

WATCHMAN ALERT

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Water From The Rock

I recently had a well drilled on my property in the country. It was essential for our future plans, so for days leading up to it, we prayed and prayed with many of our friends that we would hit water. The first day was filled with anticipation and excitement. It was thrilling to watch the powerful drill slowly and methodically drive steel pipes into the ground. 25 ft. 50 ft. 75 ft. 100 feet! We began to see signs of water already! But the driller informed me it was only a minor fracture in the rock. The excitement wore off as the hours dragged on. Day 1... 300 ft. No more water. Day 2... 500 ft. Still no more water. At this point, I was on my knees by the well at night. We needed this to be a success. Day 3... 700 ft. Still no more water. At this point, the sense of defeat began to creep in. But I held out hope. The water was there somewhere; we just had to keep going. Day four... 1000 feet with little more than a trickle of water! I had to stop. I was left with a very expensive hole in the ground with little water to show for it. I must say, it was immensely disappointing.

Sometimes, our prayers seem to go unanswered. Can I get a witness? This isn't news. We all face it. But it is still hard to process. What about the sickness that won't go away, the financial hardship that persists, or the child who has walked away from his faith? These moments challenge our faith. But this struggle is not new.

Moses prayed and asked God to be able to enter the promised land but was denied. The Apostle Paul repeatedly prayed for relief from a persistent affliction but was met with divine refusal. David prayed and fasted fervently for his baby to survive, but in the end, he suffered the agony of burying his child.

Our temptation is to ask the profoundly useless yet nagging question, "Why?" "Why do bad things happen to good people?" "Why is there evil in the world?" "Why is my well dry?!?" To all of these things, if we have eyes to see, the answer God provides is... "I AM." It was the answer He gave to Moses (Exodus 3:14) when asked, "What is your name?" But in a way, it's the same answer He provided Job in his suffering. He may not have said it the same way, but, throughout four chapters (Job 38-41), God showed Job who He is by way of example. The magnitude of His power and authority speaks for itself when we examine His great works. The only "why" question worth asking is, "Why question the Creator of the universe?" Who are we to question God?

When it comes to unanswered prayer, there should be satisfaction in knowing we have done our part to bring our cares to the Lord (1 Peter 5:7). And we must learn to be content when we don't get our way because God is still "I AM." We can leave it to Him to solve the problems of the universe (and our little corner of it) without our help. Sometimes, the answer is "No," "Not yet," or "Yes, but not in the way you think." That's ok. We can trust the One who set the stars in motion in His infinite wisdom (Isaiah 55:8-9). Prayer still moves mountains (Mark 11:22-24). And Jesus still calls us to persistent prayer (Luke 11:5-13).

Prayer is a conduit for spiritual intimacy, encouraging faith and aligning believers with God's will. It offers peace and strength, even when divine silence feels overwhelming. Ultimately, the true value of prayer does not lie in the certainty of receiving what is asked for but in the assurance of God's unwavering presence and love. This profound truth reinforces that knowing and trusting God is infinitely more important than having all questions answered.

In the end, we can pray in faith knowing that the relentless prayers of the saints bend the ear of our Heavenly Father toward our earthly requests (Rev. 5:8). What a remarkable, mysterious, awe-inspiring reality! May we never stop praying - for future spouses, for prodigal sons. And even for dry wells.

Jesse Abeel

Children's Ministry Pastor

A Ministry of Shadow Mountain Community Church

PRAISE & PETITION...

Senior Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- Our current teaching series titled A Heart After God: The Life and Legacy of David has been such an encouragement to me and I trust to you as well. May God shape our hearts to hunger and enjoy Him!
- Resurrection weekend (April 19th and 20th) will soon be here. Ask for His blessings as we seek to make this event a significant outreach to a lost world around us.
- Our Men's Ministry is hosting the second annual Dangerous Man outreach on March 28th. We are trusting God for 2500 men to attend and hear the Word of God proclaimed. Join us in praying for this event.
- Our Women's Ministry will host Coffee Connect on March 15th. Let's look to our God to use this event to draw many new women into the Word through our various Bible studies.
- Pray for our Nominating Committee as they work to fill positions of leadership; for direction, for open hearts ready to use their giftedness to serve.
- Pray for revival.
- Trust God to keep our campus safe and protect the work of Shadow Mountain for His glory.

I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure. (Psalms 119:162)

Family Ministries

Praise

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

Prayer

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

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

- In 2024 Shadow Mountain had 530 salvations, 152 Baptism, and 318 new members. Praise the Lord!!

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 Nemece, Elizabeth Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Donna Coombs, 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, Ray Grimm

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Eva Archer, Marcia Stansberry, Darrell Armstrong, Larry King, Gwenda Brown, Don Brown

“O LORD my God, I cried unto You, and You have healed me.” Psalm 30:2

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

Thanks, Watchman, for your faithful prayer support for so MANY different facets and requests for this vast network of ministries. Your role is vital and greatly appreciated.

The Ministry Advisors are eager to serve our new members with listening to their stories and dreaming with them about how God may want to use them at SMCC at this time. Beginning with an assessment of their Spiritual Gifts provides a helpful tool to begin the conversation.

Please join us in praying that the Enemy would not be allowed to disrupt and distract these interview appointments with all kinds of preventions from meeting.

Business Office, Josh James

Praise

- God’s continued favor and blessing on Shadow Mountain, Christian Unified Schools, and Southern California Seminary.
- The congregation’s faithful giving and His provision for the ministries at Shadow Mountain.

- The congregation's support of the Benevolence Fund and the Deacons' discernment and compassion in the administration of this fund.
- The dedicated staff that God has called to serve in the Finance, Payroll, and Compliance/Benefits Department.

Prayer

- God's counsel in our stewardship of that which He has entrusted to us. May we use it according to His will to reach people locally and world-wide with God's Word, the Gospel message, and knowledge of His love. That many would come to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- Provision for those at SMCC who are struggling financially.
- Counsel for daily wisdom and discernment for our staff.
- Prayer for discernment and consistent joy for our educators at the school and seminary.

Music Ministry, Tobin Davis

- Praise God for the addition of Aaron Henry to our production staff. Pray for Aaron and his family as they adjust to life and ministry in a new state.
- Pray for our technical team as they serve in each of our weekend services.
- Pray for the music ministry team, for wisdom and discernment, as they plan and prepare for upcoming services and outreach events.

Kids Ministries, Jesse Abeel

Praises

- We are seeing kids coming to faith, wanting to get baptized, and enjoying their time at church while learning and growing in their faith! We are thankful to be blessed to minister to whole families.
- We have a vibrant team of staff and volunteers, which is a huge praise! We all love working together and have a sense of unity.
- Our Kids Blast (and Kids Blast Jr.) large group program continues to be a success and has attracted many new kids to church.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Easter and Summer Blast as we begin to plan these huge events—that many kids would invite their friends and we would see a huge turnout as we seek to reach out to our community.
- We are still experiencing a need for more consistent adult volunteers.
- Some of our families are experiencing hardship with loss of loved ones, financial struggles, and sickness.
- Pray for our staff and volunteers to joyously communicate the love of Christ to our kids, their parents, and each other
- For kids to have a genuine relationship with God, build a Biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and develop a community at church that they love being part of.
- Pray for the power of God's truth to permeate deeper in the hearts and minds of our young ones than any of the lies surrounding them in this culture we are living in!

Small Groups, Dale Bacon

Pray for our Leadership Essentials Training, taking place in March, as we invest in both new and experienced leaders. Ask God to give clarity, wisdom, and effectiveness to those leading the sessions, and to prepare the hearts of those attending to grow in both faith and leadership.

- Please pray for our Small Group Leader Breakfast on March 8th, as we gather to encourage and equip our leaders. Pray that this time would be filled with meaningful connections, wisdom, and refreshment.

College Ministry

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

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

Praises

- Thank you that we HAVE a ministry to this vulnerable and challenging demographic. This is a good group of YAs who are pursuing the Lord!
- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that the group is sharing them with each other!
- For our amazing volunteer leaders who serve YAs. May the Lord bless them richly.
- For robust small groups that act as the lifeblood of our ministry.

Prayer requests

- **For 2025 as we teach through *Identity in Christ***
- For our **Small Groups** to maintain their community and momentum into the new year.
- We need to develop more **leaders** from within our group. Pray for new table and small group leaders to emerge.
- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **Mental, emotional, and spiritual health for Young Adults** who are assaulted everyday by the world. **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.
- For our Men to be surrendered and be Men of God who LEAD. For our Women to be Women of Honor, and surrendered to God; May patience, honor and virtue to define their lives. Pray especially for the men in our group, that God would give them more mentors and that they'd embrace genuine, godly manhood.
- **Continued Spiritual** and **physical** growth in our ministry.
- **Relational wisdom** for the YAs that God is calling into more romantic relationships. That they would put God first and their significant other second.
- **Wisdom** for young Adults that are joining us out of failed marriages and relationships.
- **Pray for the couples** looking to get married in 2025 as they make plans for the rest of their life.
- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YAs at SMCC. Consistent help to manage the "business" of the ministry so Pastor George can focus on the people of the ministry.
- **For Pastor George: clarity** and **endurance** as he leads his group and others in the new year. **Wisdom** to navigate the demands of ministry and family. **Focus** as he prepares teaching lessons. **Also**, for a strong marriage to **Krysten** and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two daughters, Amira 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.

Middle School Ministry, Chase Eulich

Prayer requests

- Pray that God would continue to bless Middle School Ministry and the momentum of reaching new students and new families.
- Pray for spiritual growth in those attending our mid-week small groups.

- We have lots of new students joining us—please pray they feel welcome and comfortable.
- Pray that students would have a tenderness toward the Gospel.
- Pray for the parents of our middle schoolers—they have a hard job and need support and encouragement!
- Pray for more volunteers to join us in reaching middle schoolers for Christ.
- Pray for continued safety and health for our staff, volunteers, and students.

Praises

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

Shadow Youth High School Ministry, Pastor Grant Todd

We need prayer for the following concerning the Youth Ministry

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

Young Married Ministries, Troy Leeman

Praise

- Successful launch of Phase 1 YMC.
- New couples attending in Phase 1.
- Great attendance and fellowship at the YMC Marriage getaway.
- YMC table on Main Street.

Prayer

- Continued momentum and growth.
- Spouses who are deployed and about to be deployed.
- Health for our couples and children.
- New spring events and service nights.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise

- The Word of God changes lives!
- Praise God for the over 1600 ladies participating in weekly Bible studies and active Groups!

Prayer

- God would provide more opportunities to share the gospel and make disciples.
- Women's Ministries will stay true to its mission: Connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow!
- 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.

- Coffee Connect event on Saturday, March 15, will draw many new women into Women's Ministries that are looking for a place to connect and grow.
- GIRL TIME event with Jennifer Rothschild will be a wonderful outreach to the community! Please pray for hearts to be softened towards the gospel, travel mercies and good health over Jennifer and her assistant. Event planning details to include mailers, email, social media, text, and personal invites. Volunteers, music and tech department, food, maintenance, security, shuttle, parking, set-up, and tear-down.
- Please pray God will bless and provide Jennifer Sanchez with uninterrupted preparation and writing time for Becoming Part 3 of the summer Bible study.
- Leaders would be encouraged to become disciple-makers.
- Protection over all that surrounds SMCC!
- God would be glorified!

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

Men's Ministries, Manny Sanchez

Praises

- Our Spring Men's Bible study attendance has been the most consistent and highly attended ever with over 550 men attending all campuses weekly.
- "Dangerous Man," our one-night men's event, is the 28th of this month and registrations are through the roof. We expect a great night and many salvations.
- We are almost halfway to our goal of seeing 100 men come to saving faith in Christ this year and its only March.

Prayers

- That our Dangerous Man event would bear much fruit for Jesus and glorify Him.
- That all the details come together.
- That many men come to trust in Jesus. Praying for 100.
- That serious business would be done and that all men who attend would recommit to being better husbands, fathers, disciples of Christ.
- That we would fill up the Main Sanctuary to "standing room only" capacity.
- That many men who are unchurched would start attending SMCC and Men's Bible Study.
- That a hedge of protection would surround all attendees, leaders, speakers and volunteers and no enemy sabotage would be permitted but that King Jesus, in His authority would declare this event and all people involved off limits by the enemy.
- That the Holy Spirit would do something so powerful that the ripples and aftereffects would be felt for weeks, months and years to come in our church and community.
- Pray for this season of prayer and fasting starting in March leading up to the Dangerous Man event.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:2-5)

Pray without ceasing...

- God's blessing and power upon Eric Behling, Noel Mia, Nathan Pyle, Steven Guzman, Israel Rivas, Cyrus Jonason, Joe DeLeon, Noel Mia, Robert Golden, Anthony Briese, Dennis Tanaka, Sergio Fernandez, Alexander Dietz, Heber Lima, Mike Pata, Daniel Hernandez, Sonyah Scruggs, Blake Shaw, Joe Morones, Stephen Shipley, Robert Hutcherson, Hunter Davis and Kaylee Liniewicz as they serve on the Safety and Security team.
- As the psalmist said, the Lord heals our diseases and keeps us from destruction. Please continue to pray for the Lord's protection of our congregation.
- Women's Ministry will host their Coffee Connect event, and Mens Ministry will host the Dangerous Man event this month. Please pray that our men and women will walk closer to the Lord and to one another as a result of these events.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Praise—for the final revision check of the new Biem translation of the New Testament being completed. Please continue to pray for final edits and printing of this new translation for the Biem people in Papua New Guinea.
- Praise—for two new airstrips that were built in Indonesia.
- Prayer—for Mark Dalton and Jim Shankula's trip to Mexico on March 19-25 to visit and encourage two missionary families.
- Prayer—for our current season of recruiting and training volunteers for our 2025 Global Teams.
- Prayer—for the Lord to bring the right person to our team to serve as our Global Teams Director.
- Prayer—for the safety and ongoing effectiveness of our three missionary families in Israel.
- Prayer—for the church in Nepal that has had its roadway blocked by another landowner's construction project.
- Prayer—for continued growth for the Iranian church plant in Vancouver, Canada.

Sports Ministry, Tim Brown

Praise

- Praise God for the coaches and volunteers who have given their time and talents to coach up the participants in the Sports Ministry.
- Praise God for the 400 participants in the Winter Youth Basketball League.
- Praise God for the 40 coaches that will help lead the basketball teams.
- Praise God for the resources available on our campus to facilitate our Sports Programs.

Prayer

- Pray for those serving in the Sports Ministry to represent Jesus Christ well during our sports programs.
- Pray for the Saturday mornings in Jan-Feb. when the basketball leagues host games from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Pray that the environment would help build relationships, allow players to develop, and draw people to Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel, both one on one and in our team settings, with the families who will be involved in our sports programs.
- Pray for the recruitment of godly, mature coaches for the sports programs.

- Pray for the volunteers and coaches who will help serve in the Youth Basketball League. Pray for their teamwork and communication while coaching and leading.
- Pray for the families that participate in the Youth Basketball League. Pray that they would be open to visiting other programs at SMCC. Pray for the relationships that we would build with them and the influence of the Christian community in their lives.
- Pray for the upcoming Awards Night in March for the Youth Rec Basketball League. Pray for the impact of the relationships built from the Basketball League and the openness
- Pray for the impact of the Men's Basketball League happening on Monday nights from March-June.
- Pray for the relationships and interactions from the Men's Basketball League that might influence the 200+ men to seek out faith in Christ or visit SMCC.

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. —Romans 15:13

Praises

- God continues to amaze us at the blessings He pours out through Cares to our recipients, those serving, and to my family personally.
- A veteran who had PTSD and only wanted to stay home, was invited to church, then to Cares and is now also attending Men's. God is transforming him through the love of this church!

Prayers

- Always, that God would continue to provide the resources to support this ministry.
- Still looking for new vendors to work with to get the lowest prices possible on food so that we are able to help as many people as possible.
- That there would be a turn in our economy for the better so that so many people are not living on the brink of becoming homeless. Hopefully we will see this one answered in the near future as our registration is currently full and people in need keep coming. (BTW we direct them to other food distributions in our area.)
- That the Holy Spirit would continue to work amongst our volunteers and into the hearts of those whom we are serving.
- For the health of volunteers and recipients as some have been experiencing serious health ailments, including myself and my family.
- That God would continue to help me (Kevin) balance ministry, school, and family well. Thank you for your prayers!

Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña

Praise God for

- For our Men's Ministry Desert event at Ocotillo, a great opportunity where a small group of men dedicate a weekend to strengthening their relationship with God and meeting new people.
- For our Bible Study Galatians, where our Men's, Women's and Youth Ministries took a deeper dive into the book of Galatians every Tuesday for 10 weeks.
- For our Deaconess, who year-round serve with great dedication to help all who come to our church making sure we help our active members and visitors.

Pray

- For our Women's Retreat Moriah at Camp Maranatha, a great opportunity for a small group of the women's ministry will dedicate a weekend to strengthening their relationship with God and meet new people.
- For every person who comes to the Hispanic Service, so that they may feel the presence of our Father and continue to attend our services.
- For our Hispanic pastors so that our Father may guide them to continue to have biblically educated services and Christ centered.
- For more growth in servitude and in members that support our ministries, so we can have more volunteers in our kid's and youth ministries.
- For more patience, compassion and understanding in our members of our congregation.

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises

- The incredible booth at the International Fair that showcased the story of the three young men in the fiery furnace.
- The three individuals: One American and two Iraqi who accepted Christ in their lives through the Evangelism Team.
- The answered prayers for a sister (Salma) in our congregation who was suffering from a mysterious knee pain.
- The special two meetings February 14th and 15th with a singer from Israel the attendance was over 160 people.
- The successful completion of a project: The translation of Walking with Jesus, the daily devotional by Pastor Jeremiah, into Arabic.
- The increase in engagement on Facebook, with our weekly meetings now reaching over 5,000 views in several countries.
- The recovery of several members of our church from illnesses resembling the COVID-19 virus, flu, and cold.
- The opportunity to support several needy families in Lebanon and Syria through the generous donations of our church members.

Prayer Requests

- For all those who have responded to the Gospel message, especially through the Parkway Evangelism Ministry.
- For our sister Nehad, who is dealing with a strange virus in her left ear, causing hearing difficulties.
- For members of our church suffering from various illnesses and health issues, including viral infections.
- For our two sisters Afaf and Heyam as they continue to face ongoing health challenges and treatments.
- For peace and stability in Lebanon under the leadership of the new president and the head of the minister's cabinet.
- For the protection and needs of the Christian minority groups in Syria under the new radical Muslim government.
- For a true spiritual revival in our church and in the Arabic churches throughout San Diego County.

Alpine Campus, Kekoa Grover

Praises

- We thank God for such a robust volunteer ministry at the Alpine Campus! What a blessing to see so many serving and growing in their walk with the Lord, as a result.

Praying For

- God to blossom our community, particularly those who attend our 10:45 AM Service. Praying for attendees to connect and come to a place where they feel like the 10:45 Service is where they belong.
- We pray for all the men who have registered to be a part of the Dangerous Man event, that they would be blessed, challenged, and encouraged by what they see and hear that evening and leave the event with a renewed sense of calling, direction, and perhaps purpose.

Encinitas Campus

We are thankful for...

- The addition of many new members from the Encinitas campus.
- Many guests and visitors that have returned and become part of our campus family.

Requests

- As we begin the new year, pray for good attendance, and for new people and familiar friends to attend our Campus.
- The health and wellbeing of many of our members.
- For young families and children to attend our services.

Online Campus, Rod Gray

Praises

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

Prayers

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

South Bay Campus, Pastor Fausto Garay

We are thankful for...

- Continued active participation of Tuesday Night Men's and Women's Bible Studies.
- Faithful weekly volunteers to assist with Sunday Service.
- A successful Ministry Fair with high participation and receiving several volunteers to support different ministries.

Prayer for

- Preparations for 2025 Events including Easter.
- Continued growth of Kids Ministry and Youth Ministry.
- Start of our GriefShare ministry.

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Prayer

- Pray for our Summer Blast team as we prepare for this year.
- Pray for our new office administrator who is onboarding.
- Pray for one member who leads a Bible study with locals dealing with alcohol and drug addiction.

Praise

- For an amazing worship team who has multiple instruments and vocalists.
- For a wonderful team of kids ministry teachers who give the Lord and kids their best.
- That God finally helped us wrap up all our tornado repairs!

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.

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.
- **Growth and Impact of the Call to Care Training:** Pray for the continued success of the Call to Care Training, as churches increasingly seek guidance in establishing lay biblical counseling ministries. Ask for the provision of resources and the strengthening of teams to meet this growing need within the church community.
- Thank you for joining in prayer for these important needs!

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praises

- Praise for the faithful and dedicated work of our teachers and staff in the fulfillment of our mission to “teach students to think, learn and live from a Biblical worldview.”
- Praise for the blessing, support and partnership in Christian education of the pastors, staff and members of Shadow Mountain Community Church.
- Praise for the tremendous re-enrollment outcome of our returning students to CUSSD. 97% re-enrollment is a superb rate and speaks to the Lord’s blessing and excellent Christian educational program of our school.
- Praise for the excellent work of our admissions and business teams as they work to re-enroll our current students for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Praise for the successful and fun jog-a-thon at both the East and West elementary campuses.
- Praise for God’s continued grace and for the safety and sustaining of our school and staff.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for our large group of 8th grade students that will travel to the East Coast for our annual Historical Studies Tour. Please pray they have a wonderful, memorable, and safe experience with great weather.
- Please pray for two of our students who are walking through cancer. That these students and their families know the Lord’s comfort and provision during this season and that they have complete healing over their bodies.
- Please pray for discernment for the families of our prospective students as well as our admissions and business office staff as they make admission decisions. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom to both the school and the families.
- Please pray for wisdom for our leadership team.