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Depending on the One Who Knows the Way

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” —Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)

One of the things I love about Proverbs is how practical it is. In just two verses, Solomon reminds us of a truth we all need to hear: the wisest people are not those who have life all figured out, but those who have learned to depend on God.

It’s easy to lean on our own understanding. We make plans, solve problems, and do our best to navigate the challenges in front of us. But God’s invitation is different. He calls us to trust Him wholeheartedly, to seek His wisdom, and to acknowledge Him in every part of life. As we do, He faithfully leads us one step at a time.

That is one of the reasons your ministry of prayer is so important. While many people see the visible work taking place throughout our church each week, you are part of the unseen work that makes such a difference. Your faithful prayers are an incredible encouragement and a vital way God strengthens and guides our church family.

As you pray this month, would you ask the Lord to give wisdom to our pastors, staff, and ministry leaders as they shepherd our church? Pray that every decision would reflect dependence on God’s leading rather than simply human understanding.

Please also remember the families in our church. Many are carrying burdens that aren’t visible at weekend services. Pray that they would experience God’s peace, trust His faithfulness, and find the wisdom they need for the decisions they face.

Thank you for faithfully serving through prayer. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in the gospel. May the Lord continue to use your quiet, faithful intercession to strengthen His people and bring glory to His name.

Troy Leeman

Christian Education Pastor

PRAISE & PETITION...

Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- The arrival of September restarts many of our ministry strategies. Trust God to speak into our hearts through His Word and use us to impact our culture for His glory. Your prayers matter!
- Small Group signups take place this month. Let's look to God to provide more homes, leaders, and participants.
- Our schools and seminary are off to a great start. Pray that each student would be shaped academically and spiritually to discern God's will for their life and respond to His leading.
- Trust God for His intervention in the upcoming national elections, that people of righteousness will be placed in office for His purposes.
- Pray for revival!
- Continue to trust our God to protect Shadow Mountain Ministries from the work of the evil one.

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. —Psalm 27:4

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 beginning. 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 20 people who attended our Evangelism Class and are being equipped and encouraged to share their faith with others.
- Praise God for the 50 local First-Time Guests who attended the weekend with Clayton King and The Katinas, and for the many people who placed their faith in Jesus Christ that week.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our Evangelism/Connections Team, that God will continue to guide and empower their outreach efforts.
- Pray for the Deacons and Deaconesses who faithfully assist with baptisms.
- Pray for Karrie Almeida, our Administrative Assistant, who cares for all the details surrounding 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, Char Smith, Rick Sherry, Joyce Warren, Valerie Crossley, Ruth Youde

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Larry Landon, Samuel Jardin, Keith Schendel, Cynthia Sheppard, Mildred Caballes, Bill Griffiths, Rudi Heald, Budi Brown, Darrin Almeida

“Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, behave like men, grow strong. Let everything you do be done in love.”
—1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

Check out this truckload of verbs and prepositions for your prayers:

- Thanks, Prayer Warriors, for your **faithfulness** in service.
- Your prayers **prevent** us from falling flat on our face!
- As we **swing** into the newness of Fall Beginnings, may we **bring** with us a fresh new perspective on what God may want to accomplish **in** us, **to** us, and **through** us.
- **Pray** that our first look at each new member be one of **joy** at the opportunity, interest in learning about each one and privilege to hear their story.

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 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

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." —1 Corinthians 3:6

What a joy to see what God is doing through Kids Ministry!

- Summer Blast brought 1,737 campers and 894 leaders together, and we celebrated 276 salvations.
- We praise God for His protection, His presence, and every seed planted.
- But the fruit doesn't stop when Summer Blast ends.
- Every week, we hear stories of God moving in the lives of children and families.
- Grandparents are seeing grandchildren become an answer to prayer as they invite parents who have wandered from the Lord to seek Jesus again.
- Children are asking questions about God, bringing Scripture home, and teaching their families to pray.
- Indeed, He is up to something good!

Pray for:

- More seeds to be planted.
- More fruit in children and families.
- More souls seeking and serving Jesus.

- More laborers to serve the next generation.
- More of the Spirit's leading over our team.
- More vision for all God wants to do through Kids Ministry.

"Lord, grow what You have planted and help us faithfully join You in the work. Amen."

Small Group Central, Dale Bacon

- As many of our small group leaders took a well-deserved break over the summer. Ask the Lord to keep them refreshed for the season ahead.
- Please pray as we begin preparing for our fall small group semester, that God would raise up new leaders, bring new people into biblical community, and guide every detail as we prepare for another season.

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 YAs.
- **For a great summer**—We tried some new things and it was great!
- We've already celebrated **four weddings** in the ministry in the last six months. (1 more coming up!).
- **Pastor George** turns 50 this month, and celebrates his 27th anniversary w/**Krysten!**

Prayer requests

- **Continued Spiritual** and **physical** growth of our ministry.
- **For our Small groups that will kick off in September.**
- We need to develop more **leaders** to step up from within our group. Pray for **new table** and **small group leaders** to emerge.
- **Spiritual Revival.** 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.
- **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.
- **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 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 Family Life, men's spiritual disciplines, discipleship and meals.
- Praise for our leaders who consistently are faithful and outgoing.
- Praise for our volunteer team, who have been a great blessing this year.

Prayer:

- Pray specifically for military families and many spouses in workups or on deployment.
- Pray for the parents in the ministry and their children.
- Pray for the marriages in the ministry and their growth.

Young Marrieds Ministry, David Todd Jeremiah

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 from whom all blessings flow!
- God's grace is sufficient in our weakness!
- Every day is an opportunity to be captivated by God's glory!
- Serving God takes the focus off of ourselves and back onto others!
- For the opportunities we have to share the gospel and make disciples!

Prayer:

- A hedge of protection around all that we've been entrusted with. Satan's plans would be defeated against the army of God!
- Our fall Bible study kick-off would draw women into a deeper relationship with God, His Word, and one another.
- New and returning ladies who have registered for the Fall Bible studies will make that connection to the SMCC family.
- Teaching Directors and Administrative teams will be prepared and have all their needs met for the Fall semester.
- Administrative support and social media needs will enhance our capacity to reach more for Christ.
- God will use our Leadership Training to encourage growth in the ministry and in the shared values we connect with.
- Passing the baton would be contagious and gain lots of traction!
- Event planning throughout the Fall and Spring would all go smoothly. Teams would be coordinated, and we would have an abundance of volunteers.
- The Joyful Hearts (widows) group will feel supported and loved. God will continue to comfort and care for their daily needs.
- Caring for Kids, Needlecrafters, Joyful Hearts, Discipleship, Military Wives, and Global Connect groups will provide opportunities for women to connect, grow, and serve!
- God's 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!
- God would be glorified through His church and His people!

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

"This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." (Psalm 34:6) Last month an intermittent but very disruptive technical issue raised its ugly head again. Our IT team gathered and prayed earnestly for wisdom, and God answered, showing them the path to resolution! When we lack wisdom, it is so good to have an all-wise Father who loves to help His children! We are grateful for your prayers on our behalf.

Ask what ye will...

- Please pray that God would continue to give Richard Perry, Jen Burr, Jordan Knepper and Donald Flanagan wisdom, understanding, and knowledge as they serve on the IT team. Jen is also the Administrative Assistant to Tobin Davis in the Music Department.
- *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."* (John 10:28) We trust the Lord for our eternal security, but we can trust Him for our temporal security as well. Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless us with safety on all of our campuses.
- This month, a new season begins for the Middle and High School Ministries, Small Groups, and the Men's and Women's Bible Studies. The Hispanic Ministry is also hosting "Noche Hispana." Please pray that God will move in the hearts of His people to get "plugged in" in a greater way this year, and that He will draw us closer to Him.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

- Praise the Lord for the safe delivery of Fernando and Leslie Herrera's baby in July. Please be in prayer for two of our other missionary families who are expecting babies this Fall.
- Please continue to pray for our six missionary families serving in the Middle East (in Israel, Iraq, Lebanon, and the UAE). Please pray for them to have wisdom and discernment in difficult circumstances and for their overall safety amid international conflict.
- Please pray for Mark Dalton and Jim Shankula's trip to Brazil from September 7th through 22nd. They will be visiting the Buckman and Lessa families to see their ministry and offer encouragement.
- Pray for the details (particularly regarding a travel visa) to come together so Mark Dalton may be able to lead a pastors' conference in India this October.
- 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

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” —Psalm 100:4-5

Praises

- God is answering your prayers as we have found a few new vendors that should save us quite a bit of money going into the new budget year!
- God continues to bring new people to our ministry that we are able to then share the Gospel with. We are seeing fruit from loving on these people!
- Donations continue coming in to offset the cost of rising food costs.

Prayers

- Please start 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.
- 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 pastor Zaldaña’s daughters, Rebecca, who is studying at CBU, and Gracia, who is a senior this year. That God would lead their steps through different challenges.
- For God to continue using His church, Shadow Mountain en Español, to share the gospel with the Hispanic community of San Diego.
- For God to give us wisdom and direction leading the Youth Ministries.
- For the life of each member of our SMCC Youth Community, may they grow in the love of Christ.
- For God to continue to give us grace and passion to serve and honor Him.
- For the wisdom to guide members to Christ through our different ministries.
- For God to open doors everywhere we go to preach the gospel.
- For God’s grace and strength to share the gospel, and to have the entire church getting involved in evangelism.

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises:

- For the ongoing ministry of the Care Ministry, faithfully sharing the Gospel, praying with individuals, and encouraging them to trust in the Lord.
- For the hiring of a full-time Arabic-speaking pastor who will work with our FUEL students, along with his wife, who will also be involved in the ministry.
- For four young people who have committed to regularly serving and helping in various ministries during our church meetings.
- For the opportunity to help an Iraqi Muslim family of five flee Iraq and relocate to Lebanon because of persecution.
- For the healing and recovery of a church member who underwent very difficult surgery and is now recovering well at home.
- For several of our young people who generously financed and worked hard to create a beautiful new stage backdrop for our church.
- For the return of a young family to our church after being away for several months. We are grateful that they are happy to be back with us.

Prayer Requests:

- For our weekly Care Ministry as we meet, pray with, and share the Gospel with Chaldean families.
- For Yani, who hopes to leave Syria and reunite with his family in Albania. Pray for God’s guidance and protection.
- For our sister Najat, who suffered a severe stroke in Germany. Pray for healing, strength, and comfort for her family.
- For our new pastor and his wife as they serve with the FUEL and Kids Care Ministries.
- For our weekly Evangelism Ministry at Parkway Plaza. Pray for open doors and opportunities to share the Gospel.
- For church families who have become less involved in worship and service. Pray for renewed commitment and fellowship.
- For genuine revival in our church, El Cajon, San Diego County, California, and throughout the United States.

Alpine Campus, Pastor Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- We praise God for the many faithful volunteers serving in ministry at the Alpine Campus. Their dedication, sacrifice, and willingness to serve as unto the Lord are a beautiful demonstration of God's love for one another and for our community. We are incredibly grateful for each person who gives of their time, energy, and gifts to strengthen the ministry and bless the body of Christ.

Prayer Requests:

- We also ask for prayer as we look ahead to the Fall and seek to expand the number of small groups available at the Alpine Campus. Pray that God would raise up three new small group leaders and allow us to launch three new small groups this fall. May the Lord call and equip faithful leaders to step into this important discipleship ministry, helping others grow in spiritual maturity, deeper community, and faithful service to Christ.

Encinitas Campus, Pastor Adam Brodwolf

Praises:

- We are still very thankful for the two families with kids who are faithfully attending, and now we have a new family coming with a newborn baby boy! They love the sound teaching from Pastor Jeremiah. We are hoping we will have to start another small group soon.

Prayer Requests:

- I would love to see more guys attend our men's discipleship meeting early on Friday mornings, as it is the best time of the whole week (for me).
- Please pray for more people with musical talent to attend.
- We are still searching for a new building where we can meet. Please pray for a wonderful place.

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 to use our church App to draw many to Jesus on a global scale.

South Bay Campus, Fausto Garay

We are thankful for:

- Successful Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Men's and Women's Fall Bible Studies
- Our 26/27 Deacons and Deaconesses

We are praying for:

- South Bay Christian School and their families
- Small Group Leaders to lead small groups in the Fall
- Growth of our AWANA Program

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:

- That our kids ministry would grow this school year in knowledge of the Bible and reaching friends!
- Our worship team will have a country gospel night of music in October. Pray that the Lord would give us a great night!
- We continue to have a strong fellowship at the campus! This is felt on Sunday morning service, at home groups and other meetings.
- We had a change of deacons this year! Pray that our deacons and deaconesses would help us meet the needs of our people.
- God has raised up some very faithful people to serve the campus weekly.

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise:

- We have so much to be grateful for! Our fall enrollment is up and still open to new students.
- Great progress has been made in our undergraduate program that relaunched as San Diego Bible College at SCS and enrollment has increased substantially as new undergrads have joined.

Pray:

- Please pray for our faculty, staff, and returning students as well as new fall 2026 students.
- We are also praying for marketing and expansion of the undergraduate program for believers seeking a Bible College degree. Our new school year begins September 7th!

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praise:

- Praise for our dedicated Facilities Team, who worked tirelessly throughout the summer to update our spaces and prepare our campuses for the start of a new school year.
- Praise that we are a ministry of SMCC and for the tremendous support we receive from the Security, IT, Payroll, and HR departments.
- Praise that the Lord has provided outstanding Christian educators, both new and returning, who will lead our classrooms and programs in the new school year.
- Praise for all of our new and returning students and families, and for the opportunity to welcome them into our school community.

Prayers:

- Please pray for unity among our students, staff, parents, and new families. Pray that we would be united in the mission and vision of our school and that this unity would strengthen our culture.
- Please pray for our students as they begin new routines and form new friendships. Pray that our new students would quickly feel welcomed and become integrated into the faith and culture of our school, growing in both faith and knowledge.
- Please pray that many of our students would come to know and accept Christ as their personal Savior.
- Please pray that students would develop healthy, Christ-centered friendships and that teachers would build meaningful relationships with their students.
- Please pray for all of our back-to-school activities, including open houses, homecoming, lip sync, and many others. Pray that these events would be successful, build community, and provide meaningful outreach to our students and school families.
- Please pray that God would continue to bring students and families to our school as we have worked to expand capacity across all of our campuses.
- Please pray for God's protection over our students, staff, families, and campuses each day.