

WATCHMAN ALERT

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Jars of Clay

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.”
—2 Corinthians 4:7

Have you ever done something you’re not proud of? Something you’d rather keep buried deep down—a moment, a mistake, or a part of your story you hope no one ever finds out about? We all have those. Cracks in the jar we try to hide. But the truth is, as Paul tells us, we’re all “jars of clay.” We’re fragile. We’re chipped by sin, failure, shame—things we’ve done and things that have been done to us.

Paul’s words would’ve struck a chord with the people in Corinth. In the days of the Old Testament, sacrifices were often brought to the temple in clay jars. They weren’t always fancy or ornate—they were simple, everyday containers. At modern day Shiloh, where the tabernacle once stood, you can still walk the grounds and see little shards of pottery all over. Those broken pieces once carried offerings of worship to God. They were meant to be poured out and left behind.

What Paul is getting at is this: it’s not about the jar. It’s about the treasure inside. God isn’t impressed by perfect containers. He doesn’t need polished, put-together people to display His power. In fact, the opposite is true. He chooses broken people. People who know their needs and are willing to be poured out. Why? So that it’s obvious the power isn’t from us—it’s from Him.

Maybe today you feel worn down. Maybe you’re walking through something heavy and you don’t feel strong enough to carry it. You might even wonder if God can still use you with everything you’ve been through. The good news of the gospel is: *He can*. Your brokenness doesn’t disqualify you—it invites God’s power to shine all the more.

Just like those jars at Shiloh were broken in worship, your life—when surrendered to Him—becomes a powerful act of worship too. Not because it’s perfect, but because it’s real. So don’t hide the cracks. Let the light of Christ shine through them. Let your story—yes, even the hard parts—point to the treasure inside.

As you continue to seek the Lord in prayer this month remember:

- **Pray from the heart, not from a script.** Psalm 34:18 reads, *“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”* God doesn’t want us to pretend to be all put together. He doesn’t require the right words, He wants to meet us in the real, unfiltered prayers of our surrendered hearts.
- **Ask for His power to work through your weakness.** 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”* Our weakness is the very place where His strength is shown in our lives.
- **Surrender daily.** Romans 12:1 says, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”* When we surrender to Him daily, it isn’t just obedience, it’s an act of worship.

No matter your faults or imperfections, prayer is where the power of God meets the honesty of your heart. Come as you are, and let Him fill your jar with His grace, truth, and strength.

David Guzik

Associate Pastor of Small Groups

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- I am enjoying our study series on *The Promise of Heaven*. Give thanks for the hope that Christ gives us and trust Him to use this series to draw many to Himself!
- Summer presents many outreach opportunities for Shadow Mountain locally and globally. Events such as *Summer Blast* (our kids), Summer Camp (our teens), and Short-Term Missions trips have the potential of affecting thousands of lives. Pray that God would use every opportunity He has given us to reach many for Himself.
- Our children's ministry could use a few more volunteers for *Summer Blast* in July at our Main, Alpine, Central Coast, and South Bay campuses. Let's trust God to provide ample workers to minister to our children.
- Our *Celebrate America* event will take place June 28th and 29th. Let's pray that this will be a meaningful time of thanksgiving for our country and for those who have and are now serving to protect our freedoms.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for Donna as she recovers from hip surgery. We are truly blessed by the many prayer warriors of Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for revival.
- Continue to seek His protection around every aspect of Shadow Mountain Ministries.

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." (Matthew 25:13)

Family Ministries

Praise:

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

Prayer:

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

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

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

Praise Report

- We just finished our 19th Discipleship Class and have had the pleasure of discipling 140 new Christians over the past four years.
- Last month, we saw several salvations through our first-time guest follow-ups and evangelism outreach efforts.
- Our Easter follow-up included 72 phone calls and 50 home visits to first-time guests in San Diego County.

Prayer Requests

- 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, Chuck and Loretta Emert, Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Dave and Yolanda Schoenfeld, Jim Nemec, Elizabeth Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Don Harrison, Ken Howell, Jeanette Eddery, Larry Weinstein, Shirley Pickney, Jack Kriege, Jordan Verhoeve, Jonothan Jones, Glenda Parker, Marilyn Campbell, Mark Kuker, Terry Ulmer, Christina Bowman, Pat Pearson, Joel Schrum, Bea Keller, Krystal Emery, Lee White, Sue Buffington, Lorraine Hanley, Mary Hodge

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Bruce Fox, Donna Coombs

"Our soul waits for the LORD: He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name." Psalm 33:20-21

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepfer

Praise God for those who are involved in the appointment process for Servant Ministry Interviews.

- The effort on the part of new members in making an appointment/arranging their schedule to accommodate it/communicating changes in schedules/showing up!
- The administration of folder prep/postcards - prepared and sent/calendar compiling and daily updating/confirming phone calls on the part of Assistant Dawn Virgilio.

- Ministry Advisors (Neal/Drew/Leta/Janna/Kris/Joyce sacrificing their time/offering to listen/encourage/write up a debrief.
- Referrals and follow up to/from various SMCC ministries.
- Follow up calls in future weeks to discover if they feel like this is their family.

All of this done by God's strength that these new to our family may truly find the best use of their God-given gifts for His Glory and the good of so many!

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.
- Several of our volunteers have had successful surgeries. Pray for continued healing.
- 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.

Prayer Requests:

- We are full steam ahead, gearing up for Summer Blast 2025!
 - Pray for all the planning, coordinating and preparations being made.
 - Pray for a great harvest for the Lord! We hope to have more kids than ever before.
 - Please pray specifically for many adult volunteers to be able to join us, as they are essential for our success.

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

Small Groups, Dale Bacon

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

College Ministry, Trey Cole

Prayer Requests:

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

Praises:

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

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

Praises

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

Prayer Requests

- Continued Spiritual and physical growth in our ministry.

For Summer 2025

- Alaska Missions Trip: June 20-July 1. Pray for safety, wisdom, and spiritual fruit as we go serve in Southwest Alaska.
- Summer Beach Bible Studies: Starting in July. For a blessed and fruitful Beach Bible Study season, and that we'd have the resources and meeting place we need each week.
- We need to develop more leaders from within our group. Pray for new table and small group leaders to emerge.
- 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.
- Mental, emotional, and spiritual health for Young Adults who are assaulted everyday by the world. Spiritual discernment as our community lives and works in the world.
- Relational wisdom for the YA's that God is calling into more romantic relationships. That they would put God first and their significant other second. Also, wisdom and grace for those that come to us out of failed relationships.
- For our Men to be surrendered and be Men of God who LEAD. For our Women to be Women of Honor, and surrendered to God; May patience, honor and virtue define their lives. Pray especially for the men in our group, that God would give them more mentors and that they'd embrace genuine, godly manhood.
- For Pastor George: clarity and endurance as he leads his group and others. Wisdom to navigate the demands of ministry and family. Focus as he prepares teaching lessons. Also, for a strong marriage to Krysten and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two daughters, Amira and Jasmine. Pray for valuable time together as a couple, and for their daughters to find their value, strength, and hope in Christ every day.
- Prayers for the Local Fire Departments that Pastor George serves as Chaplain. Safety for the crews and opportunities to hear the gospel.

Middle School Ministry, Chase 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, Phase 1 & 2, Troy Leeman

Praise:

- Consistent attendance and growth throughout April.
- New bonds and relationships among couples.

Prayer:

- The spiritual growth and maturity of couples.
- The military spouses of those deployed.
- The continued development of leaders and tables.
- The pregnant mothers and new babies in the ministry.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Praise God for this past Mother's Day, their gift to us and their influence in our lives!
- Praise God for the many ladies attending our summer Bible study in person and on your own, *Becoming—Part 3!*
- Praise God for our Joyful Hearts Bunco Night!
- Praise God for new ladies ready to connect, grow, and serve!

Prayer:

- Continued prayers for the women who accepted Jesus into their lives through our GIRL TIME event. Pray that their faith will take root, and they will continue to grow.
- Both new and returning ladies will see the importance of investing in God's Word and be excited about being a part of the summer Bible study—*Becoming Part 3*.
- Please pray for the Active-Duty Military Family Day on Sunday, June 8th. That many families will feel connected and loved through the SMCC family!
- Coffee Connect—Please pray over details and planning for our July 26th event. We will go out of our way to invite new and existing ladies. New connections will be made, and women will be excited to participate in the fall studies.
- God will give the increase through our disciple-makers, program, and the joy of investing in women's lives will create a ripple effect throughout Women's Ministries.
- God will provide more leaders for the Fall, and momentum will build in equipping and investing 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 women well and serving would be on full display!
- Women's Ministries will stay true to its mission: Connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow!
- Protection over all that surrounds SMCC!
- God would be glorified through His people and His church!

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

Men's Ministries, Pastor Manny Sanchez

Praises:

- We had a wonderful end to our Spring Bible Study Season. We had the most men ever with an average of 430 every Tuesday night on the Main Cajon Campus. In addition, we had 75 more that met in our other campuses bringing our total number of men in Bible study to over 500 for the first time ever!
- We got to see 42 men accept the Lord at Dangerous Man bringing our total of men saved through the Men's Ministry for the fiscal year to 69 men. Our goal is 100 men.
- We relaunched our Dads and Kids Ministry with two new incredible leaders. This ministry seeks to help and facilitate meaningful connections between dads and their kids. They kicked off their first event with an Ice Cream Blowout and they had 70 in attendance - our largest dads and kids yet!

Prayers:

- We are following up with all the men who placed their faith in Christ from Dangerous Man and are praying that they would all get baptized, disciplined, and plugged into church and Bible study.
- We have a very full summer with our summer Bible study that began in May. Right after our summer study we are launching a brand-new thing. We're calling them "Men's Workshops" where we will offer four different topics for five weeks which men can choose from. Topics are "how to evangelize," "issues men face," "life after retirement," and "how to study your Bible." We are praying for many men to attend and that they'd benefit greatly from these workshops.
- We are planning a Marriage event in August and hope many couples will take part. We've been getting a lot of reports of marriages that are struggling over the past year. Pray for marriages.
- We launched a ministry adopting military families whose spouse is on deployment offering meals and basic support like childcare and shopping etc. We need 10 small groups that would be ready to stand by and adopt a military couple so that when a spouse gets deployed, we can assign a small group to them. We have one family adopted so far and are working on the training and details.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

"He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies" (Psalm 18:11). Some people complain about "June gloom," but cloudy skies can remind us that God is with us and He is in control.

Please pray with us:

- God's blessing and power upon Eugenio Mata-Montes, Jr. Mata-Guerrero, and Gabriel Nuñez as they maintain the landscaping and grounds.
- Summer is here! And with Summer comes the Small Groups Leader Dinner, Father's Day Car Show, Men's and Women's Bible Study kickoffs, Youth Ministry at Hume Lake, and Celebrate America. Please pray that these events would bring all involved to a closer walk with Christ.
- *"I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies" (2 Samuel 22:4).* As we call on the Lord, let's pray for safety.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Praise: Borja—We write to you with much gratefulness to God who has in all ways shown Himself faithful. We are finalizing our preparations as a team to receive the first of four groups who will help us as we begin the endeavor of building our houses.
- Praise: Gonzalez—Ana and I had a marriage conference with 15 couples, who we challenged to remain faithful to God and their spouses.
- Praise: Taber—We are very excited for what God is doing in our church. A children's day camp outreach is planned for the first week in July.
- Prayer: Hause—Please pray for teaching and training ministry trips to Puerto Suarez, Chochis and San Jose.
- Prayer: Breuninger—Camp Woody (June 22-July 26) Please join us in praying for staff to join our team, for wisdom as planning takes place and for the other necessary resources to be provided.
- Prayer: Junker—Please pray with us that God will bless summer outreach events featuring classical music in several of the local churches.

Sports Ministry, Tim Brown

Praise

- Praise God for the 24 teams and over 200 men that signed up for the Men's Basketball League.
- Praise God for the resources available on our campus to facilitate our Sports Programs.
- 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 for the Monday evenings from Mar-June when the Men's Basketball Leagues host games from 6pm – 10pm. Pray that the environment would help build relationships, share the Good News, and draw people to Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for the Men that participate in the Men's Basketball League. Pray that they would be open to visiting other programs at SMCC. Pray for the relationships that we would build with them and the influence of the Christian community in their lives.
- Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel, both one on one and in our team settings, with the participants who will be involved in our sports programs.
- Pray for the recruitment of godly, mature coaches for the sports programs.
- Pray for the participants in the upcoming Sports Summer Camps: Soccer Camp in June, Basketball Camp in July, and Multi-sport in August. Pray for the impact of the messages and relationships with the players and their families.
- Pray for the volunteers and coaches who will help serve in the upcoming Youth Summer Camps. Pray for their teamwork and communication while coaching and leading.

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. —Psalm 34:18

Praises

- Seeing the baptism testimony of another person who came for food, met Jesus and was baptized last month!
- That God continues to bring those in need of Him and food right to our steps, we do not have to go seeking in the community, He brings them right here!
- Food prices from our vendors are starting to decrease.
- We are seeing recipients move on as they get back on their feet and new recipients come to Cares.
- For amazing volunteers who faithfully show up week in and week out.

Prayers

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

Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña

Praise:

- Praise God for the opening of two new small groups. "The Community" ages 26-35, and "SMCC Hispanic College" ages 18-25, led by Pastor Hayden Lema.
- Praise God for a new season of discipleship classes. Two levels of discipleship, "ARJE" and "DOULOS" that will take place each Tuesday for ten consecutive weeks.
- Praise God for our Men's Ministry. For the time they spend at the retreat "Moriah 2025".

Pray:

- Pray for our Women's Ministry "Virtuosa." For their annual conference taking place here at SMCC two days in a row, with a special guest coming from Guatemala.
- Pray for our special service celebrating "Father's Day." A celebration for both campuses, El Cajon and South Bay. Honoring the life of all fathers.
- Pray for the Young Couples Ministry. This ministry is restarting activities each month, these activities are designed to help young couples in various areas of their marriage.

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises:

- We thank God for a blessed Good Friday special meeting. We shared in communion, welcomed a large attendance, and enjoyed a meaningful program.
- We're grateful for a wonderful Easter service that was well attended and featured a special program, and a powerful sermon titled: "No Resurrection, No Christianity."
- Praise God for the many people regularly attending our four new discipleship groups. Each group is unique and growing in its own way.
- We're thankful for a joyful Mother's Day special event, which included a big lunch attended by 70 ladies. The program was truly a blessing.
- We praise God for the encouragement and fellowship we experienced at the Annual Arab Ministers Retreat at the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, NC.
- We celebrate the baptism of a 13-year-old girl whose parents are Jordanian. Her father, a deacon in our church, had the joy of witnessing her step of faith.
- We are thankful for the growth in weekly offerings. Many are giving generously, and we have already exceeded 25% of our annual giving budget.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Radaa family the mother and grandmother who fell in the driveway and injured her head and died after few days.
- Pray for more baptisms for those who have been Christians for a long time but remain hesitant to take this important step.

- For the discipleship groups, that they may remain committed and complete their respective courses. Each group is studying.
- Pray for the various ministries of the church, especially Kids Care, and for more volunteers to serve in this vital area.
- Continue to pray for our sisters, Afaf and Heyam, as they endure ongoing health challenges and undergo cancer treatments.
- For several elderly people suffering from various illnesses and health issues. They became shut-ins missing the church.
- Pray for a genuine spiritual revival within our church and across the Arabic Evangelical churches in San Diego County.

Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- We're praising God for the incredible response to Summer Blast signups! With nearly all 165 spots filled, we're thrilled for the opportunity to reach our community through this exciting outreach event.
- We're deeply grateful for our dedicated team of prayer warriors who gather every other Monday morning to lift up the needs of the Alpine Campus, Shadow Mountain Community Church, our community, and beyond. With so much to pray for, it's a powerful blessing to see so many united in faithful prayer.

Praying for:

- We're praying for 50 volunteers to serve at Summer Blast this July—and we're already 80% of the way there! We're trusting God to provide a dynamic team who will pour into the lives of every child attending this summer.

Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf

- Encinitas has 7 new people so far in May. That's a big praise.
- We need volunteers for Summer Blast.
- Pray the Lord of the Harvest for new families to find out they are invited to church.
- We also would love prayer for wisdom on how to reach our community.

Online Campus, Pastor Rod Gray

Praises

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

Prayers

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

South Bay Campus, Pastor Fausto Garay

We are thankful for...

- Successful Mother's Day celebration with increased attendance, pictures, cookies and roses.
- Increased number of volunteers to help with the Thursday Kings Crew.
- Approval of modifications on our campus to include Christian Unified school in August.

Prayer for:

- New Admin Assistant at South Bay.
- Summer Blast 2025 preparations and volunteers.
- Women's Weekly Bible Study Leader.

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Prayer:

- For all the development of our Summer Blast team to be covered.
- Pray for the many broken families in our community. We have many single moms attending the campus with young children. We have 4 children whose fathers live in vehicles. Pray that older women would connect and care for these moms.
- Continued prayer to reach the community.

Praise:

- Small groups are all going strong.
- Fellowship is a strong point of the campus experience every week.
- Consistent attenders getting involved with worship, tech, teaching kids and serving.

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise for:

- **The Blessing of Ministry through Shadow Mountain:** We are grateful for the opportunity to serve as a ministry of Shadow Mountain, and for the partnership in sharing the gospel.
- **Pastor Jeremiah's Inspiring Leadership:** Praise for Pastor Jeremiah's faithful leadership and ministry, including his role as chancellor of Southern California Seminary, which continues to inspire and guide many.
- **Dedicated SCS Students and Alumni:** Gratitude for students and alumni who are faithfully serving in local churches, missions, counseling ministries, and Christian schools and colleges. We celebrate the grace, peace, and wisdom God grants them as they minister to others.
- **Faithful and Skilled Faculty:** Praise for the dedicated faculty who diligently equip students with biblical knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve in their fields.
- **A Servant-Minded SCS Team:** We are thankful for the joy of serving alongside SCS staff and faculty, who create a working environment marked by a servant-hearted attitude and commitment to helping students succeed in their ministry calling.
- **Congratulations to our May 2025 Graduates:** and all those who participated and helped make our Graduation Banquet, Commencement, and Reception a wonderful Christ-honoring celebration. We are grateful for all of our students, faculty, staff, and supporters!

Prayer Requests:

- **Blessing and Wisdom for Seminary Leadership:** Pray for Dr. Gary Coombs (President), Dr. Gino Pasquariello (Provost and Chief Academic Officer), Dr. James Fazio (Dean of Bible and Theology), and Dr. Elizabeth Elenwo (Dean of Behavioral Sciences) as they lead with vision, integrity, and effectiveness in their ministries.

- **Encouragement for SCS Students and Families:** Lift up students and their families, asking for strength, encouragement, and faithfulness in their academic studies, ministries, and personal spiritual growth as they navigate life's changing circumstances.
- **Gratitude and Support for Donors:** Pray for continued generosity and faithfulness from donors, whose giving provides scholarships that enable students to receive biblical training and spiritual formation at the seminary.
- **Ministry Opportunities for Alumni:** Ask for doors to open for graduating alumni to step into meaningful ministry roles and to stay connected with one another through the Alumni Association, fostering ongoing support and collaboration.
- **TRACS Visit:** On June 10-13th we will be hosting a TRACS accreditation Evaluation Team visit on campus for our ten-year accreditation reaffirmation. Please pray for the planning and preparations for the team visit, safe travel, and for a rewarding visit from the team member visit. Prayer and appreciation for Dr. Matt Beamer our TRACS representative and the valuable work that TRACS does for supporting Christian Schools and Education.

Thank you for joining in prayer for these important needs!

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Praise:

- Praise that we made it through the school year successfully and for God's hand of protection and provision over all of our campuses.
- Praise for our parent community and their commitment to the Lord, their children, our teachers and Christian education.
- Praise for our teachers and staff and their deep commitment to the Lord and our mission.
- Praise for the tremendous blessing, support and partnership we enjoy as a ministry of Shadow Mountain Community Church.

Prayer Request:

- Please continue to hold our families, teachers and support staff up in prayer over the Summer. Pray for a season of renewal and blessing for our team that pours so much into the lives of our students throughout the school year.
- Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek the Lord's guidance in filling our open positions. We are trusting Him to bring the right candidates. Those called to serve and lead within our Christ-centered community.
- Please pray for our Admissions team as they continue to work with families that are interested in our schools. Pray for wisdom and discernment in every step of the admissions process and that the Lord would make it clear who he wants in our school.
- Pray for our church maintenance team and school staff as we embark on the summer work of preparing the physical campuses in El Cajon and Chula Vista. Pray for safety, efficiency and timeliness.