of their parents, and yes, for restful, quiet *night seasons*.

Rejoicing in the *night seasons!*

Mark Dalton

Director of Missions

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- As we celebrate the birth of our Savior during this season, let's be faithful to keep Him central in our thoughts and activities. Meditate often on the depths of His love for us as we celebrate Christ's birth.
- Join me in trusting God to use each of us in sharing the need for a Savior with those who are without hope.
- Rejoice in the expectation of His soon return.
- Our teaching series on The Holy Spirit, You May Not Know was a great encouragement as we discussed His role and work in our lives. Pray that we each would use the gifts God has granted us and draw on the power of the Spirit to accomplish His will.
- I am thankful for our outreach through Angel Tree, the Great Christmas Card Mail Out, and our Christmas Box project. Ask God to use these expressions of affection to encourage and draw many to Him.
- Pray for our nation, revival and spiritual awakening.
- Trust God to hedge around Shadow Mountain Ministries with His continued protection.

...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10b)

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 who attended our DivorceCare and GriefShare groups this last session. Pray for those who have lost loved ones and for those going through separation or divorce during the difficult holiday 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 and Baptism, Pastor Scott Pittman

Praise Report

We recently completed our 21st Discipleship Class in the last five years, with over 200 new Christians going through the basics. Since October, we've continued to average 40 local first-time guests each week, many of whom are becoming members, getting baptized, and beginning their walk as new believers. Praise the Lord for all He is doing!

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, Shirley Pickney, Jack and Jean Kriege, Jordan Verhoeve, Glenda Parker, Marilyn Campbell, Mark Kuker, Krystal Emery, Lee White, Lorraine Hanley, Mary Hodge, Gary Coombs, Tyler Richardson, Amber Whitlock, Art Whaling, Ron Myers, Ellis Grant, Janet Lawry, Pat Dorroh, Blaine Sellers, Sam Gaea

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Richard Owen, Dorothy Plunkett, Marilyn Johnson

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." Psalm 46:1-2a

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepfer

- Many New Members speak of the interview process as a time of being cared for individually—something unexpected in a church our size.
- The way we watch God orchestrate which new members are paired up with which Ministry Advisors is nothing but miraculous.
- The privilege of going over spiritual gifting with those who never recognized them is like watching them discover, define and develop a whole new thought process...pretty exciting stuff!
- Carving out the time to care by listening, recording, and referring brings service to a whole new level of fulfillment for the Ministry Advisors.
- Being involved in Servant Ministry with a team of like-minded people makes it such a joy.

It can be reiterated this way...**Gifts All!!** Your prayers make the difference! Thank you!

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:

- The launch of the new Kids Blast at 9:00 am this Fall has been a big success. Now our prayer request is for more volunteers! We need more adult leaders to help us continue to grow and reach more kids.
- We need 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

For Our Small Group Leaders

- Pray that our small group leaders would be filled with wisdom, compassion, and endurance as they shepherd their groups.
- Ask God to refresh their hearts weekly, give them discernment as they facilitate conversations, and deepen their personal walk with Christ so they can lead from overflow, not exhaustion.

For Our Small Group Attenders

- Pray that every attender would experience genuine community and spiritual growth within their group.
- Ask that God would open hearts to His Word, strengthen relationships marked by grace and truth, and inspire each person to take their next step in faith—whether that's serving, leading, or sharing their story.

For Our Small Group Coaches

- Pray that our coaches will lead with humility, clarity, and encouragement as they guide and support their leaders.
- Ask God to give them insight into how best to mentor and equip their leaders, helping to cultivate a culture of care, and multiplication across our ministry.

College Ministry, Trey Cole

Prayer Requests:

- That God would provide 5 more adult couples to serve on Thursday Nights in the College Ministry to facilitate discussion and prayer.
- For God to continue to work in the hearts of the students who heard the Gospel through our Save San Diego event on Oct. 2.
- For students to say "yes" to serving in different ministries in the church.

Praises:

- Two students were saved during our Save San Diego event!
- Students are excited about what God is doing through them in the ministry!

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 young professionals who are pursuing the Lord!
- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that God is using the community to meet one another's needs.
- For God meeting the needs of our group and helping people Pursue their Purpose.

Prayer requests

- **Continued Spiritual and physical** growth of our ministry.
- Prayers that God would send **new members and new leaders to 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.
- Healing for some damaged interpersonal relationships- that the Spirit would bring unity, healing, and conviction.
- **For Small Groups**, that we can find places for everyone who wants to be in one.

- **Prayers that our 2025 Christmas Banquet (Dec. 19)** goes well! A great celebration!
- **For our 2026 planning** as we seek to serve our demographic better in the coming year.
- **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.
- **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 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.
- **Jasmine is well into her Senior Year of HS!** Pray for physical strength and for **a Car** for Jasmine as she starts driving this fall. Praying for a small SUV to help accommodate her physical needs.
- **Prayers for the Local Fire Departments** that Pastor George serves as Chaplain. Safety for the crews and opportunities to hear the gospel.
- **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.

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

Praise:

- We are grateful for the couples who are serving at SMCC regularly through the ministry.
- We are thankful for the Lord's faithfulness through the fall.

Prayer:

- We would like prayer for continued growth and outreach for the ministry.
- We need prayer for military spouses and our first responders in the community.

Young Marrieds Ministry, David Todd Jeremiah

Praise:

- Several Military deployments are beginning this week.
- Prayer for new leaders to rise up as we grow.
- Safety for families during travel.
- Safety for families and children as we enter a season of sicknesses.

Praises:

- Several deployed military have returned this week.
- Several babies have been born in our ministries.
- God has blessed the ministry and we have seen lots of growth in the past couple months.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Let everything we do magnify the Lord! He is worthy to be praised.
- Jesus is the reason for the season!
- We praise God for the many outreach opportunities that He has used this past year to draw women to Himself.
- We praise God for our Global Connect Event, which provided women the opportunity to see God's hand of blessing on our missionaries around the world.
- We praise God for the ongoing work of connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow.

Prayer:

- Please pray for God's hand-picked speaker for our spring Girl Time event.
- Please pray for our Joyful Heart's (widow) Christmas event. Ladies would feel loved and encouraged.
- Please pray for all the administrative details that surround the spring Bible studies. Many new ladies would sign up and be excited about being in God's Word and connected in a small group.
- God would raise more women who want to get involved and serve!
- As women grow in their relationship with Christ, they will see the fruit of their investment pouring over into their families.
- God will raise more leaders and Disciple-makers for 2026 and take the challenge to invest in the next generation.
- 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!
- 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:

- During the summer workshops a group of 30-35 men from Teen Challenge attended. It was their first time on the SMCC campus, they loved it, and they have committed to attending the Men's Bible Study in the Fall and SMCC on a regular basis.
- We had our Radically Transformed Marriage Conference with 140 couples. It was highly successful. Couples were encouraged in their marriages. One couple told us they were going to get a divorce, had hired a divorce lawyer, but after the conference they decided to fire the lawyer and keep fighting. Eight people were saved and 44 made recommitments to Christ.
- We saw a total of 80 people come to faith in Christ through Men's ministry events and Bible Studies! Praise God!

Prayer Requests:

- We are praying for 100 salvations in this fiscal year.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

A season of joy

In 1744, Charles Wesley gave us these words: "Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee." What a gift we have received! What a gift to share with others!

Pray without ceasing:

- God's blessing and power upon Glenn Martin, Jesús Rodriguez, Jeff Cothran, Mark Summers, Dan Buell, Joseph Arriola, Nathan Leffew, Paul Circo, Taylor Olson, Joe Ralston, Leonard Page, and Eric Nickerson as they serve on the facilities and maintenance team.
- In the prophecy of Christ's advent given in Isaiah 9:6, we are told that one of His names would be "The Prince of Peace." Please pray that the Prince of Peace will pour out His peace upon all, even upon those who might oppose the cause of Christ.
- Please pray for the many events that will occur on our campuses, including banquets, parties, concerts, Christmas programs at the schools, Living Nativity, and the Christmas Eve service. These are a lot of work for our staff, but our desire is that the eyes of all who participate will be turned to our wonderful Lord, and that many would receive the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Pray for **Betty Ngoboka**, one of our missionaries in Uganda, to get the rest she needs to recover from a recent illness.
- Pray for **Jim & Judy Burdett** as they pack up their home and ministry in PNG. Judy will return home on schedule to care for her family, while Jim will remain longer than anticipated to finish up the moving process.
- Pray for our many single missionaries serving on the mission field to have strong relationships with co-laborers and friends. Particularly, pray for the safety of our single women who are serving abroad, some in restricted countries.
- Pray for our **Thailand Global Team** while they prepare to visit Mein Village in December. They will be serving in various capacities at a school, including teaching English and Bible classes and working on a handful of minor construction projects.
- Pray for discernment and planning for our **2026 Global Teams** lineup. Pray for our selection process with missionary partners and for the hearts of Global Team members to be prepared for growth and service.

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 Youth Basketball League. Pray for the impact of the relationships with the players and their families.
- Pray for the volunteers and coaches who will help serve in the upcoming Youth Rec Basketball League. For unity, enthusiasm, and purpose while we coach and facilitate a community basketball league on the SMCC campus

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

***"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."*** Isaiah 61:10

Praises

- We blessed our community with 1,100 turkeys and Cares boxes along with potatoes and bread for Thanksgiving.
- For current faithful volunteers, and some new ones, that love our ministry and serve with joy!

- Feeding San Diego gave us all of the food we normally order from them for free for the month of November as they knew we were serving so many in need!
- We have over 140 new families that gave us the opportunity to share the Gospel with them. Such a joy to share the love of Christ with them!

Prayers – Always the need for the following at Cares:

- 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 lead this ministry by His Spirit, and that He would cause revival in our community and county.
- For the health of volunteers and recipients as some have still been experiencing serious health ailments (always a need).
- May God keep our campus safe as we serve our diverse community.

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 thank the Lord for the three individuals who accepted the Gospel message. One who came from a Muslim background.
- We are grateful for the encouraging response from many church members who have committed to rededicating their lives.

- We praise God for the ministry of our six Small Groups, each engaging in studies and discussions that equip them for future ministry.
- We are thankful for the successful surgery of a church member who is now steadily recovering and has been able to return to work.
- We rejoice in the blessings experienced during our Sunday services, as we witness growth in attendance and a spirit of joy.
- We give thanks for the vibrant ministry among the Ladies, who are enjoying uplifting Bible studies and enriching fellowship.

Prayers:

- Please pray for Brother Tawfik and his wife, Ferial, as they face ongoing health challenges and have recently been hospitalized.
- Remember Sister Afaf in prayer as she deals with a recurrence of colon cancer and prepares for another surgery in the coming days.
- Pray for Brother Sami, who is experiencing health issues affecting his bladder, kidneys, and prostate. He expects a surgery.
- Lift up our elderly members and shut-ins who cannot attend services in person but continue to worship with us online.
- Pray for Jason Ghazaleh, who is slowly recovering from a serious accident and is undergoing specialized rehabilitation treatment.
- Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria and Nigeria who are enduring severe persecution and hostility.

Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- A Wonderful Christmas Season at the Alpine Campus.
- We're praising God for a joyful and hope-filled Christmas season at the Alpine Campus! We're excited to celebrate the beauty of the Christmas story throughout December and are praying for meaningful opportunities to welcome and connect with many new visitors during our services. It is a gift to enter this season with expectancy for how God will move in the hearts of those who come through our doors.

God's Work Through Small Groups

- We're also praising God for the strong Fall season of Small Groups! Many wrapped up their sessions celebrating the sanctifying work of God in their lives. We're grateful for the leaders who faithfully facilitated these groups and for the sweet community that continues to form as people pursue Jesus together. What a joy it is to see our church family strengthened through these meaningful connections!

Praying For:

- Christmas Outreach and New Visitors
- We're praying that God would use this Christmas season to draw many hearts to Himself. As we share the message of Christ's birth each Sunday, we ask the Lord to open doors for meaningful connection with new visitors, soften hearts to the gospel, and allow our campus to be a place of warmth, welcome, and hope. May every service point people clearly to Jesus.

Future of Small Groups and Community Life

- We're praying for continued growth and depth in our Small Groups (and all ministries at Alpine Campus) as we look toward the new year.
- We're asking God to guide those who are considering joining a group, strengthen our leaders, and deepen the sense of biblical community at the Alpine Campus. Our desire is that every person would find a place to grow spiritually, serve, build Christ-centered friendships, and take next steps in their walk with the Lord.

Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf

Praises:

- Thank you for praying! Lots of things are happening in Encinitas. We have grown, with about 15 new people in the past six months. Praise God!
- More ministry is happening too. We have another small group formed on Wednesday nights and it is thriving.
- We also now have a men's group meeting on Friday mornings at 7 AM, which has been well attended. The men want to build each other up!
- We have had lots of special events where our church members are inviting others, and new faces are very exciting.
- Right now, we are working with Venture Church, our next-door neighbor, to minister to refugee kids from Congo (DRC).
- Oh, and did I mention you can see the ocean from our parking lot? You are invited to visit any Sunday. Perhaps you'll want to stay :-)

Prayer Requests:

- Please ask God to bless us with families (with kids). We have willing hearts, lots of love, and lots of space, and many were just recently live-scanned. We are ready!
- Please pray for more musicians and singers.
- Please pray more of our regular attenders will become members and serve one another with their spiritual gifts.
- Pray for new believers so our older men can be discipling the younger men.
- We need at least two more deacons and two more deaconesses. Pray for more people to say "yes."
- Pray that our campus would be pleasing to God. Thank you.

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.

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...

- A successful Shine the Light event.
- The success and growth we are seeing in our men and women's bible studies.
- The growth in children and volunteers in the Awana ministry.

Prayer for:

- Preparation for our Christmas season and all the volunteers who will be serving.
- God's presence and guidance in our Awana and small group Bible studies.
- God to establish His foundation and provide direction for 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 2025-2026.

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Prayer:

- Pray for our involvement in the town Christmas parade where we have a decorated float and invite the people to church!
- For our special services in December to go well, with kid involvement and special musicians.
- For our continued outreach in the local community.

Praise

- Our campus goes well each week because of the awesome help from the main campus! It's awesome to see tech guys come up, small groups guided, the worship team grow, and all the other areas of ministry go well because of the support we have!
- Families continue to bring friends who are checking out the Shadow Mountain campus up here!
- We have started a Hopeful Parenting small group for young families! It's wonderful to see moms and dads growing in their faith and love for their kids.

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 and Staff:** Praise for the dedicated faculty and staff who diligently equip students with biblical knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve in their fields.
- **We're celebrating a great start to the Fall 2025 term!** We have had a challenging season of transition but have experienced tremendous blessing and growth. We see God's provision throughout this new academic year and as we head into our 80th year of equipping believers. We are grateful for how He continues to guide and shape SCS for the good of those we serve.

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:** Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff as well as their families.
- **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.
- **Provision and Praise:** Please join us in praying for God's continued growth and provision over the seminary. As we move forward, we ask for wisdom, strength, and clarity in every area of our mission so that we may faithfully serve those God has called here. We also pray for a meaningful and joy-filled upcoming celebration of all that God has accomplished through the seminary and through its faithful leaders over the past 80 years.

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Praise:

- For the Lord's incredible gift of His Son Jesus Christ and the blessing it is to celebrate our Savior's birth as a school community throughout the month.
- For the support of Shadow Mountain Community Church on so many levels starting with Pastor Jeremiah.
- For a tremendous sixth grade retreat with all three elementary schools and over 150 students attending our five-day tradition at Mt. Palomar Christian Camp. More than 100 of our sixth graders accepted Christ as their personal Savior or recommitted their lives to the Lord.
- For a highly successful fall athletic season at Christian High, Christian Jr. High and all three of our elementary campuses.

Prayer Requests:

- 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 or family members that are walking through cancer to have peace and comfort and that they may be 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.
- Please pray for God's provision as families consider an end-of-year gift to Christian Unified Schools Annual Fund—resources that enable us to advance our mission, equip students in their faith, nurture Christlike character and academic readiness in our students for God's glory.