

# WATCHMAN ALERT

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## *When God Is Silent, He Is Working*

***“Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.” — Isaiah 64:4***

There are seasons in the Christian life when heaven seems quiet. We pray with sincerity, we wait with expectation, and yet the answer does not come as quickly as we hope. In those moments, the silence can feel confusing—even discouraging. But the Word of God assures us that His silence is never a sign of His absence. More often, it is the evidence of His hidden and faithful work behind the scenes.

Just as a seed takes root and grows beneath the soil long before it breaks through the surface, our God is often doing His deepest and most powerful work where our eyes cannot see. His silence is an invitation—to trust Him more deeply, to grow in spiritual maturity, and to anchor our faith not in what we feel, but in who He is.

As I reflect on my own journey and the lessons learned through prayer, I am reminded that God’s faithfulness is not measured by the speed of His answers, but by the perfection of His timing. He is never late, never early—always right on time!

Joseph endured years of silence before the fulfillment of God’s promise. David waited patiently before he was established as king. Even our Lord Jesus walked through moments where the Father’s will unfolded quietly, yet with perfect purpose. In every instance, God was not inactive—He was preparing something far greater than what was visible.

May this devotional serve as a reminder to all of us that, when God seems silent, He might be shaping our character, aligning circumstances, or protecting us from unseen dangers. His delays are not refusals; they are divine preparations. Therefore, let us not grow weary in waiting. Instead, let us trust with faith that the God who hears every prayer is also working through every silence.

### **Something to Think About:**

When God seems silent, do you lean away in discouragement, or draw nearer in trust? Please take a moment to thank God for His silence, as He is working on our behalf through it.

With my blessing in Jesus Christ,

**Pastor Erick Zaldaña**

Hispanic Congregation

## PRAISE & PETITION...

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### *Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah*

- I am excited about our new teaching series on *The Battle For Your Soul*. Let's trust God to strengthen and encourage us in our walk with Him, and to remind us that we do not have to go through life defeated.
- Our *Summer Blast* ministry to children will take place July 13-17. Pray that God will raise up sufficient workers to fill every role.
- Our schools and Seminary conclude the 2025-2026 academic year this month. Pray that each graduate will trust God for their future and seek His will for their life.
- Our *Global Outreach Ministry* still has openings to serve in several distant places of ministry (Albania, Alaska, Senegal and Ecuador) this spring/summer. Pray that each team will be fully staffed and prepared.
- Please be faithful to pray for our country as we remember those who have given their life to protect the freedoms we enjoy.
- Pray for revival.
- Continue to trust our God to protect Shadow Mountain Ministries.

*"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD." (Jeremiah 17:7)*

### *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.

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

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

#### **Praise Report**

- We had over 100 local first-time guests in the first two weeks of April, and our team completed 50 home visits.

#### **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 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 Nemece, 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:** Carol Savoy, Craig Ackerman, Judy Somers, James Barrett, Mike Jones, Tommy LaMadrid

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.” Romans 1:16*

## *Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper*

Praise the Lord for the privilege of:

- Listening to the stories of New Members
- Pointing them to the opportunities to Grow and Serve at SMCC
- Caring about their fitting into our family.

Pray that we will steward this privilege to the maximum God would have us.

## *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 the Children's Choir as they prepare to present their Spring Musical "Sermon on the Mound" on Sunday night, May 3rd.
- 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*

Thank you so much for covering our children's ministry in prayer—it truly matters. Recently, a mom shared with me how, in a moment when she felt completely overwhelmed and at her breaking point, her five-year-old spoke up and declared their verse of the month from the Kids Building: "You can find your joy in God's presence, Mommy! In His presence is fullness of joy!" It was such a tender and powerful reminder that God is at work in our children in real and meaningful ways—"the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

We are so grateful for all God is doing and invite you to continue praying with us:

### **Prayer Requests**

- **Biblical Truth**—that each child would not only hear God's Word but truly understand it and begin to build their lives on it.
- **Clear Communication**—that every lesson and conversation would connect in meaningful, engaging, and age-appropriate ways.
- **Leadership Development**—that our leaders would be encouraged, equipped, and continually growing as they serve and disciple.

- **Strength & Endurance for Our Team**—that our staff and volunteers would be strengthened, refreshed, and deeply blessed as they serve.
- **Growing the Team**—that God would continue to bring the right people to join and invest in the next generation.
- **Safety**—that every child would be deeply protected and cared for—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- **Relational Connection**—that authentic, life-giving relationships would form so every child feels known, loved, and seen.
- **Summer Blast Program**—that this upcoming program would be impactful, well-prepared, and full of joy, with many children experiencing God’s love in a lasting way.

**Praise**

- We’re so thankful for Easter—it was safe, joyful, and full of hope, with nearly **1,000 children** who came to celebrate the resurrection. **At least 90 children said “Yes” to Jesus at the Easter Invitation!**

Thank you for being such an important part of what God is doing through your prayers.

*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**

- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that God is using the community to meet one another’s needs and helping people **Pursue their Purpose.**
- **Our Alaska Missions trip is almost fully funded!** We have 13 people going.

### Prayer requests

- **Continued Spiritual** and **physical** growth of our ministry.
- Prayers that God would send **new members and new leaders** to our ministry.
- We need to develop more **leaders** to step up from within our group. Pray for **new table** and **small group leaders** to emerge.
- **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.
- **For our 2026 Alaska Missions Trip.** We have a team and we have our finances—we need spiritual prep and blessings. The trip is June 19-30, 2026
- **For planning for our summer activities** – lots of logistics to work out! We need people to help.
- **For our 2026 Small Groups as they study Holiness.**
- **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:** Endurance to finish her senior year well!
- **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**

- Growth in number of families and growth within families.
- Creating a sense of community, friendship, and discipleship.
- New Leaders have stepped up in the New Year.

### **Prayer**

- Baby and family health as we have families whose children are undergoing surgeries soon.
- Prayer for discernment for upcoming teaching series and events.
- Prayer for the young marriages in our church and our community.

## *Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson*

### **Praise:**

- Praise God for Pastor's new series, "*The Battle for Your Soul*."
- Praise God for the ladies who heard the gospel at our Girl Time event and decided to follow Jesus!
- Praise God for lives being changed through the power of His Word!
- Praise God for the ongoing work of our Discipleship program!

### **Prayer:**

- As we celebrate Mother's Day weekend, please pray that every woman would feel loved through the message and God's people.
- God would provide many volunteers to help with passing out roses over Mother's Day weekend. The setup and teardown would go smoothly. God would bless all the hands that help with this weekend.
- God would raise up more women who want to get involved and serve!
- Our summer Bible study, *Trained by Grace—Becoming a Godly Woman in an Ungodly World*. It would draw many women to register for this 4-week in-person or on-your-own Bible study. Please pray that hearts would be open to hearing and receiving God's truth.
- 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 Lisa, Jennifer, Kasey, and Council as we seek His will in ministering to the needs of His women. Loving, leading, and serving women would be on full display!
- Please pray for protection over all that God is doing through Women's Ministry.
- God would be glorified through His church and His people!

*"For the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro carried away with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Eph. 4:12-14*

## *Men's Ministries, Pastor Manny Sanchez*

### **Praises**

- We continue to have record breaking attendance at Men's Bible study on Tuesday nights, and many stories of men being encouraged and transformed. Praise God!
- We found a new volunteer leader couple to head up Operation Home Front Ministry that adopts military families who have spouses deployed.

### **Prayer**

- Men's Ministry needs to fill two staff positions—one part-time admin and one part-time coordinator. These are crucial for our growing ministry. Pray that God would bring the perfect people who love Jesus, are greatly skilled and have a heart to minister to men.
- Pray for the Lord to lead and guide our new effort to strengthen marriages through the men at Shadow Mountain. We are starting a small-group community for marriage this month and hope to continue investing in marriages. We've seen an increase in counseling requests and reports of marriages in trouble. We want to be proactive.
- Pray for our troops amidst this war in Iran—several of our men are on alert or deployed. Pray for the families left behind as well.

## *Campus Operations, Bryan Snow*

### **Mothers and graduations...**

*"And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation." (1 Samuel 2:1)*

Hannah prayed this prayer just after delivering her only son Samuel to the temple to serve the Lord. Having just been weaned, this was similar to a graduation for Samuel. And so too we rejoice this month as we honor mothers and their young graduates.

### **Pray without ceasing:**

- God's blessing and power upon Eugenio Mata-Montes, Jr. Mata-Guerrero, Tommy Smith and Gabriel Nuñez as they maintain the landscaping and grounds.

- *“The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.”* (Psalm 121:7-8) Please pray that the Lord would preserve us, our neighbors, and our nation.
- As mentioned, we celebrate Mother’s Day, graduations from Kindergarten through Seminary post-graduate this month. Please pray that all would be blessed and encouraged to continue on in the service of the Lord.

## *Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs*

- Please continue to pray for our six missionary families serving in the Middle East (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 the **Guess** and **Mohsen families**, who have relatives experiencing severe health challenges. For missionaries serving far from family, it can be difficult to navigate supporting family during critical medical circumstances.
- Pray for our **Albania Construction Global Team** from May 12-22. 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.
- Pray for our team as we plan for the **2026 Global Teams**. Please pray that church members’ hearts be prepared for ministry abroad and that our missionaries be encouraged by partnerships with our teams.

## *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 upcoming Men’s Basketball League on Monday nights.

### **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.

## *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**

- We thank the Lord for the opportunity to minister to Arabic-speaking people through the Cares Ministry, sharing His Word and praying with individuals.
- We praise God for the faithful servants who help build caring relationships through the Cares Ministry of SMCC.
- We are grateful for the blessings of our Good Friday gathering, worship, preaching, and sharing in the Lord's Supper.
- We rejoice in the regular Monday evening group, with around 30 people growing together in faith and fellowship.

- We thank God for His healing, granting a successful surgery and quick recovery for our brother and church member.
- We praise the Lord for the faithfulness and generosity of His people, as giving is currently about 30% above our budget.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray for elderly and shut-in individuals, that they may be comforted by the Lord's presence in their illness and loneliness.
- Ask the Lord to provide a faithful Christian couple to lead the FUEL Ministry and disciple the students entrusted to them.
- Pray for God's peace to reign in a troubled world, especially in places of conflict, and particularly in Lebanon.
- Pray that all who serve in our church will do so with faithful and devoted hearts, with joy and consistency.
- Ask God to bring true spiritual revival in our churches in San Diego, awakening hearts and drawing many to Himself.
- Lift our sister Laurice Mina, who is at the ICU praying for God's healing, strength, and comforting presence each day.

### *Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover*

#### **The Launch of our SMCC Alpine Campus Care Team**

We're praising God for the launch of our Campus Care Team, led by our Deacons and Deaconesses! This team continues to reflect the love of Christ through practical, hands-on care—coordinating meal trains, making hospital visits, providing transportation, and assisting widows, single parents, and others with needs around the home. We're so grateful for how they come alongside our church family in tangible ways, ensuring that no need goes unnoticed. It's a beautiful picture of the body of Christ working together in love and care for one another.

### *Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf*

- We still have two young families and 6 kids coming on Sundays, making a very small Sunday School. Thank you for praying! Please pray for more families to join while we have them here.
- We are so grateful for Pastor's emphasis on revival as we study Jonah. Please pray this will be infectious in the hearts of our members, that they will yearn for this for North County.
- We are looking for people who are willing to stand up front on Sundays and lead worship. Please pray that this will happen soon.
- One of our new members has a very bad back problem. Please pray for Nathan.
- Please pray for participation and wisdom as we come into the season of choosing new deacons.
- Praise God for how He has been knitting our congregation together closer with more participation and closeness. We had a good turnout for the Dangerous Man event, and lots of decorated boxes for "Love in a Box." Please keep praying for this and for expansion of our small groups.

### *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 commitments 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.
- A successful Kids' Easter Resurrection Sunday celebration.
- A successful Resurrection Sunday celebration.

**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.
- A blessed and meaningful celebration for all the ladies this Mother's Day.

## *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**

- We have a Country Gospel night of music Friday May 1st! A band of local musicians will lead this night. Pray that we do a great job connecting to this community.
- Our new Kids ministry director, Kristi Salazar is doing a wonderful job with our volunteers reaching kids for Jesus. Pray that the team of Sunday School teachers gets stronger.
- Pray for safety over this campus along with the rest of the Shadow Mountain Church. We have men every week who watch over the campus.
- The campus is looking great and welcoming to the local community!

## *Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs*

### **Praises**

- SCS is approaching graduation May 2nd and will recognize over 40 graduates this year. We are grateful to also be celebrating the 80th year of the Seminary, God's provision, and the 30 years of Dr. Coombs serving as President of the Seminary!

### **Prayer**

- Please pray for our graduates who have been diligently preparing and studying to finish their programs and deliver their oral defenses. Continue to pray for them as they transition from student to alumnus and embark on the many different ministries that the Lord has called them.

## *Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman*

### **Praise:**

- Praise for successful spring events such as the District 4th grade trip to Indian Hills, 5th grade Sand Blast, the Patriot Derby, Spring musicals at the different campuses and so many end of year events!
- Praise for the faithful service of our faculty and staff throughout the highs and lows of a school year.
- Praise for Pastor Jeremiah and his strong leadership and vision for Christian education. Praise for our tremendous partnership with Shadow Mountain Community Church's pastors, staff and membership that is a mutual blessing.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for our teachers and support staff as we engage our students and face the demands of the final weeks of school. Pray for their patience, flexibility and that God continues to work through them during this special time of year. Help them focus on sharing Christ over all else and being an example of 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