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Our God Does Not Change

“For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.” —Malachi 3:6

There are few things in life more certain than change. Seasons change, our jobs change, health changes, relationships change. Our emotions rise and fall. We are living in days where it feels like everything is shifting.

Just browsing the news articles, we read all around us that nations are unstable, political tension is constant. Technology is moving faster than most of us can keep up with. Here at home, it feels like people are more and more anxious about the future, and wondering what kind of world their children, or grandchildren will inherit.

But Scripture reminds us that while the world changes, God does not.

This is one of the great stabilizing truths of the Christian life.

God is not reacting to every event...He is not pacing heaven, surprised by elections, conflicts, markets, or military threats. He is not caught off guard by what may be concerning us. He is the sovereign God who is ruling above every nation, ruler, generation and news headline.

The theological term for this truth is called the immutability of God. It means God is unchanging in His character, promises, purpose and nature. He does not improve because He is already perfect. He does not decline because He cannot weaken.

There is great comfort in this.

Psalm 46 1-3 says, *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.”*

These words are timely.

Though the earth gives way...
Though nations rage...
Though markets shift...
Though culture drifts...
Though uncertainty rises...

God remains the same.

His character does not change. He is still holy, just, merciful, wise and faithful. I don't know about you, but I can place too much emotional weight on what's happening in the world around us. I can start living headline to headline, instead of placing my trust solely on the immutability and unchanging God of the universe.

As Christians, we are not called to be governed by panic and anxiety that comes from the world. We are to anchor our hope in God, who is still on the throne and in control.

Hebrews 13:8 says, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*”

He is in control, is not surprised, and is still at work in this world.

How can we apply this to our lives today?

1. Stay informed but stay grounded in Scripture. There is nothing wrong with knowing what is happening in the world around us. However, we need to be careful not to let the news influence us more than Scripture.
2. Pray more, worry less. As believers, we should be known more for prayerful confidence, rather than anxious commentary. Charles Spurgeon once said, “Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength.” Prayer does the opposite, it gives us strength for today, because it reminds us that tomorrow already belongs to God.
3. Be steady in an unstable world. While others may panic, we have an opportunity to display peace that is rooted in Christ. This will allow us to be a witness for Him and bring others to the saving knowledge of His Son.

I know the world feels really loud right now. There is much confusion, anxiety, and stress, over things we have no control over. But here is the truth, God is not nervous or surprised, and the same God who has guided every generation before us, is in control and will guide us now.

Dale Bacon

Pastor of Small Groups

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- Our teaching series on *The Battle For Your Soul* Has been a great encouragement to many. Pray that God will continue to use His Word to shape our understanding of how He has designed us to walk and commune with Him!
- Our Middle and High School Hume Lake summer camps run June 21-27. Trust our God to grant safety and to bring faith and grow worship in the life of every student.
- Our *Father's Day* celebration will once again include a large Car Show which draws many visitors to our campus. Pray that God will use the ministry of His Word to bring many to faith in Him.
- *Summer Blast*, our major outreach to children, will take place July 13-17. Let's look to the Lord to bring life change to hundreds of children and to provide ample volunteers to staff this event.
- Shadow Mountain will be sending *Global Outreach Teams* to Alaska (19-30) and Ecuador (19-27) this month. Let's support these teams in prayer trusting God for safety, health, and effective ministry.
- Pray for revival.
- Thank you for praying faithfully. Continue to seek His protection around all He has called us to do.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
(Psalms 19:7)

Family Ministries

Praise:

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

Prayer:

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for our counselor as she connects with people seeking guidance.
- Pray for our Marriage Mentor program; for those who are preparing for marriage and for our mentor couples.
- Please pray for all those who have attended our DivorceCare and GriefShare groups this last session. Pray for continued healing for all who have lost loved ones and for those going through separation or divorce. And please pray for refreshment for our group facilitators as they take a summer break.

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

Praise Report

- Some personal praise reports: I just passed my 18-year mark working at Shadow Mountain, and on May 18, Carla and I will celebrate our 24th wedding anniversary!
- We both feel very blessed to be serving at Shadow Mountain.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our Evangelism/Connections Team, that God will continue to guide and empower their outreach efforts.
- Pray for the Deacons and Deaconesses who faithfully assist with baptisms.
- Pray for Karrie Almeida our Administrative Assistant, who cares for all the details surrounding assimilations.
- Pray for our Discipleship Groups, that they would build strong foundations for new believers and connect them into the life of the church.
- Pray for all our First-Time Guests, that God would meet them where they are and help them find a home at Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for those involved in the New Members Class, that they would clearly understand and embrace the mission and vision of our church.
- Pray for all the Altar Counselors and Pastors, that they would be refreshed, encouraged, and used mightily as they minister during weekend services.

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth.” —Psalm 57:5

Pastoral Care, Pastor Ray Benton

Pray for Pastor Ray Benton and Pastor Gareld Murphy and Pastor Tim Powell as they seek to be an encouragement to those going through difficult physical challenges and those who are shut in. Pray that 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 Nemeč, Elizabeth Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Don Harrison, Jeanette Eddery, Shirley Pickney, Jean Kriege, Jordan Verhoeve, Marilyn Campbell, Mark Kuker, Krystal Emery, Lee White, Lorraine Hanley, Mary Hodge, Ellis Grant, Janet Lawry, Pat Dorroh, Andy Pheasant, Rex Gatrach, Gary Coombs, Kent Sturgeon, Sam Gaea, Ray Cole, Bill Davis, Wayne Hendrickson, Marla Hutchins, Char Smith

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Mike Jones, Howard Cook, Pat Nyland, Monty Mudd

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.” Psalm 95:6-7

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

- Pray for an increased number of people to attend the June New Members before the July recess.
- Our team is standing by ready to listen to and care about each new member.
- It's so exciting when each one gets a glimpse of what ministries they MIGHT do in the future.
- Our goal is to get them started on the process toward actually making it happen.
- God gets the glory and people get the good!
- It's the one of the perfect balances of the Christian life!

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.
- Pray for discernment and consistent joy for our educators at the school and seminary.

Music Ministry, Tobin Davis

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

Kids Ministries, Jesse Abeel

- June is a busy and exciting season in Children's Ministry as we prepare for Summer Blast. Pray that the Lord would be in every detail, guiding and leading each step with wisdom and grace.
- Pray for health, strength, and protection over every volunteer, leader, and family serving—and over those the Lord is calling to attend.
- Ask God to fill us with faith to trust Him in every aspect of preparation and ministry, to obey without hesitation, and to walk in boldness and love.
- Pray that the Lord would send laborers into the harvest and raise up joyful, faithful servants for every area of need.
- Ask God to draw children and families to Jesus, awakening hearts with hunger for His presence and truth.
- Pray that He would prepare the hearts and circumstances of every child and family we are called to minister to, making the way ready for His work.
- Pray for divine appointments throughout Summer Blast—meaningful conversations, Spirit-led moments, and opportunities to reveal the love of Christ.
- Ask that His glory would rise upon us, His countenance rest over us, His light shine within us, and His words flow through us as we serve.
- Pray for peace, unity, and anticipation for every person planning, preparing, and serving in this season.
- Pray for God's provision in every area and His protection over every detail of Summer Blast.
- Above all, pray that the Lord Himself would build this ministry, knowing that *"Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it"* (Psalm 127:1).

Small Group Central, Dale Bacon

- Pray that every member of our small groups would grow deeper in their relationship with Christ, developing a stronger love for God's Word, a consistent prayer life, and a desire to live out their faith daily.
- Pray for our small group leaders. that they would be encouraged, and faithful shepherds. Ask God to give them wisdom, and discernment as they care for those in their groups.
- Pray that our groups would be places of genuine connection, trust, and vulnerability, where people feel safe to share, be known, and experience the love of Christ through one another.
- Pray that our small groups would have a heart for reaching others, that new people would be welcomed in, lives would be transformed, and new leaders would be raised up to start additional groups.

College Ministry, Trey Cole

Prayer Requests:

- That God would provide 10 more adult couples to serve on Thursday nights from 6pm-8:30pm, investing in our students, and facilitating our prayer and discussion times during Thursday CM.
- Continued spiritual growth of our students.
- Save San Diego Spring 2026: For our students to step out in faith to share the Gospel, and for the hearts of the students who will hear the Gospel, that they would be receptive and respond in repentance and submission to Jesus.
- The students on our leadership team are facing some difficult life circumstances and discouragement.

Praises:

- Sunday CM has been well received by students. They are reading their Bibles more consistently during the week, discussing the Sunday sermons, and coming together to discuss their Bible reading as a group.
- Our student leadership team is struggling, but they are learning to struggle together. They are being used effectively for the Gospel and the enemy is not overtaking them.

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

Praises

- **Our Alaska Missions trip is fully funded!** We leave June 19th.
- **There are several weddings happening in our ministry this summer.**

Prayer requests

- For our **Alaska Missions Trip June 19-30**. For safe travel. Physical and spiritual protection. For our ministry at Tanalian Bible Camp as we serve the villages and communities of Southwest Alaska.
- **Planning for our summer activities**—lots of logistics to work out! We need people to help.
- **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.
- **Spiritual Revival**. There is something hindering our ministry. Pray for the Lord to reveal it and remove it.
- **Clarity and Vision for what the next iteration of Young Adults** looks like, as we strive to serve our singles, military, and engaged people at Shadow Mountain.
- Healing for some damaged interpersonal relationships – that the Spirit would bring unity, healing, and conviction.
- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YA's at SMCC. Consistent help to manage the “business” of the ministry so Pastor George can focus on the people of the ministry (ala Acts 6).
- Protection for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **For opportunities to minister to our military more directly**, and gain base access.
- **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.
- **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. **Healing** from frustration and burnout. **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.
- **For Jasmine:** Continued healing and strength as she navigates some of her physical challenges.
- **Amira in her College program.** She has a powerful opportunity to shine the light of Christ in her major. Pray for spiritual, mental, and emotional protection and opportunity to share Jesus.
- **Prayers for the Local Fire Departments** that Pastor George serves as Chaplain (San Miguel, Santee, Sycuan). Safety for the crews and opportunities to hear the gospel. Also, opportunities to expand the influence of the Chaplains in the San Diego area

Middle School Ministry, Chase Ewrich

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God would continue to bless Middle School Ministry and the momentum of reaching new students and new families.
- Pray for spiritual growth in those attending our mid-week small groups.
- We have lots of new students joining us—please pray they feel welcome and comfortable.
- Pray that students would have a tenderness toward the Gospel.
- Pray for the parents of our middle schoolers—they have a hard job and need support and encouragement!
- Pray for more volunteers to join us in reaching middle schoolers for Christ.
- Pray for continued safety and health for our staff, volunteers, and students.

Praises

- Our ministry to middle schoolers is continuing to grow!
- Students seem to be really connecting and are finding a sense of community in our ministry.
- We have an exceptional team of staff and interns. I thank the Lord for them!

Shadow Youth High School Ministry, Pastor Grant Todd

We need prayer for the following concerning the Youth Ministry:

- For the Lord to use the High School messages to help our students connect and grow.
- We want to pray for students to connect, grow, and serve the Lord.
- Asking God to energize and use our staff to reach out to our students.

Family Life Ministry, James Darnell

Praises:

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

Prayer:

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

Young Marrieds Ministry, David Todd Jeremiah

Praises

- Several spouses are currently deployed. Pray for their safety and their spouses.
- Prayer for wisdom and guidance as we plan and finalize our marriage getaway and summer marriage series. We want to make sure we are stewarding these important times and events well.
- Guidance as we plan events and series around the needs of our couples.
- A good and productive leader meeting. We've struggled to make one work where schedules align, and our families can all make it.
- We have a lot of babies on the way. Healthy mothers, babies, and marriages during those tough months.

Praise:

- Our couples have really been committing and getting involved in our community which has been very fruitful.
- Several healthy babies have been born in the past months.
- New couples are getting plugged in.
- We had an amazing week on May 3rd where we had our couples share their stories and testimonies with their groups. It brought them together in amazing ways.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- The gospel changes lives!
- Ongoing growth of our Disciple-maker program!
- The opportunities to connect, grow, and serve!
- Celebration of all the ladies who finished the Spring Bible study semester!

Prayer:

- Our summer Bible study, *Trained by Grace—Becoming a Godly Woman in an Ungodly World*. The book of Titus would draw many women to this 4-week in-person or on-your-own Bible study, and hearts would be open to hearing and receiving God's Word.
- As we take time to pray and plan for 2027, the Holy Spirit will lead and guide every decision.
- Our administrative and social media pieces for Women's Ministry will create more opportunities to draw women to the Lord.
- The work set before us would be joyful and a continual reminder that our eyes are on the Lord! Grace and encouragement will cover the council as they continue to serve in Women's Ministries.
- God would provide a whole new crop of leaders for the fall.
- The Coffee Connect events will continue to foster an atmosphere where new women connect with SMCC and find a place to grow, belong, and build a relationship with Jesus.
- God will raise more Disciple-makers for 2026 and challenge us 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 Women's Ministry as we minister to the needs of His women. Loving, leading, and serving women would be on full display!
- God would be glorified through His church and His people!

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro carried away with

every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Eph. 4:12-14

Men's Ministries, Pastor Manny Sanchez

Praises

- Praise God for our new hire Chip Johnston to help us in the office. He's godly and a great help.
- Praise God for a great Spring season of the Men's study, we had record numbers of men and we studied Philippians.

Prayer:

- Please pray for our upcoming summer workshops. We have four teachers teaching on four specific topics: evangelism, how to study your bible, marriage, and fruitfulness in retirement.
- Also pray for the Father's Day Car show. There is a NASCAR Race in San Diego for the first time on the same weekend. Pray we still have many cars and men who come as it is a huge attraction and many of our men are going.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

Fathers Who Praise:

“The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth” (Isaiah 38:19). This month we observe Father's Day. God instituted the role of “Father” so that we could learn to know this aspect of His own nature. Let's be faithful to give our Heavenly Father the praise He is due and make His truth known to the next generation.

Pray without ceasing:

- God's blessing and power upon Brian Petersen, Jesús Rodriguez, Jeff Cothran, Mark Summers, Dan Buell, Troy Shields, Joseph Arriola, Nathan Leffew, Paul Circo, Taylor Olson, Joe Ralston, and Eric Nickerson as they serve on the facilities and maintenance team.
- *“Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust”* (Psalm 16:1). As we near Independence Day, we will hold our Celebrate America services. Please ask for the Lord's protection upon our church and our land.
- As part of our Father's Day celebration, we will have a car show; also, Small Groups will be hosting their Leader Dinner; Middle and High School will be taking students to Hume Lake; and of course, Celebrate America. These are major undertakings, so please pray for the Lord's help and anointing upon them.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Please continue to pray for our six missionary families serving in the Middle East (in Israel, Iraq, Lebanon, and the UAE). Please pray for them to have wisdom and discernment in difficult circumstances, for their overall safety amid international conflict, and for our staff to know how best to encourage them.
- Please pray for three of our missionary families who are expecting babies this year. Pray for healthy pregnancies and for birth details to be planned easily, since some will need to travel to other countries for delivery.
- Pray for our team visiting Uganda from June 3-13. The team will visit to encourage our missionaries and local pastors, assist at a medical clinic, and deliver materials for the Uganda Bible School's Dr. Coombs Library.

- Pray for our Ecuador Global Team from June 19-26. The team will build a multipurpose facility at Legacy Hill Camp to serve as the camp's administrative, medical, and security hub. Please pray for the team's safety, for the project to be completed successfully, and for our missionaries in Albania to be encouraged by our team's visit.

Sports Ministry, Tim Brown

Praise

- Praise God for the resources available on our campus to facilitate our Sports Programs.
- Praise God for the servants that God has raised up to help coach, train, and work at our Sports Programs.
- Praise God for the 30 teams (~300 participants) in the Men's Basketball League on Monday nights.
- Praise God for men from the Basketball League who recently visited SMCC for Sunday service and visited the College Ministry.

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 Men's Basketball League. Pray for the impact of the relationships with the players and their families. Pray that they might visit SMCC or consider understanding more about God and His Church.
- Pray for the Men's Basketball League (March-June). How we can best minister to the men from the community and be a positive experience for the players.
- Pray for the upcoming Summer Sports Camps (June-Aug). Pray for the families that will send their kids to participate and the influence we might have on them.

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Praises

- God continues to amaze us with His financial blessings to this ministry so that we can help so many in our community (1,400 families a month now!).
- The privilege of having our ministry on campus where our community can receive their assistance and physically see where we are inviting them to church and other ministries like Men's, Women's and Kid's.
- God has continued to provide vendors that supply food at wholesale prices.
- God had been bringing new recipients that need Christ giving us unique opportunities to share the love of Christ with them.

Prayers—*These may seem redundant but please continue to pray for these requests, they are important and we can feel your prayers!*

- That the Holy Spirit would continue to work amongst our volunteers and into the hearts of those whom we are serving. For lives changed!
- That God would continue to graciously provide the resources to support this ministry.
- For the health of volunteers and recipients as there is no shortage of people who are sick.
- With everything going on overseas, pray for protection for everyone on campus as we serve a diverse culture in our 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

- Praise God for the special Care Ministry every Friday morning among Arabic-speaking people as they receive boxes of food.
- We thank the Lord for answering prayers through several individuals—both Catholics and Muslims—who are asking for prayer for their families.
- We praise God for the many guests who are regularly attending and enjoying our Sunday morning worship service.
- Thank God for blessing the special Mother’s Day ladies’ gathering, with 60 women in attendance, and a nice program.
- We praise the Lord for the generosity of church members who gave generously to support a member in great need.
- We thank God for the opportunity to invite a special guest speaker, along with a Jordanian singer and musician.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the Mina family, asking the Lord to grant them comfort and peace as they mourn the loss of their mother after a season of health hardships.
- Pray for the Care Ministry each Friday, that the Lord would open the hearts and minds of those who are seeking Him and in need of His love and truth.

- Pray for God's peace to reign in our troubled world, especially in areas affected by conflict, and particularly in Lebanon.
- Ask the Lord to bring true spiritual revival to our churches in San Diego, awakening hearts and drawing many people to Himself.
- Pray for the FUEL Ministry, asking the Lord to call and prepare a Christian couple to lead this important ministry.
- Pray for our young adults, especially college students, that the Lord would strengthen them and keep them steadfast in their faith.

Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- We praise God for a wonderful response to Summer Blast registrations! With most spots across all age groups now filled, we are excited for the opportunity this outreach event presents to reach our community with the love of Christ.
- We give thanks for the faithful volunteers who gave of their time and energy to erect our new shade structure over the playground area. Their servant hearts are a blessing to our church family, and we are grateful for the comfortable space they have created for families to gather and fellowship together at the Alpine Campus.

Prayer Requests:

- We're praying for wisdom and guidance as we work to develop a clearer leadership pipeline at the Alpine Campus—that God would help us identify, equip, and release faithful leaders who can strengthen and sustain the ministry for years to come.
- We also ask for wisdom and guidance as we seek to create a more visible discipleship pathway for our congregation. May God lead us to guide people intentionally toward spiritual maturity, deeper community, and faithful service to the body of Christ.

Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf

Praises:

- Praise God and thank you for praying. We have two families with kids coming now on a fairly consistent basis.
- We've had Sunday school for a few months now.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray more young families will come, more of our regular attenders will become members, and more of our members will become deacons and deaconesses.
- Pray for more who will attend a small group so we can start a third one.
- Pray for new believers so our older men can be discipling the younger men. 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.

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

Prayers:

- For many who are homebound and shut-in to find a place to belong at Shadow Mountain Online.
- Continued increase for new online small group leaders and continued growth of our online small groups.
- For unchurched non-believers to come to Christ through our online platforms.
- Please pray that the Lord will continue to powerfully to use our church App to draw many to Jesus on a global scale.

South Bay Campus, Fausto Garay

We are thankful for:

- A wonderful and successful Bible study season.

We are praying for:

- God to raise up leaders with willing hearts and a spirit ready to serve in different ministries.
- The right person to step forward to serve as our Youth Leader.

South Bay Campus—Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Jesus Tiznado

Praise God for:

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

Pray:

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

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Prayer & Praises

- Pray that God will guide the many single moms who attend the campus with their kids.
- Pray for our members who are currently seeking employment.
- Pray for our campus as we prepare for Summer Blast and reaching many lost kids in the region.
- Pray for Sunday services that rely on an amazing tech team from the main campus and the guys who run our local service.
- Pray for God to grow the worship team as they lead us to Jesus each Sunday!

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praises

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

Prayer:

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

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praise:

- Praise God for bringing us successfully through another school year and for His hand of protection and provision over all of our campuses.
- Praise God for our parent community and their commitment to the Lord, their children, our teachers, and Christian education.
- Praise God for our teachers and staff and their deep commitment to the Lord and to the mission of Christian Unified Schools.
- Praise God for the Watchmen on the Wall prayer warriors who faithfully lift up CUSSD and the ministries of Shadow Mountain in prayer and intercession.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for wisdom and discernment for our school leadership as they select faculty and staff candidates for the 2026–2027 school year. Pray that the Lord will clearly guide every hiring decision and bring the right individuals to join our team.
- Please continue to lift up our families, teachers, and support staff in prayer over the summer. Pray for a season of renewal, rest, encouragement, and blessing for those who pour so much into the lives of our students throughout the school year.
- Please pray for our Admissions team as they continue meeting with families interested in our schools. Pray for wisdom and discernment throughout every step of the admissions process and that the Lord would make clear whom He is calling to CUSSD.
- Please pray for our new students and families as they prepare to join our schools. Pray that they would grow in both faith and knowledge and feel welcomed into our community.
- Please begin praying now for a special 2026–2027 school year. Pray that many students would come to know Christ at CUSSD and carry the message of the Gospel home to their families. Pray also that families who already know the Lord would be strengthened and continue growing in grace.
- Pray for our church maintenance team and school staff as we begin summer campus preparations. With multiple campus improvements taking place, pray for safety, efficiency, coordination, and timely completion of every project.
- Please pray for the Lord's continued protection and safety over all SMCC and CUSSD campuses throughout San Diego County.
- Please continue to pray for our student missions program as we send teams to Bolivia, Zambia, Japan, Romania, Costa Rica and Peru throughout the summer.
- the love of Christ through positive, supportive, daily interactions with students.
- Please pray for all our students as they prepare for graduation and the end-of-year celebrations and for our staff as they support these events.

- Please pray that all of our new families are able to experience what is special and unique about CUSSD. Pray that each family that encounters our school would become established in the faith, be filled with lasting memories and each person would grow in their relationship with Christ.
- Please pray for our staffing needs for the 26-27 school year and that the Lord brings the best candidates to impact our students for Christ and for wisdom for the administrators that are hiring for these open positions.
- Please pray for our student missions' program as we send teams to Bolivia, Zambia, Japan, Romania, Costa Rica and Peru.
- Please pray for enrollment and an abundance of wisdom as we fill the spots remaining for the school year and that the Lord guides our admissions team as they assess students and families for mission fit and seek God's clear guidance on each decision.
- Please join us in prayer as we look toward the future asking for God's guidance