

WATCHMAN ALERT

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Be Thankful to Him

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
Psalm 100:4

Increasingly in our culture, the commercial aspects of the holidays we celebrate cast shadows months before the actual celebrations. It is not unusual now to see pumpkin themed décor available in August and artificial Christmas trees for sale in September. Yet, in between the costumes and candy of October and the glitter and gifts of December stands the month of November, which affords a unique opportunity for us to pause, reflect, and give thanks.

For the believer, this is not just an opportunity offered by gathering on Thanksgiving Day, but a command in scripture for our worship throughout the year. The Psalms are filled with instructions for God’s people to “be thankful to Him” (Psalm 100:4) and “give thanks to the Lord!” (Psalm 105:1)

But how can we center our hearts to be thankful in the midst of so many other distractions and concerns that may enter our minds? I believe that the quickest way to a thankful heart is to be spiritually aware of all the blessings we have in Christ. These spiritual blessings surpass our difficult situations and remind us of our redemption. How could we not be thankful after considering the mercies of the Lord toward us?

The apostle Paul’s prayer for the Ephesian church echoed this sentiment when he wrote:

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. (Ephesians 1:18-19)

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for the needs of our church each month. Pastor Jeremiah has just given us his new devotional book as another tool to encourage us to make this a Season of Gratitude. Let’s pray that during this next month we will become more fully aware of our blessings in Christ, and in turn “enter into His gates with Thanksgiving” as we never have before!

Tobin Davis
Minister of Music

PRAISE & PETITION...

Senior Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- **Give thanks** for the gift of God's Word and the freedom we have to proclaim its truths!
- **Give thanks** that God is using Shadow Mountain to bring life change to those in need!
- **Give thanks** for God's faithfulness in providing financially for the needs of Shadow Mountain Ministries over this past fiscal year!
- **Give thanks** for the opportunity to provide food and godly witness to over 1100 families each month through our Cares Ministry.
- **Give thanks** for our online ministry that reaches over 15,000 viewers each weekend!
- **Give thanks** for the opportunity God has granted us to train future leaders with a Biblical worldview through the ministries of Christian Unified Schools and Southern California Seminary!
- **Give thanks** for the privilege of supporting over 200+ missionary families engaging in worldwide evangelistic ministry!
- **Give thanks** that Christ is building His church "and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.!"

Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing. (Psalms 107:21-22)

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.
- Those who are attending GriefShare and DivorceCare. Please pray for healing, comfort and strength for those who attend and for godly wisdom and for our leaders.

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

Evangelism, Connections, Discipleship, New Members & Baptism,

Pastor Scott Pittman

Praise Report

- We have a new group of new Christians signed up for our Discipleship class. Pray that God will use this class to help them build a foundation for their Christian walk.
- We have seen people coming to new faith in Jesus every week.

Prayer Request

- 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, Jordan Roberts, Chuck and Loretta Emert, Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Dave and Yolanda Schoenfeld, Jim Nemecek, Elizabeth Carrillo, Matthew Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Donna Coombs, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Sterling Smith, Don Harrison, Ken Howell, Gwenda Brown, Jeanette Eddery, Larry Weinstein, Shirley Pickney, Jack Kriege, Terry Noyes, Jordan Verhoeve, Jonothan Jones, Sandy Saunders, Glenda Parker, Nancy Johnson, Bea Keller, Al Garrett, Terry Ulmer, Marilyn Campbell

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: George Foster, Larry Fredricks, Susan Ransom

"God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations." Psalm 67:1-2

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

Thanks...

Thanks to God for...

Helpful Servants that carry the load in different categories

A church that cares to touch the lives of each new member individually

New Members willing to be valued by telling their story/discovering their strengths

Kind Ministry Advisors that listen, record, debrief and care

Supportive prayer warriors like YOU who keep us accountable

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 the music ministry team as they plan and prepare for the musical outreach events of the Christmas season.
- Pray for the Children's Choir as they prepare to present their musical "Miracle on Main Street" on Sunday night, December 8th. Pray that the message of the true meaning of Christmas would be clear to all.
- 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 our big events this fall—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, especially on Saturdays.
- 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

- Please pray for the new leaders going through our Leadership Essentials training. Ask God to help them grow in their calling and be equipped to lead with both grace and truth, building strong, Christ-centered communities.
- Each week, 1,100 people gather in small groups throughout San Diego County to deepen their relationship with God and with one another. Please pray for their continued spiritual growth and for God's guidance as they navigate the joys and challenges of life together.
- As Thanksgiving approaches, please pray for safety and restful, quality time with family for all of our small group members. Ask God to grant them a refreshing season as they celebrate all He has blessed us with.

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!
- Our ministry continues to grow! There is great momentum and community.
- 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 a full house of small groups! We have a huge participation rate.

Prayer requests

- **For our Fall ministries:** life change and growth in our Young Adults this fall.
- **For our Small Groups** as we develop our lessons, train leaders, and ask God to put together our groups. We want them to be places where YA's will experience life-changing relationships; healthy and encouraging spaces where God honoring community happens through Bible Study.
- We need to develop more **leaders** from within our group. Pray for new table and small group leaders to emerge.
- 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. 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.
- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **Mental, emotional, and spiritual health for Young Adults.**
- **Spiritual** and **physical** growth and **revival** 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.
- For our Events, YA Café, and small groups, to impact lives every time we're together.
- **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.
- **For Pastor George, clarity** and **endurance** as he leads his group and others in the new year. **Wisdom** to navigate the demands of ministry, family, and school. **Wisdom** as he prepares teaching lessons.
- **Also, for Pastor George and his wife Krysten,** for a strong marriage, and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two daughters. For valuable time together as a couple, and for their daughters to find their value, strength, and hope in Christ every day. Pray their marriage itself serves as a ministry.

- **Pray for financial needs for car repairs to be met.**
- **For Pastor George's oldest, Amira (20),** bless her with authentic relationships, spiritual mentors, and a sense of purpose. Guide her as she finds the right job and considers going back to school. Encouragement as she navigates Young Adulthood. Pray her volunteer service turns into a paid position.
- **For Pastor George's youngest, Jasmine (16),** Jasmine has seen great improvement with the medical challenges with her left leg. Pray for miraculous healing and continued improvement. Wisdom and discernment as she attends her hybrid high school/college program in a public school. Grace, strength, and wisdom as she navigates that, as well as Christ's light to shine through her!
- **For the San Miguel Fire Dept. where Pastor George serves as Chaplain.** For opportunity to share God's hope with the firefighters as they navigate the challenges they face personally and professionally. Protect their minds, bodies, spirits, marriages, and families. Pray they get the raise they need and deserve. Pray for the department's new Chief as he takes on this important role.
- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YA's at SMCC.

Middle School Ministry, Chase Eurich

Prayer requests:

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

Praises:

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

Shadow Youth High School Ministry, Pastor Grant Todd

We need prayer for the following concerning the Youth Ministry:

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

Young Married Ministries, Troy Leeman

Praises:

- We have 20 healthy and growing table communities in the ministry.
- Our recent events have been well attended, and we have had great fellowship times.
- For the new couples attending the ministry. We have seen new couples almost every week this year.

Prayer Requests

- We have nine ladies who are pregnant in the ministry. We need prayers for healthy babies and pregnancies.
- Prayers for new leaders as we continue to expand our table communities.
- Prayers for several families in the ministry who have recently lost family members.
- Prayers for several individuals in the ministry going through considerable health challenges.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Thankful to God for a wonderful fall semester! We had over 1,000 ladies participate in Bible studies and groups.
- Thankful for all the volunteers that willingly give of their time, talent, and treasures to facilitate growth in the body of Christ.

Prayer:

- Women's Ministries will stay true to its mission: Connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow!
- The joy of serving others would strengthen our leaders and provide opportunities for more women to be trained and equipped to lead.
- Women would see the value of investing in God's Word by being in a Bible study.
- God would increase our efforts to support both new and returning ladies for the Spring semester.
- Revival begins in the heart! Women would have an accurate view of who they are in Christ and see their value in the home, the workplace, marriage, and family. God would protect and guide them as they navigate through life's challenges.
- Our Military Wives Christmas event would be a meaningful time for ladies to connect and feel supported through the SMCC Family.
- The Global Connect Breakfast on Saturday, November 2nd would be well attended in support of our missionaries who serve locally and worldwide. Please pray for travel mercies and excellent health over Cori Gervase who will be our guest speaker. All the details surrounding volunteers, tech support, maintenance, worship, table leaders, email, social media, etc., would come together, and more importantly, God would be glorified through this event!
- The Leadership Breakfast on Saturday, November 9th would be well attended, and leaders would feel equipped and encouraged to facilitate their Small Groups.
- 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.
- God's provision for more volunteers for our Caring 4 Kids Ministry.
- The discipleship program to continue to grow and produce more Disciple-Makers.
- God's confirmation and provision as we plan for our spring Girl Time event!
- Protection over all that surrounds Women's Ministries and SMCC!

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13

Men's Ministries, Manny Sanchez

Praises

- Our Fall Bible study is going great averaging around 400 men each Tuesday night.
- So far this season 12 men have placed their faith in Jesus for salvation.
- We officially launched Men's Discipleship with a half dozen guys signing up to be discipled and about 10 guys signed up to be disciplers.

- Jim Jillson has been heading the Fixers Ministry for almost two years and under his leadership we have had 160 requests handled. He has raised up and is handing the ministry to Dennis Rogers.

Prayer:

- That we would continue to see men turn to Jesus in the Men's Bible study.
- We transitioned leadership of Fixers from Jim Jillson to Dennis Rogers. Pray for Dennis as he continues to learn and manage the ministry. A huge thanks to Jim Jillson for getting this ministry off the ground and doing a wonderful job.
- We have a lot of men dealing with health issues in the Men's study.
- Had a great turnout for the Dads and Kids pumpkin carving.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." (Psalm 100:4)

We thank God all the year round for His goodness and provision, but we set aside time each November for the express purpose of doing so. It's also a busy time as we prepare for Christmas. Let's not get so busy that we forget to stop and call to remembrance the abundant blessings that we have received and pour out our gratefulness before Him!

Ask, and seek, and knock:

- God's blessing and power upon Jesús Rodriguez, Jeff Cothran, Mark Summers, Dan Buell, Joseph Arriola, Nathan Leffew, Paul Circo, Nathan Pyle, and Eric Nickerson as they serve on the facilities and maintenance team.
- Mark Kuker also serves on the facilities team. Last month, while participating in a short-term missions trip, Mark suffered a stroke and was flown by medivac home. Please pray for his full recovery.
- "The wicked flee when no man pursueth..." (Proverbs 28:1) The rollout of our new security system has been successful. Please pray that the Lord will use it to deter those who intend evil upon us.
- This month we will begin decorating for Christmas, which includes putting up the big tree. Please pray for the safety of our staff and volunteers as they work. Please pray also for the Women's Ministry Global Connect (in which women learn about what God is doing through our missionaries), and the special Veteran's Day Chapel at Christian High.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise

- Praise—for Bryan and Renee Gibbs being able to return to Japan after an extended time here in the United States.
- Praise—for Charity Shambaugh obtaining her visa to officially move to France and begin her ministry.
- Praise—for the opening of the Uganda Bible College and the first semester of school being underway.

Prayer

- Prayer—for safety of our missionary families in Israel. Specifically, pray for them as they parent their children and guide them through moments of fear and uncertainty.
- Prayer—for safety for the schools and special needs ministries we support in Lebanon.
- Prayer—for wisdom and healing for some of our missionary families currently receiving intensive family counseling.
- Prayer—for the Daltons and Shankulas on their trip to Ecuador from November 19-30. They will be visiting 3 of our missionary families (the Vittis, Gonzalezes, and Kanagys) to offer them encouragement and check in on their ministries.
- Prayer—for our Global Teams signups opening this month. Pray for the right people to apply for teams and for our staff as they review trip applications.

Sports Ministry, Tim Brown

Praise

- Praise God for the coaches and volunteers who have given their time and talents to coach up the participants.
- 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 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 upcoming Youth Basketball League starting in November.
- 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.

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

Praise

- We secured 1,000 turkeys for our Turkey Distribution that have been underwritten.
- With donations our Cares Ministry finished the fiscal year under budget!
- We did a slight change in box size several months ago and it has proven effective in combating the rising food prices while still giving over 18 meals per box. This has enabled us to serve more people and our list is currently at almost 1,100 families per month. Here are some praises for Fiscal Year 2024:

- 19,500 Volunteer Hours
- 13,237 Cares Food Boxes
- 370,636 Lbs. of Food
- 308,863 Meals Distributed
- 157,500 Lbs. Donated Fresh Produce

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that we would touch the lives of those who receive the turkeys for the glory of God.
- That donations continue strong this new fiscal year so that we can continue to bless so many currently in need.
- For our recipients that they would continue to have hearts softened by the Spirit and that many would come to know Jesus.
- That I would be better at remembering which of the 130 volunteers are out because of sickness so that I can pray for them.

Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña

Praise God for...

- **WHITE** event on October 31st where each year, our kids are invited to celebrate the light of the world and be surrounded by family members and friends.
- **Worship Night with Danny Berrios**, in a special service dedicated to the sole purpose of worshipping our Father with our friends and families.

- Our **Discipleship class “Arje,”** where in a 10-session class our members can study more in depth what it is to disciple with the opportunity to ask questions with knowledgeable pastors.
- **Men’s Ministry Retreat MORIAH,** where a small group dedicated a few days disconnected from daily life to connect with God.

Pray for...

- Our growing **Oasis Ministry small groups,** where our members can have a time during the week to study the word and grow their relationship with God as well with their fellow members.
- **Angel tree** so that our members respond to the need and joy of giving during festive times, may the families in this program participate and bring their kids to the events prepared by our volunteers.
- **Thanksgiving** and the real meaning behind it, so that families prioritize the attitude of thankfulness and who we should praise for all that we have.
- Our **Encinitas and North Park campuses,** as they go through changes and continue to protect their members and provide what they need during this time of transition.

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises:

- For the three people who accepted Christ: One American, one Iraqi, one Mexican at Parkway Plaza Ministry.
- For two special meetings with a guest speaker from Lebanon. The attendance was over three hundred people.
- For the blessings enjoyed at the special weekly meeting for twelve young married couples every Monday evening.
- For the increase in our weekly Sunday service. Several guests who are new to our congregation became regulars.
- For three Muslim families who are regularly attending our various weekly services and growing in the faith.
- For the recovery of a dear sister in our church who had been through a successful and difficult surgery.
- For the organization of our Kids Ministry. The attendance almost doubled. The parents are also very happy

Prayer Requests:

- For our Evangelism Team to have more freedom sharing the Gospel at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon.
- For our sister Nehad who was attacked by a strange virus in her left ear and her hearing was affected.
- For three sisters: Salma, Nadia and Heyam who are going through some health challenges and treatments.
- For sister Suha who lost her job four months ago and is looking for a job. She must support her aged mother.
- For the critical situation in Lebanon as the limited war is still going on between Israel and the Palestinians.
- For all those who are involved in the various ministries as volunteers and the part-time job employees.
- For the ordination service of the associate pastor of our Arabic Ministry who just graduated from seminary.

Alpine Campus, Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- We thank God for all who faithfully volunteer and serve our campus and community each week!

Praying For:

- Please pray for our church community as we support individuals and families facing health challenges, for wisdom and strength for those in caregiving roles, and for guidance in major life decisions. We also ask for prayers for healing, spiritual growth, and God’s provision as we walk through various personal and collective needs.

Encinitas Campus, Paul Murray

We are thankful for...

- An enthusiastic October experience! Lots of activities and connections.
- Many baptisms and new members.
- Many guests have returned and are becoming part of our community.

Requests:

- For the street construction to not be a nuisance or difficulty for people attending.
- For our “Ladies’ Fall Afternoon Tea.” Great attendance, new people, and fellowship.
- For the health and well-being of many of our members.

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...

- Our outreach event on October 31.
- Our new Youth Sunday Bible Study.

Prayer for:

- God to continue to reveal himself to those who came to our outreach event.
- More Small Group Leaders.
- Planning for December events.

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Prayer:

- In October, we took part in the Central Coast Trunk or Treat, giving candy to kids and presenting the Gospel to our neighbors! Pray for kids to come to Christ and friends to visit church on Sunday.
- The campus is wrapping up our final repairs from the February EF1 tornado! Pray for our newly done Sunday School building to be welcoming to children.
- For continued development of our home groups.

Praise:

- We have a unified worship team that involves multiple musicians who sound great focusing us on Christ!
- Praise for loving adults who serve in the children’s ministry every Sunday.
- Praise for our tech team who is developing a team of volunteers weekly.

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise for:

- The privilege of serving as a ministry of Shadow Mountain.
- Pastor Jeremiah's leadership and ministry, including his role as chancellor of Southern California Seminary.
- SCS Students and Alumni who are serving in local churches, in missions, in counseling, and in Christian schools and colleges. Grace, peace, and wisdom in serving.
- Our faithful faculty who work diligently in equipping believers with biblical knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills!
- The joy of serving as SCS Staff and Faculty. Providing a working environment full of servant-minded people ready and available to serve the student body in their education to succeed in spreading the gospel in their ministry fields.
- Spring 2025 registration opened on Monday October 28th so please continue praying for our new and continuing students.
- Dr. James Fazio, Dean of Bible and Theology and Dr. Cory Marsh, Professor of New Testament are speaking next week at the Shepherds 360 Church Leadership Conference as key-note speakers. 650 copies of SCS Press Discovering Dispensationalism have been purchased to be given away to the conference attendees. This is another great opportunity to promote the biblical scholarship at SCS!
- Five of our Bible faculty have been accepted to present at the 2024 Evangelical Theological Society National Convention being held in downtown San Diego this Fall. This is the premiere Evangelical academic event, and we are planning a special presentation featuring our faculty publishing and contributing authors at the San Diego Convention Center which will be conducted on Thursday November 21st.
- Dr. Gino Pasquariello presented a two-day seminar at Compass Church in Monterey CA. This church is Pastored by Todd Anderson who was on staff at Shadow Mountain. This was the first in a series of four seminar topics on Getting the Most Out of God's Word. The first was on How to Study the Bible and will be followed by The Story of the Old Testament, The Story of the New Testament, and finally Developing a Christian Worldview. We had over 160 participants, and SCS has four current students from Pastor Todd's church and three more who have recently applied.

Prayer for:

- Effective ministry for Seminary Leadership: Dr. Gary Coombs, President, Dr. Gino Pasquariello, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. James Fazio, Dean of Bible and Theology; Dr. Elizabeth Elenwo, Dean of Behavioral Sciences.
- SCS students and their families to be encouraged and faithful in their academic studies, ministries, and personal faith development as they navigate many shifting circumstances.
- Continuing generous support of donors through faithful giving for scholarships to help students attend seminary for Biblical training and formation.
- Ministry opportunities for graduating alumni as well as a connection with others through the Alumni Association.
- The Call to Care Conference was held last Friday night through Saturday afternoon, with about 140 in attendance. This was our second annual conference designed to encourage churches to develop one-another ministries and help equip the saints for conversational ministry in community. Our special guest speakers, as well as our SCS students and graduate alumni, did an excellent job encouraging the saints from the Scriptures and providing very helpful resources. We had seven new congregations sign up to host Call to Call trainings in their local churches for 2025!

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praises:

- Praise for the strength and grace of our Lord as we have completed the first quarter of the school year.
- Praise for our Chapel program which blesses our community with worship, preaching the Word, sharing the Gospel and building a powerful sense of community.
- Praise for the amazing Christian educators at each of our campuses.
- Praise for the support of Shadow Mountain Community Church in so many ways! From ministry staff to professional services to facilities to prayer—we are blessed to be a ministry of SMCC!

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that we interact in our school community with truth and grace using discernment and wisdom.
- Please pray for our teachers and staff that they would be healthy, strong and encouraged.
- There are five student(s) and or family members that are walking the road of cancer among three of our four campuses. Please pray for immediate healing and peace for each of the family members.
- Please pray for healing for Mr. Mark Kuker.