

WATCHMAN ALERT

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Pray That All Will Experience True Freedom

It's an election year, and a lot of people are nervous. It seems, however, that every election recently is "the most consequential in our history" and "democracy hangs in the balance." In his 1967 Gubernatorial Inauguration address, Ronald Reagan famously said, "Freedom is a fragile thing and it's never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people."

There are two spiritual things we need to consider here: the first is that while we have freedom in Christ; a gift given by accepting the Truth of Jesus (John 8:31-32), and a freedom that cannot be taken away – it is a fragile thing in that it is only by sharing the gospel that Freedom spreads, lest it fade away. Faith is not ours by way of inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation.

But second, how do we fight for it? How do we protect and promote the freedom we have in Jesus?

We know that *"we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places,"* Ephesians 6:12.

Paul encourages us, *"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,"* 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

While we need to engage the world civically through voting and serving our community, the best weapon at our disposal to protect the freedoms we have and promote the gospel is prayer.

Paul tells us that *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way,"* 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

It is so important that we meet any spiritual opposition with a wall of prayer, lifting people (including politicians, whether we like them or not) to the Lord. The only way to change a country is to change its citizens. And the only meaningful change to its citizens will come because of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to pray that all people will experience what true freedom really is.

George Helewa
Young Adult Pastor

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- Our Fall Ministry initiatives are off to a great start. Bible studies have exceeded expectations, our Small Group signups added many new participants, to name a few. Thank you for your faithful prayers that God would use Shadow Mountain far beyond anything in the past!
- Ask God to use our studies in the book of Esther to equip us for the times in which we live.
- Remember to pray for the peace of Israel.
- Continue to pray for our schools that each student will be transformed spiritually and equipped academically.
- Ask our God to stir His people to vote with a Biblical worldview and place the candidates of His choice in places of leadership during the upcoming election.
- Pray for revival.
- Trust our God to protect Shadow Mountain Ministries for the sake of His kingdom.

And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"
(Isaiah 6:3)

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 people who continue to make decisions for Christ through our outreach ministries and follow-up efforts.
- Praise God for the many First-Time Guests visiting Shadow Mountain and for the opportunities we have to personally follow up, encourage them, and help them get connected.

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 Gastrich, Gary Coombs, Kent Sturgeon, Sam Gaea, Wayne Hendrickson, Marla Hutchins, Char Smith, Rick Sherry, Joyce Warren, Marty and Marilie Aspenleiter, Randi Flynn, Arlan Barber, Dawn Wilson, David Harper, Lillian Sargent, Ruth Youde

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Dan Finney, Sue Kline, Kevin Arvidson, Jauneta Hosmer, Debby Ortiz

"To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O my God, I trust in You." Psalm 25:1-2

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

When is a good time to join the church? A concise answer is...Now!

1. There's nothing like the changing of a season to push one toward something they've contemplated but not moved on...embracing our family with a **DECISION** to join.
2. The **NEW MEMBERS CLASS** occurs the second Sunday of the month at 10:45 in Room 212 Generations Building. It's the perfect place to hear what we believe so inquiring seekers can decide if God is calling them to join.
3. Servant Ministries follows up with an opportunity to **MEET WITH A MINISTRY ADVISOR** to celebrate who they are in Christ, hear their story and value what they bring to the family. It's a personal approach to helping them find their place in the family.
4. Sometimes the class is followed by **BAPTISM** (if they haven't done so before at a Bible-teaching/believing church).

Prayer Idea: Pick one of the steps to membership (**bolded**) and pray for those going through it right now.

Business Office, Josh James

Praise:

- God's continued favor and blessing on Shadow Mountain, Christian Unified Schools, and Southern California Seminary.
- The congregation's faithful giving and His provision for the ministries at Shadow Mountain.
- The congregation's support of the Benevolence Fund and the Deacons' discernment and compassion in the administration of this fund.
- The dedicated staff that God has called to serve in the Finance, Payroll, and Compliance/Benefits Department.

Prayer:

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

Music Ministry, Tobin Davis

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

Kids Ministries, Jesse Abeel

A sweet mama recently shared that her son, who is part of our kids ministry, has been teaching their family to pray. Prayer simply wasn't something they regularly did before. But now their child is helping lead the way—guiding his family into a life of conversation with God.

This month, let's pray that:

- Kids would grow up talking with God—learning that prayer is a continual conversation with their Father.
- Families would become people of prayer—bringing everyday joys, needs, decisions, and struggles before the Lord.
- Volunteers would serve prayerfully—not only serving our children, but praying with and for them.
- The Lord would reveal His heart and His will and give us strength to follow where He leads.
- God would make His presence known in ways that deepen our faith and remind us that He is near.
- Prayer would become our first response, not our last resort.
- Habits of prayer would take root in our ministries and our homes—habits that shape our children for a lifetime.

Lord, teach us to pray.

Small Group Central, Dale Bacon

- Praise God for a successful Small Group Sign-Up Weekend! We are grateful for every person who took the step to join a group and for the opportunity to help people connect, belong, and grow in Christ.
- Please pray for our Small Group Leaders as many of them gather with their groups for the first time since summer break. Pray 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.

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.
- **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.
- For **Jasmine** to get her **Driver's License.** 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 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.

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.
- Summer marriage series has been great.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Praise God for the celebration of 45 years of Dr. Jeremiah's faithful leadership and teaching of God's Word!
- Praise God for the launch of our 2026 Fall Bible studies!
- Praise God for the opportunities we have to share the gospel and make disciples!
- Praise God for the gift of prayer and serving others!

Prayers:

- God would be glorified through His church and His people!
- Women will connect to God, His Word, and one another as they enter the Fall semester.
- Administrative support and social media needs will enhance our capacity to reach more for Christ.
- The Holy Spirit would lead us to pray and invite more families to SMCC.
- Preparation for our Leadership Training in the spring will encourage growth in the ministry and in the shared values we connect with.
- Passing the baton would be contagious this fall as we encourage leadership development.
- The Global Connect event would encourage ladies to pray, get involved, and become more familiar with our missionary efforts.
- Event planning throughout the Fall and Spring would all go smoothly. Teams would be coordinated, and we would have an abundance of volunteers.
- The Holy Spirit would lead event planning throughout the year, and His hand would guide every step of our decision-making.
- The Joyful Hearts (widows) group will feel supported and loved. God will continue to comfort and care for their daily needs.
- Caring for Kids group meets on Thursdays from 8:45-11:30. Please pray God would provide a few more volunteers for the Fall and Spring semester.
- Caring for Kids, Needlecrafters, Joyful Hearts, Discipleship, Military Wives, and Global Connect groups will give women opportunities to connect, grow, and serve!
- God's protection, wisdom, and guidance over Women's Ministry as we minister to the needs of His women. Loving, leading, and serving women would be on full display!

"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

- For our awesome Men's team of godly, hardworking, servants - Ron, Chip and Noelle.
- For one of our men who has taken on the responsibility of planning, marketing and executing our Dangerous Man Outreach. He will be a wonderful help to us.
- For the brand-new marriage core team of four couples that will lead a "thriving marriages" campaign for us in the new year. We had our first meeting and are putting plans together to help and encourage marriages.

Prayers

- We are looking for new volunteer leadership in our Dads and Kids ministry as our two leaders finished their term. Pray for a godly man or two who are passionate about helping dads connect with and disciple their kids.
- Please pray for our new Bible study season starting Sept 8, that we have a great attendance and lots of new men so they can find community and connection.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious."
(Psalm 66:1-2) God did great things at Shadow Mountain last month, and we look forward to what October holds!

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.
- "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit..." (Luke 23:46a) Jesus placed His wellbeing—body, soul, and spirit—into the hands of His loving Father. We, too, must trust our Father with our entire being, knowing that there is no safer place to be than in His hands. Let's ask again that He would protect our families from every device of the enemy.
- This month, the Hispanic Ministry is hosting their Family Conference, Christian Elementary East is hosting their Fall Festival, and AWANA will host their annual conference here. Please pray that these events will bring many to the Kingdom.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Please pray for our other missionary families expecting babies this year. Pray for healthy pregnancies and deliveries, for international travel and healthcare details, and for them as they are far from home.
- Please continue praying for our six missionary families serving in the Middle East (Israel, Iraq, Lebanon, and the UAE). Please pray for wisdom and discernment in difficult circumstances, and for their overall safety amid international conflict.
- Pray for preparations for our Thailand Global Team in November. Please pray that all details come together smoothly and that our team members' hearts will be prepared to serve.
- Pray for the Missions office as we prepare for the upcoming year's Global Teams. Please pray for discernment about where to send teams and how those teams can encourage both our missionaries and church members.

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

“Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29

Praises

- God is answering your prayers as we have found a few new vendors that have already started saving us quite a bit of money going into the new budget year!
- 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!
- We finished just under budget with all the donations!
- We received 100% on our food inspection by Feeding SD and by our auditor for fiscal year-end inventory.
- 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 funding and that all the pieces that make this happen would go smoothly this year.**
- Please pray for the funding for a new pallet jack (\$6k) as the one that was donated by Souplantation was already years old and is having major mechanical issues.
- 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 faithful church members serving in the Cares Ministry through sharing the Gospel, prayer, and encouragement.
- For the new volunteers to help with the Kids and FUEL Ministries. On Fridays and Sundays.
- For God's provision of a full-time pastor and his wife to minister to the children, teenagers, youth, and church family.
- For answered prayer and God's care for a relative of a church family who suffered a stroke while visiting in Germany.
- For the steady growth of the Youth Group and their increasing involvement in church ministries and activities.
- For a blessed visit to Canada to spend time with our son and his family and minister at the annual conference of the church we started 45 years ago.
- For the generous giving of church members, enabling us to close the annual budget about 20% above the regular budget.

To God be all the glory for His goodness, provision, and faithfulness!

Prayer Requests:

- For the Cares Ministry where we meet with Chaldean families, pray with them and share the Gospel.
- For Yani: That God will guide and protect him as he seeks to leave Syria and reunite with his family in Europe.
- For our sister Najat for a full recovery and strength following her severe stroke in Germany while visiting her family.
- For our new pastor and his wife: For wisdom and strength as they serve in the FUEL, Kids Care, and church ministries.
- For open doors and opportunities to resume sharing the Gospel during our weekly outreach at Parkway Plaza.
- For those who have become less involved in worship and service, that they may experience renewed commitment and fellowship.
- For real peace, protection, and stability in Lebanon amid the danger of escalating violence and possible civil conflict.

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! Praise God that we have spent two wonderful Sundays at our new Carlsbad home. The biggest blessing is that our church family has stayed together! Everyone is working incredibly hard—setting up signs, organizing coffee, and managing the technology to stream our services from El Cajon.

Please pray for:

- Wisdom as we plan upcoming special events.
- Unity and like-mindedness across our church body.
- Readiness for our grand opening launch this October!

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.
- Shine the Light community event on October 31.
- 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:

- This month we baptized eight youth and one adult!
- We are starting a youth group for young teens.
- We have a Gospel worship night in October.
- Our team up here is pretty awesome and the campus loves fellowship!

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise

- We praise God for a wonderful start to the 2026–2027 academic year!
- We are blessed to welcome both returning and new students, along with our faithful faculty and staff and several new adjunct faculty members who have joined our team.
- We are excited and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the Lord and preparing students for ministry in the year ahead.

Prayer

- Please pray for our dedicated faculty and staff as they faithfully work through the fall reporting process and all that is required to begin the new academic year.
- We also ask for continued prayer for our students, faculty, and staff as they navigate the fall term, that God would give them wisdom, strength, and grace throughout the semester.

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praises

- Praise the Lord for providing outstanding Christian educators, both new and returning, who will lead, teach, encourage and disciple our students in classrooms and programs throughout the new school year.
- Praise the Lord for all of our new and returning students and families. We are grateful for each family He has brought into our school community and for the opportunity to partner together in Christian education.
- Praise the Lord for a successful start to the 2026–2027 school year! Every campus has now completed its Open House and each gathering was filled with renewed energy, excitement, and a wonderful sense of community. We are grateful for this new season the Lord has blessed us with and look forward with anticipation to all He will do this year.
- Praise the Lord for the many activities, athletics, clubs and arts programs available to our students. We are thankful for the opportunities students have to discover, develop, and use their unique God-given gifts and talents.

Prayers

- Please pray for unity among our students, faculty, staff, parents, and new families. Unity is crucial to the strength of our culture. Pray that we would be one in our mission and vision, keeping Christ at the center of all we do.
- Please pray for our students as they settle into new routines and develop new friendships. Pray especially that our new students would quickly feel welcomed and become integrated into the faith and culture of our school community. Pray that every student would grow in both faith and knowledge throughout the year.
- Please pray that the Lord would work powerfully in the hearts of our students and that many would come to know and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

- Please pray for our upcoming 6th Grade Camp across the school district. Pray that the Lord would prepare the hearts of every student who attends and use this special time to deepen friendships, strengthen faith, and build community. Pray also for the faculty and staff who will spend the week at camp away from their families that the Lord would provide for every need, give them strength and wisdom, and use this experience to help prepare our students for a dynamic future of growing and serving Him.
- Pray that God would continue to bring students and families to our school as we have intentionally worked to develop additional capacity across all of our campuses. Pray that He would fill the spaces He has provided and lead the families He desires to be part of our community.
- Please pray for wisdom and discernment for our leadership as they make important decisions that will shape the future of CUSSD. Pray that the Lord would be at the center of every decision and that our leaders would continually seek His direction, wisdom, and will.
- Please pray that we would be faithful and wise stewards of the facilities, programs, resources, and opportunities the Lord has entrusted to us, always using them to further His purposes and bring glory to Him.