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Wonderful Are Your Works

"I will give thanks to You, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:14) NASB

The transcript of the Lord's goodness to His children is as long as recorded history. From Genesis to the New Testament church, up to today, the Lord is sustaining, blessing, and saving His people. But there is another mark of God's faithfulness that sometimes we can overlook in the midst of the busyness of our daily routines. He is the giver of life itself.

King David acknowledged this miracle in Psalm 139 when he exclaimed in praise "You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb." The very next line is one of thanks, *"I will give thanks to You, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* As we begin to come to the Lord in prayer, surely one of the things we can thank Him for is the unique and wonderfully personal way He made us.

Experiences can be shared, tragedies and blessings held in common with others in our families and communities, but there has never been another person made exactly like you. This is something to thank God for.

Additionally, we can thank God that in prayer we share in communication with the Creator of the Universe. Indeed, David marveled at the Lord's thoughts towards us.

*"How precious also are Your thoughts for me, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sand.
When I awake, I am still with You."* (Psalm 139:17-18)

Finally, we pray encouraged with the knowledge that not only does He know and hear our thoughts and needs, but we can know His. Through reading His word and guided by His Spirit, we can be led *"in the everlasting way."* (Psalm 139:24)

Our prayers should be petitions initiated with thankfulness, offered with boldness, and resting in the assurance of the Lord's sovereign power over all things. Truly *"wonderful are your works, and my soul knows it very well."* Bless you as you pray for the ministries of Shadow Mountain this month!

Tobin Davis
Minister of Music

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- I am **thankful** for our God who has **all** things under His control at **all** times and is faithful to **all** His promises we find in His **all**-sufficient Word.
- I am **thankful** for the love of God found in our salvation.
- I am **thankful** for His presence in times of trial.
- I am **thankful** for each of you who faithfully intercede before His throne on behalf of Shadow Mountain Ministries.
- I am **thankful** for our wonderful SMCC staff and faithful congregation who sustain the work God has given to us during these days.
- I am **thankful** that God can bring revival, pray to that end.
- I am **thankful** for His protection around the full scope of Shadow Mountain Ministries. Continue to entrust our care to Him.

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. (Psalms 97:12)

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 attending our DivorceCare and GriefShare groups. Pray for healing for all who have lost loved ones and for those going through separation or divorce. And please pray for our group leaders as they minister to those who attend.

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 Reports

- Praise God for the four First-Time Guests who gave their lives to Jesus Christ through our follow-up phone calls over the past month.
- Praise God as we begin our 25th New Believers Discipleship Class! Since starting these classes during COVID in 2020-2021, we have discipled over 200 new Christians using Pastor Jeremiah's book, *Basics of the Christian Faith*, helping them build a strong biblical foundation.

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, as she cares for all the details surrounding assimilation.
- Pray for our Discipleship Groups, that they would help build strong foundations for new believers and connect them to 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.
- Pray for John Hawkins and the Evangelism Class as they equip people to confidently share the Gospel with others.

“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: Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Jim Nemec, 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, Wayne Hendrickson, Marla Hutchins, Rick Sherry, Joyce Warren, Marty Aspenleiter, Randi Flynn, Arlan Barber, Dawn Wilson, David Harper, Ken Bowman, Judy Larson, Ruth Youde, Barbara Nikkel, Roberta Callaway, John Pace, Ken Manning

Pray for shut-ins: Barbara Hendrix, David Morris, Alice Cook, Karena De La France

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Lillian Sargent, Linda Duncan, Marillie Aspenleiter, Frank Lucero

“I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” Psalm 34:4

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

There’s something about end of year busyness and especially celebrating Christ’s birth that has people consumed with many activities which are wonderfully distracting.

Pray especially for those to whom God is speaking about becoming more involved as a member of the Shadow Mountain family to be single-minded toward following through in that direction.

November 8th is the last opportunity for the year to attend the new members’ class.

Ask God to bring the very ones who will have a strong influence using their gifts to edify and encourage others who are waiting to embrace them.

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 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 Christmas Musical "Meet Me at the Manger" on Sunday night, December 6th. Please also pray for the Middle School Choir, Resound, as they present their Christmas musical on and off-campus in the weeks leading up to Christmas.
- 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.
- Our 3-year-old granddaughter, Millie has just been diagnosed with complete loss of hearing in one ear, and moderate to severe loss in the other. Please pray for medical excellence as doctors test her, and hopefully provide options to restore some hearing. Also, pray for peace and wisdom for her parents (Judy and Christian).

Kids Ministries, Jesse Abeel

Often, before a child can understand the love of Jesus through our words, they experience it through the way we love them. This month's prayer focus is on challenging behaviors in Kids' Ministry. Challenging behaviors can stretch us as a ministry, but they also invite us to grow in patience, wisdom, and dependence on the Lord. Let's cover our kids, families, and volunteers in prayer, asking God to help us respond with grace, care for every child well, and create an environment where everyone can thrive.

This month, let's pray that:

- Strength and expansion for Elevate: That God would renew the strength and stamina of our special needs ministry team and provide the space, volunteers, and resources to expand support during our 9 a.m. service.

- Wisdom in the hard moments: That the Holy Spirit would help us understand what children may be communicating through their behaviors and respond with compassion, consistency, and discernment.
- A work in little hearts: That God would grow kindness, self-control, patience, obedience, and healthy relationships in our children.
- The right support: That the Lord would provide specialized training, expertise, and people to help us better support children with disabilities and developmental differences.
- Safety and belonging: That every child would be safe, seen, and loved, and that we would have wisdom to maintain healthy boundaries and protect all children.
- Strength for families and volunteers: That God would encourage and equip those navigating difficult moments, reminding them they are not alone.

Small Group Central, Dale Bacon

- We are grateful for every person who has taken the step to join a small group and for the opportunity to help people connect, belong, and grow in Christ.
- Please pray for our Small Group Leaders that God would give them wisdom, encouragement, and renewed excitement as they lead and care for the people He has entrusted to them.
- Pray for genuine, Christ-centered community to develop within our groups this season. Ask God to help people move beyond simply attending a group to truly knowing and being known by one another, building relationships where they can encourage one another and grow together in Christ.

College Ministry, Trey Cole

Prayer Requests:

- That God would provide 13 adult couples to serve on Thursday Nights in the College Ministry to facilitate discussion and prayer.
- Asking God to create a sense of deep unity within the College Ministry, despite differences in personalities and interests.
- For students to continue saying “yes” to serving in different ministries in the church.
- For our student leadership team to be an encouragement to one another throughout the semester.

Praises:

- Students are excited about what God is doing through them in the ministry!

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

Praises

- **God is good.** He keeps showing up and blessing our YA's.
- A number of our **military** have made it home from deployments.
- We've almost filled our available small groups with Young Adults.

Prayer requests

- **Continued Spiritual** and **physical** growth of our ministry.
- **For our Small groups, as they study God's word and support one another.**
- **Spiritual Revival.** Remove the distractions pulling people from Jesus.
- **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.
- **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.

- **Humility, Wisdom, and Surrender** for Young Adults, as they anticipate God's work in their lives.
- **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. Many have been delayed coming home from deployment.
- **For Pastor George: clarity** and **endurance** as he leads his group and others. **Wisdom** to navigate the demands of ministry and family. **Endurance** for ministry. **Focus** as he prepares teaching lessons.
- **Also**, for a strong marriage to **Krysten** and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two daughters, **Amira & Jasmine**. Pray for valuable time together as a couple, and for their daughters to find their value, strength, and hope in Christ every day.
- **Amira & Jasmine** are back in school (College). **Prayers for endurance!**
- **A new job for Krysten** as her previous employment ran its course. Provision for the Helewas, that God would faithfully meet their needs.
- For **Jasmine** to get her **Driver's License**. Also, for strength to endure some medical challenges.
- For a **job** for **Amira** that works with her school schedule.
- **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

Praises:

- Praise for the wonderful families God has blessed us with.
- Praise for our leaders who consistently are faithful.
- 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

Prayer

- We have a lot of turnover in young marrieds with couples moving and new couples joining. Prayers that couples would find Godly community at their new homes and that new couples would find community at Young Marrieds.
- We need new leaders in the absence of leaders moving away.
- We are in another season of babies being born. Prayer for safe and healthy moms and babies.

Praises:

- We have had lots of new couples that have joined and been committed to the ministry.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Grateful that He includes us in His work that impacts lives for His Kingdom!
- Thankful for the opportunities to share the gospel and make disciples!
- Blessed by all the ministries that keep us connected at SMCC!

Prayers:

- Protection over all that God is doing through Women's Ministries! God's wisdom over Lisa, Jennifer, and the Council as we plan throughout the year, and that His hand would guide every step of our decision-making.
- The fall semester will draw women deeper into God's Word and their walk with Him.
- Ladies will stay committed, and attendance will increase.
- Please pray for God's provision for our administrative support for Women's Ministries.
- Our Active-duty fall event on November 7th will bring joy and connection to the ladies. They will feel encouraged, loved, and supported. Please pray for protection over spouses who are deployed.
- The Joyful Hearts Christmas event on December 5th will encourage our widows. They will feel loved and connected to the SMCC family. God will continue to comfort and care for their daily needs.
- The Global Connect Event on January 30th will encourage ladies to get involved and become more familiar with our missionary efforts.
- Event planning throughout the fall and spring will go smoothly. Teams will be coordinated, and we will have plenty of volunteers to meet the needs throughout Women's Ministries.
- Our spring Leadership Training will encourage growth in the ministry and connect women to the core values we share.
- God will raise more Disciple-makers and Leaders for 2027!
- The Caring for Kids group meets on Thursdays from 8:45-11:30. Please pray that God will provide a few more volunteers for the fall and spring semesters.
- Loving, leading, and serving women would be on full display!
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Believing He will accomplish His work!

"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 4:12-14

Men's Ministries, Pastor Manny Sanchez

Praises

- Twelve men have received Christ in the last month through the Men's Bible study.
- We've been able to help over 200 widows and people in need through the Fixers Ministry with minor repairs to their homes.
- Tuesday Night Bible study continues to grow and bring in new men every week and lives are being transformed.

Prayers

- Man Camp is happening in November. Sixty men will get away and seek God in the desert with other brothers. Pray that God moves powerfully in their lives!
- We need to lock in our speakers for Dangerous Man 2027. Pray that those who we invited would be able to and agree to come.
- That the Lord would show us how we can reach younger men in the Men's Ministry. We want to raise up a new generation of warriors for Jesus.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

"Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." 1 Chronicles 29:13 It's the season of cooler weather, fall colors, pumpkin spice everything, and Thanksgiving! Gratitude comes in many flavors. David sang, worshiped publicly, danced, sacrificed, and left us with a rich written record of the songs he wrote thanking God. Solomon sacrificed generously. Hannah committed her son Samuel back to the Lord. Our thanksgiving should reflect the bounty and blessing that the Lord has bestowed upon us. Don't be stingy with it!

Ask in faith...

- God's blessing and power upon Brian Petersen, Jesús Rodriguez, Jeff Cothran, Mark Summers, Dan Buell, Joseph Arriola, Nathan Leffew, Paul Circo, Taylor Olson, Joe Ralston, Robert Cox, James Nolan, Jack Fleming, Noah Mallory, Abraham Mata-Garcia, Isaac Circo and Eric Nickerson as they serve on the facilities and maintenance team.
- *"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even forever."* Psalm 125:2 Isn't it good to know that the Lord is an impenetrable wall around us? Let's thank Him for His faithful love and care.
- This month, Christian Jr./Sr. High honor our veterans at their Veteran's Day chapel; the Prison Ministry is putting on their Messengers of Love Dinner; the CARES ministry will distribute turkeys to families in need; and the giant Christmas tree will be set up and lit on Main Street. Please pray that God will work mightily in the hearts of all who participate.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, please pray for our single missionaries who are far from their families. Pray as they finalize their travel plans, and that whether they travel or not, they can enjoy time with loved ones during these holidays.
- Please pray for Aylwin Woleng, serving in India, to recover from Malaria.
- Please pray for the Herrera family, who have now arrived at the mission field in Chihuahua and are settling into their new home and ministry.

- Pray for our Thailand Global Team in November. They will be partnering with our missionaries, Dan and Na Tisdale, to build a canteen and multi-purpose gathering space for a church in a Thai village. The space will host meals, community outreach events, and Christian funeral services.
- Pray for God's wisdom and discernment as we plan pastoral care visits to our missionaries abroad in 2027.

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 participants and families that were involved with the Summer Sports Camps (June-Aug).

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 families that will send their kids to participate in our programs and the influence we might have on them.

Cares Ministry, Kevin Gowing

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Praises

- Pastor has approved funding for another Turkey Distribution this Thanksgiving!
- Because God has answered prayers on new vendors, we have lowered our average item cost by \$.32 per item!
- God continues to bring new people to our ministry that we can then share the Gospel with. We are seeing fruit from loving on these people!
- Several people over the last few weeks have responded to the Gospel receiving Christ as their Lord and Savior!
- Thank you for praying for my family, and the ministry, we can feel the difference!

Prayers

- **Please continue praying for our biggest event of the Cares year, Thanksgiving. We typically serve 1,100 families a turkey, bread and all the fixings. Pray for that all the pieces that make this happen would go smoothly this year.**
- 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, as fuel prices drive up the cost of giving to our community.
- For the health of volunteers and recipients as there is no shortage of people who are sick.
- Continue to pray for protection for everyone on campus as we serve a diverse culture in our community.
- Please pray for spiritual protection over my (Gowing) family, and over the ministry.

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 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 and Thanksgiving:

- For answering our prayers and granting a miraculous recovery to someone who suffered a serious brain stroke, after the doctors had given no hope of recovery.
- For the wonderful ministry to Arabic-speaking people who come to the Care Ministry to receive free food and other essential necessities.
- For the many dedicated volunteers who faithfully serve in the Kids and FUEL Ministries on Fridays and Sundays.
- For the growing number of young people in the Youth Group and their increasing involvement in the church’s ministries and activities.
- For the joy and encouragement experienced by the church ladies who gather for their special meeting every Friday, followed by a wonderful time of fellowship.
- For the joyful reunion in Jordan of a Syrian church member with her son, whom she was finally able to see again after three long years of separation.

Praise and thanks be to God for His faithfulness, answered prayers, and wonderful works among His people!

Prayer Requests:

- For the Care Ministry, where we meet with Chaldean families, pray with them, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- For Nadia and her son, Yani, who was able to flee Iraq and settle in Jordan, where his mother was finally able to reunite with him after three long years of separation.
- For our sister Najat, asking the Lord to grant her a full recovery and renewed strength following her severe stroke in Germany while visiting her family.

- For our new pastor and his wife, that the Lord may grant them wisdom, strength, and guidance as they serve in the FUEL, Kids Care, and church ministries.
- For open doors and new opportunities to resume sharing the Gospel during our weekly outreach at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon.
- For lasting peace, protection, and stability in Lebanon amid the growing threat of violence and the possibility of renewed civil conflict.

May the Lord hear our prayers, strengthen His people, open doors for the Gospel, and bring peace and hope to those in need.

Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- The Alpine Campus recently launched Shadow Youth Jr. High, a new Sunday morning ministry created to meet junior high students right where they are.
- We're grateful for everyone who is helping lead and serve as we build a consistent, relational environment where every student feels known and valued.
- Romans 12:2 is at the heart of this ministry and guides our weekly teaching. As students navigate the many messages around them, our prayer is that God will renew their minds through Scripture, prayer, community, and service.

Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf

Thank you for your prayers! We've now met for five Sundays in our new Carlsbad home, and things are going well! There have been a few bumps along the way, as expected, but our volunteers have been amazing. We're still getting settled, with new signs, business cards, visitor cards, and even a new mailing address! Our Facebook page officially changed to SMCC "North County" just this week. We're so grateful that God has kept our church family together through this transition!

On October 1, we handed over the keys to our former building in Encinitas, where the congregation had been for 71 years (it became part of SMCC in 2014). Closing the location was a huge undertaking, but we're thankful that many furnishings and supplies could bless other ministries and our South Bay campus. We also have a 40-foot container of furnishings in storage, trusting God to provide another location if and when the time is right.

We'd love to have you come visit in Carlsbad! Sunday service is at 10:00 a.m., but come at 9:30 for coffee, doughnuts, and great fellowship. The address is 3209 Harding St, Carlsbad, CA.

Please pray for:

- Wisdom in choosing the right time for our grand opening.
- Unity and a shared desire to see God glorified in our new home.

Online Campus, Pastor Rod Gray

Praises:

- For over 15,000 viewers worldwide each weekend on our online platform, Facebook, and YouTube.
- For those who accept Christ and those who make recommitments through our online ministry.
- Praising God for 17 small groups operating this season.

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

Prayers:

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

South Bay Campus, Fausto Garay

We are thankful for:

- A strong start to our fall ministries.
- Faithful Small Group leaders and volunteers.
- Our church family and growing fellowship.

We are praying for:

- Growth and connection in our fall Small Groups.
- Opportunities to reach more families in our community.

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 & Praise:

- We are excited to have started our first youth group which includes a few of our kids and guests who attended summer blast!
- Our family ministry is going strong as we study Hopeful Parenting.
- Our men’s ministry began meeting in a local restaurant and has grown with more friends from outside of the church in attendance.
- The worship team had a country gospel night.
- We are blessed with an awesome group of people up here who love serving in every area of need.

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise

- We praise God for a well-attended Call to Care event that equipped lay counselors in the church to minister to others with greater confidence and biblically based care.
- We also give thanks for a meaningful Colloquium event that provided a rich opportunity for theological discussion with authors, along with engaging Q&A time for those who attended.

Prayer

- Please pray as we seek effective ways to promote the Seminary to prospective students and donors. We are asking that the Lord connect us with the right people, and provide wisdom as we communicate the Seminary's mission and impact.

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praises

- We're grateful for the many people praying for CUSSD, and for Pastor Jeremiah's call to prayer. The prayer wall is a regular reminder to pray and pray often.
- We praise God for everyone who supports our schools, whether through gifts and donations or by serving in classrooms and across our school community.
- We're thankful for our PTF and their faithful presence and support on our campuses.
- We give thanks for a successful first quarter.
- We're especially thankful for our security guards and security team. Their steady, helpful presence means so much to our campuses.
- Fall sports are in full swing across all campuses, and we've had many successful field trips and events throughout our schools.
- Chapel programs on every campus are off to an outstanding start as we live out this year's theme, "Walk Worthy" (Colossians 1:10).

Prayers

- Pray for strength and perseverance for our students, faculty and staff as they finish the semester strong.
- Pray for our school leaders. That they would have discernment, wisdom, courage and grace to do the right thing for our school, our students and our staff.
- As the holidays approach, pray that gratitude and the love of Jesus would guide our hearts and our celebrations. Pray that our school families would begin praying for people in their lives who don't yet know Jesus and would invite them to church this Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Pray for continued safety and protection over our campuses during the many activities and events ahead.
- Pray for our campuses. Pray that current donors would keep investing in our school mission and that God would grow the circle of supporters to "stand in the gap" for our students and school.
- Pray for wisdom as we use technology. Pray that it serves our students and staff well and that we use it with discernment.
- Pray that God would guard our students' hearts and minds and that we would partner well with families as their children grow up to thrive for Jesus.
- Pray for opportunities for our students to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to reach out to their families, friends and community.
- Pray for the planning of our 2027 student mission trips.
- Pray that we keep evaluating our processes and growing as a school community.