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Praying at All Times

One day, four prominent businessmen boarded a small plane to travel from one city to another for their work. But halfway through the trip, the plane was exposed to strong air pressure and turbulence, and thus was at risk of emergency landing. The pilot shared with his passengers the current situation and any developments that might occur.

Extreme terror struck the hearts of these men. One of them said to his colleague sitting next to him, "Please pray and ask God to save us." The man replied, "I don't know...I haven't prayed for twenty-five years." His colleague urged him and told him: "Try...Try...Pray...Ask the Lord to save us." Then he gathered all his psychological and intellectual strength and prayed, saying, "O Lord, I have not troubled you for 25 years, and I promise you now, if you get us out of this dilemma safely, I will not trouble you for another 25 years."

It is true that this story is humorous but there are many people who only pray when troubles and crises befall them.

Let me ask you: What is prayer for you?

- Is it your way to enjoy fellowship with God, or your way to obtain security, goodness, and safety?
- Is it a love conversation with God? Or just lists of requests and needs?
- Is it an expression of your thanks and appreciation to God and His blessings? Or is it an expression of your many protests and complaints?
- Are you doing it for the glory, honor, and worship of God? Or for your own personal interests?
- Is prayer a duty for you, or is it an enjoyable practice?
- Do you pray all the time, as the Lord commanded, or only occasionally?

We read in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

The Lord Jesus taught his disciples and followers about the necessity of persevering in prayer, according to the Gospel of Luke 18, saying, "We must pray at all times and not grow weary."

That is, we must pray constantly and earnestly, just as the widow did with the unjust judge in the parable that Christ taught in Luke 18:1-8.

There is a very big difference between the unjust judge to whom the widow came and God, to whom we come:

First: The judge, as called in the parable, is unjust, but our God is merciful, and all His ways are just. He does justice to His chosen ones, and He does justice to them quickly.

Second: This judge's heart was callous, and he did not know the meaning of love or mercy. As for our God, He is love, abundant in mercy and benevolence.

Third: This judge was upset by the widow coming to him. But our God calls us to come to Him, and encourages us to ask Him for our needs, and He says to us, "Come to Me." "Seek and you will find."

What does the Lord want to teach us from this parable?

First: The most important lesson that the Lord wants us to learn from this parable is the lesson of praying earnestly and constantly. "We should pray at all times."

Second: A lesson in prayer without giving up especially when the response is delayed. There are valuable lessons that the Lord wants to teach us during this period of waiting. Perhaps there is a sin in our life that we must repent of. As the Word of God says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear," Psalms 66:18.

Third: We learn that the answer to prayer does not come at the time we designate or expect, but rather according to God's divine timing.

Fourth: We learn that persistent prayer is evidence of faith. The widow had faith that this unjust judge would grant her request, so she came to him every day.

Dear friend, do you have this faith in your good and faithful God? Do you pray at all times?

Pastor Robert Helou

Pastor, Arabic Congregation

PRAISE & PETITION...

Senior Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah

- Join me in giving thanks for those who responded to the gospel message during our Resurrection weekend services, trust God to provide for their spiritual growth and worship.
- Christian Unified Schools and Southern California Seminary will conclude their academic year next month. Ask God to enable each student to finish strong and stir each graduate to pursue God's will for their life.
- Many of our youth are considering attending a Christian camp this summer. Teaching the Word through camping events has proven to be blessed of God in shaping the faith and path of life in our youth. Pray that all available 'openings' will be filled.
- Let's be faithful to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- Continue to pray for our country. Ask God to bring about the rule of righteousness and to use each of us in the process.
- Pray for revival.
- Continue to trust our God for protection around all He has called us to do!

I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications. He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. (Psalms 116:1-2)

Family Ministries

Praise:

- For the opportunity to provide biblical counsel and encouragement to individuals who are facing challenges.
- For our mentor couples who are meeting with couples preparing for marriage.

Prayer:

- For those who come to Family Ministries for help with life challenges. Pray for our counselor as she meets with people to provide biblically based direction and help.
- Please pray for strength and comfort for those who are attending our GriefShare and DivorceCare groups and for our facilitators.
- Pray for couples who are preparing for marriage, pray for a strong biblical foundation as they start their lives together.

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

Evangelism, Connections, Discipleship, New Members & Baptism, Pastor Scott Pittman

Praise:

- Praise, we have 13 people in our current new believer's discipleship class.
- Praise, God has been working through our Outreach/Connections team as we serve together every Wednesday night. Every month we have a chance to visit, encourage and sometimes share the gospel and have had many victory stories come from those home visits.
- Praise, we have had a large response of people who have been coming forward for salvation, membership and for baptism. Keeping our altar counselors busy.
- Praise, we have had a baptism for every service in March.

Pray for:

- Pray for our Outreach/Connections team, that God will continue to guide them in their efforts.
- Pray for the deacons and deaconesses who help with baptisms.
- Pray for our discipleship groups, that they would be able to build a strong foundation to their new faith and that we would be able to connect them into other ministries of the church.
- Pray for Toni Vowels our Administrative Assistant who cares for all the details surrounding assimilations.
- Pray for all our first-time guests, that God would meet them where they are help them find a home at Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for everyone involved in the New Member's Class as they process the details of the class during this season.
- Pray for all the altar counselors and pastors, that they would be encouraged, and that God would give them many opportunities to minister to people in our weekend services.

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth." Psalm 57:5

Pastoral Care, Pastor Ray Benton

Pray for Pastor Ray Benton, Pastor Gareld Murphy, Pastor Tim Powell and Pastor Brian Moulton 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: Jordan Roberts, Chuck and Loretta Emert, Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Dave and Yolanda Schoenfeld, Jim Nemec, Elizabeth Carrillo, Matthew Carrillo, Alice Hall, Ruth Cast, Donna Coombs, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Arlene Vollmer, Ronald and Marlene Robershaw, Phil Johnston, Joanne Hendrickson, Sterling Smith, Don Harrison, Ken Howell, Gwenda Brown, Jeanette Eddery, Jay Young, Dan Rynkofs, Robert Pitcher, Gary Flor, Larry Weinstein, Ray Grimm, Shirley Pickney, Liz Bowling, Jack Kriege, Jim Parker, Brian Fulton, Evan Hughes, Ginny Noel, Joram Walters, Troy Rogers, Lynda Del Casale

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

Pray for families who have lost loved ones: Al Gossner, Helen Long, Sandra Hornyak, Karen Eldridge, Cynthia Fera, Peggy Bush, Gary Lamb, Cynthia Beard

"But I will hope continually and will praise You more and more." Psalm 71:14

Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper

- Thanks to you Watchmen for your faithfulness in upholding the dozens of New Members as they journey through the process of making SMCC their new family!
- Join in the gratefulness for such faithful Ministry Advisors who weekly serve this people-group with care and guidance.
- Ask the Father for sensitivity for each person to be valued as Christ would value them.
- Rejoice with us for the many people who continue to find SMCC the place where they can grow and contribute their gifts.

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.

Music Ministry, Tobin Davis

- Praise God for the blessing of music that adds beauty to our worship and helps us praise His Name.
- Pray for the leaders and directors of our Children's and Student Choirs. Praisemakers (Ages 4-K), Children's Choir (Grades 1-5), Resound (Grades 6-8), and Student Youth Choir (Grades 9-12).
- Pray for our technical team as they serve in each of our weekend services.
- Pray for the music ministry team, for wisdom and discernment, as they plan and prepare for the weekly rehearsal and worship services.

Kids Ministries, Jesse Abeel

Praises:

- God is continuing to work in the lives of our children and their families! Children are coming to church, hearing God's Word, and carrying the truth home to their families.
- Kids Blast (elementary) and Kids Blast Jr. (preschool) are continuing to expand and grow each month—drawing many new families to our church.
- We have so many amazing volunteers serving with us on a weekly basis. We are so thankful for the way God constantly provides.
- Our staff is thriving with a sense of unity—we love working together!

Prayer Requests:

Kids Blast

- We strive to reach far and wide into the community of children in East County (and beyond!). This is a big undertaking. Please pray for more volunteers, for staff needs to be filled, and to fill the event center with kids each Sunday.

General

- For our staff and volunteers to joyously communicate the love of Christ to our kids, their parents and each other.
- For kids to have a genuine relationship with God, build a Biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and develop a community at church that they love being part of.
- Pray for the power of God's truth to permeate deeper in the hearts and minds of our young ones than any of the lies surrounding them in this culture we are living in!

Small Groups, Dale Bacon

- Pray for our groups as they continue to meet weekly; that they would find strength in community and grow spiritually as they delve deeper into the Word of God.
- Pray for the resiliency of our leaders as they prepare and plan for their group meetings.

College Ministry

- Please pray for our students and for their protection from the cultural forces prevalent on college campuses.
- Pray for our students who are seeking hope and truth in a world that seems divided to them.
- Please pray for our weekly small groups, monthly activities and fellowship gatherings.

Young Adult Ministry, 20's – 30's, George Helewa

Praises

- Thank you that we HAVE a ministry to this vulnerable and challenging demographic.
- Many are getting baptized!
- For a good group of YA's who are pursuing the Lord!
- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that the group is sharing them with each other!
- For our YA's Small Groups. We have over 80 in our ministry involved in a small group of some kind.
- For our amazing volunteer leaders who serve YA's. May the Lord bless them richly.
- My youngest, Jasmine, continues to improve! She has been walking with crutches and can make it around the house without them.

Prayer requests

- **For our Small Groups** as they experience life-changing relationships; healthy and encouraging spaces where God honoring community happens through Bible Study.
- Spiritual and physical growth and revival in our ministry.
- **Mental, emotional, and spiritual health for Young Adults.**
- **For our Alaska Mission Trip in June.** That God would provide the funds for the trip. That each person going would know the Lord is calling them to go, and prepare their hearts. We have a full team of 18 people.
- **For our Summer ministries.** That we have the help and the people to serve!
- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YA's in SMCC. Pray for a minimum 10 hour a week paid Admin for George so he can focus on leading and shepherding ministry.
- For our Events, YA Café, and small groups, to impact lives every time we're together.
- **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.
- **For Pastor George: clarity and endurance** as he leads his group and others.
- **Also, for Pastor George and his wife Krysten** For a strong marriage, and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two teenage daughters. For their daughters to find their value, strength, and hope in Christ every day.
- **For Pastor George's oldest, Amira** (19). Bless her with authentic relationships, spiritual mentors, and a sense of purpose. She turns 20 this month!

- **For Pastor George's youngest, Jasmine** (16), Jasmine continues to navigate some medical challenges with her left leg. Pray for miraculous healing and continued improvement.
- **For the San Miguel Fire Dept. where Pastor George serves as Chaplain.** For opportunity to share God's hope with the firefighters as they navigate the challenges they face personally and professionally. Protect their minds, bodies, spirits, marriages, and families. Pray they get the raise they need and deserve. Pray for the department's new Chief as he takes on this important role.

Middle School Ministry, Chase Eurich

Prayer requests:

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

Praises

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

Shadow Youth High School Ministry, Pastor Grant Todd

We need prayer for the following concerning the Youth Ministry:

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

Young Married Ministries, Troy Leeman

Praises:

- For all our great leaders who are leading up tables and have a willing heart to guide our couples through the word of God.
- Thankful for the new couples that the Lord continues to bring and the steady growth in the Ministry. In the last month, we had eight new couples.
- All the healthy families that had babies, some babies were in the hospital, now they are all home. It's great to see those families growing.

We ask God:

- For our leaders, pray for wisdom and continual growth.
- That God will continue to send us new couples who want to grow in their faith, strengthen their marriage and connect with other couples in our community.
- For our staff, pray for clarity and vision as we lead the ministry and as we plan ahead.
- Pray that good relationships will be built between the couples for strong marriages and family relationships for our struggling couples.

Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson

Praise:

- Praise God for the 1250 ladies who attended Girl Time and the 30 women who committed their lives to Christ!
- Let everything we do bring honor and glory to our Lord!

Prayer:

- As Bible studies start to wrap up, please pray ladies will be determined to finish strong.
- Pray for future leaders to be trained and equipped to lead a small group in the fall.
- Please pray our Coffee Connect event April 20th will encourage women to connect and see all that's happening through Women's Ministries.
- Please pray for Part 2 of Becoming summer Bible study. Many women would participate and be excited to connect to God, His Word and women who will help them grow.
- The Holy Spirit will guide Lisa, Jennifer, Kasey, and Council as we seek His will in ministering to the needs of His women.
- God would provide three more volunteers for our Caring 4 Kids Ministry.
- Pray for Jennifer as she writes part 2 of the summer Bible study. God would give her uninterrupted research and writing time.
- The discipleship program will continue to grow and produce more Disciple-Makers.
- Protection over all that surrounds Women's Ministries!

"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 the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man (woman), to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13 (NLT)

Men's Ministries, Manny Sanchez

Praises

- Great launch to our Spring Men's Bible Study 2024—with over 530 men in attendance.
- We praise God for 30 men from the South Bay Campus, a group of 25 men in Crest and 12 men online who are joining with us remotely every week.

Prayer:

- For continued wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit for our Men's Leadership Council.
- For our Men's Bible Study as we go through 1 Corinthians—the speakers, that men would stick with it and grow and be transformed.

Campus Operations, Bryan Snow

Let's pray with faith!

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3)

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

The requests that we desire of Him:

- God's blessing and power upon Jesús Rodriguez as he leads our facilities team. Please pray for Jeff Cothran, Mark Summers, Dan Buell, Joseph Arriola, Mark Kuker, Nathan Leffew, Paul Circo, and Eric Nickerson as they serve on the Facilities and Maintenance team.
- Psalm 33 tells us that armies won't save a king, physical power won't save a man, and horses (an important weapon in battle) are worthless for safety. Verse 20 tells us where the believer's safety comes from: *"Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield."* Please pray for the Lord's help and protection of our campuses and families.

- This month, the school and the SMCC Kids Choir will put on many concerts and performances. Women's Ministry is looking forward to their Coffee Connect event. Youth Ministry has their annual River Trip. And the Seminary is hosting a conference. Please pray that the Lord will be glorified, and believers edified through these activities.

Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise

- In March, our Mexico Medical Global Team hosted a medical clinic in a remote village in Mexico only accessible by small plane. Fifty people came for medical assistance and heard the Gospel.
- In March, Mark and Donna Dalton traveled to India to assist one of our missionary families in hosting a Bible school graduation ceremony and leading a marriage seminar for church leaders in India and Nepal.
- Fernando and Leslie's newborn son was able to go home from the hospital after emergency birth complications.

Prayer

- Pray for strong marriages and parenting relationships for our missionaries and their families.
- Pray for safety for our missionaries in restricted countries, where it is either illegal or dangerous to share their faith.
- Pray for Mark Dalton and Jim Shankula's upcoming missionary care trip to Brazil April 19th-26th. Pray for travel mercies and a beneficial time of encouragement for Shadow Mountain's ten missionaries serving in Brazil.
- Pray for our Global Teams as they continue to prepare for upcoming short-term mission trips to Thailand, Albania, and Uganda.

Sports Ministry, Tim Brown

Praise

- Pray for relationships to be built in our men's basketball league and for opportunities to share the Gospel and invite families to Shadow Mountain.
- Pray for the men who are Christians in our men's basketball league to represent Christ on the court to those who are not believers.

Prayer

- Praise God for bringing all of the teams and participants to our men's basketball league.
- Praise God for those who volunteered to help inside the gym Saturday mornings and during the week during our youth winter basketball league.
- Praise God for a successful Awards Night in which many families came to celebrate their children's participation in our youth basketball league. We were able to bless the families with a free dinner and also share the Gospel with them.

Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña

Praise God for:

- The **Youth Ministry's series** Relationships 101, where youth were educated and admonished on what makes healthy relationships according to the Bible, the Word of God.
- The **Marriage Ministry** which has resumed the classes Love With No End where couples invest their time as they are given valuable resources to enhance relationships and to know the meaning of a life-long marriage.
- The parents who publicly presented their children to be dedicated to God, committing to guide, disciple and pray for their child's salvation through Christ at our **South Bay campus**.
- **Date Night** with the **Young Marrieds Ministry** where couples gathered with Pastor Hayden Lema and together they thanked God for His provision for these families and His guidance in their marriages.

- The **“How to Lead a Child to Christ”** seminar lead by the SMCC en Español Kids Ministry and the 100+ attendees who learned the importance that Jesus’ Great Commission has for children.

Pray for:

- A new series for the **Young Marrieds Ministry**, based on the book *Love and Respect* where couples will learn about valuing each other’s opinions and emotions through a foundation of trust.
- **The Youth Ministry Team** who will be an integral part of the logistics, the planned activities and the learning that will take place at the **Moriah Youth Retreat** at Camp Maranatha.
- God to supply several individuals with loving hearts for children that have a desire to serve on the **SMCC Kids Ministry Team** at our South Bay campus to fulfill the needs of a growing kids ministry.
- The continuous fervor from the church members at our North Park and South Bay campuses may God’s Holy Spirit stir more hearts to join their weekly **Altar Meetings**.
- A **Youth Pastor for our Encinitas Hispanic Campus**; one who will be able to engage with the youth and invest time in their lives while teaching Bible lessons.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...” —Matthew 28:19

Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou

Praises for:

- For the four people who accepted Christ. Two Americans, one Iraqi, and one Mexican at Parkway Plaza.
- For the start of a special weekly meeting for six young married couples every Monday evening.
- For a newborn girl for a couple that were married two years ago. The baby is healthy, and the parents are happy.
- For the refugee family who arrived in the US from Lebanon through the help of the United Nations Organization.
- For the special Youth Retreat at a Big Bear resort. Eighteen young people spent three wonderful and blessed days.
- For the four new families from a Muslim background who are attending our various meetings and are enjoying it.
- For the weekly discipleship class of five people including a Muslim who converted to Christianity.
- For the increasing number of our weekly Sunday morning service attendance and streaming on Facebook.

Prayer Requests:

- For brother Habib Aziz who is diabetic. His legs were amputated months ago, and now his hands are getting black.
- For our sister Souad Alkass who is suffering from an extreme dehydration, and she has water in her lungs.
- For three shut-ins, aged sisters who are imprisoned in their homes for over two years now.
- For a revival in our church. We are holding a weekly prayer meeting every Thursday for this purpose.
- For our Evangelism Team to have more freedom sharing the Gospel at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon.
- For an expecting mother of three who was told that the baby position is not straight in her womb.
- For our trip to Lebanon to attend the memorial service for my brother-in-law who was the President’s advisor.
- For a qualified person to fill in the position of a Kids Care Ministry supervisor. And for more volunteers.

Alpine Campus, Kekoa Grover

Praises:

- Two fantastic Easter Services. What a blessing it was to celebrate our risen Lord with both regular attendees and new visitors from the community!
- We’re deeply grateful for the wonderful ways God is touching and transforming the lives of those involved in Small Groups. The numerous accounts of blessings and personal growth through small-group participation truly highlight the strength and impact of small-group ministry!

Praying For:

- As we gear up for this year's Summer Blast, we are praying for wisdom in the planning process. We're specifically seeking discernment in assigning leadership roles, crafting creative activities, and asking God to send dedicated volunteers who will show the love of Christ to all in attendance!

Encinitas Campus, Paul Murray

We are thankful for...

- Having been able to stay at this property and worship here.
- A busy March filled with activities, joy, and fellowship.
- Grateful for a terrific Easter celebration!!

We need prayer for the following...

- Please continue to pray that God would provide a new North County Venue for us to move to.
- We continue to see healthy small groups develop.
- Continued growth both spiritually and numerically at our campus.

Online Campus, Rod Gray

Praises:

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

Prayers:

- For many who are homebound and shut-in to find a place to belong at Shadow Mountain Online.
- Continued increase for new online small group leaders and continued growth of our online small groups.
- For unchurched non-believers to come to Christ through our online platforms.

North Park Campus, Todd Hitchcock

We are thankful for...

- Our small group time on Tuesdays that continues to be a time of diving deep into God's Word and connecting personally.
- The growth in our Men's and Women's Ministries.
- The spiritual growth and commitment seen in those attending North Park.

We are praying for...

- God to open doors for us to reach our community and to find creative ways of connection.
- The remodeling and refurbishment of the facility. Praise God for all those who have donated items and time to update our facility.
- Our weekly Bible studies and children's ministry program.

South Bay Campus, Pastor Fausto Garay

We are thankful for...

- Our Thursday morning work crew small group for making campus improvements.
- Successful Easter Season.
- Increased interest in the congregation attending Men's and Women's Ministry Events.

Prayer for:

- Upcoming Mother's Day and Father's Day Events.
- Volunteers for Kids and Host Ministries.
- Summer Blast Volunteers

Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley

Prayer & Praise:

- Continued renovation of our facilities from last month's tornado.
- Pray that we continue to connect with visitors from Easter service.
- Pray as we prepare for Summer Blast where we team up with Shadow Mountain mission team to reach the Central Coast!
- Pray as we prepare for other summer outreach to our local parks.

Pray for the following:

- God continues to grow our worship team and provided a new leader!
- Our small groups have had guests from the Filipino and Catholic communities!
- God keeps building a tight knit team!

Southern California Seminary, Dr. Gary Coombs

Praise for:

- The privilege of serving as a ministry of Shadow Mountain.
- Pastor Jeremiah's leadership and ministry, including his role as chancellor of Southern California Seminary.
- SCS Students and Alumni who are serving in local churches, in missions, in counseling, and in Christian schools and colleges. Grace, peace, and wisdom in serving.
- Our faithful faculty who work diligently in equipping believers with biblical knowledge, Christian character, and ministry skills!
- The joy of serving as SCS Staff and Faculty. Providing a working environment full of servant-minded people ready and available to serve the student body in their education to succeed in spreading the gospel in their ministry fields.

Prayer for:

- Effective ministry for Seminary Leadership: Dr. Gary Coombs, President, Dr. Gino Pasquariello, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. James Fazio, Dean of Bible and Theology; Dr. Elizabeth Elenwo, Dean of Behavioral Sciences.
- SCS students and their families to be encouraged and faithful in their academic studies, ministries, and personal faith development as they navigate many shifting circumstances.
- Continuing generous support of donors through faithful giving for scholarships to help students attend seminary for Biblical training and formation.
- Ministry opportunities for graduating alumni as well as a connection with others through the Alumni Association.
- Grant Writing has begun in hopes of obtaining financial support to cover the ongoing cost of the SCS Called to CARE in church lay counselor training program curriculum materials and ministry food needed to keep this vital ministry. Please pray for us to find and apply to the appropriate grants and God will grant favor in our proposals.
- Registration is still open for the 2024 Western Regional Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) meeting which will be hosted by Southern California Seminary, April 5th from 1pm – 8pm on the campus of Shadow Mountain Community Church. The theme is Strengthening the Connection between the Local Church and the Academy, with Dr. Thomas Schreiner as the keynote speaker. We have about 75 people registered at this time, and we are pleased to announce that 12 SCS Faculty and Student proposals were approved for presentations! We anticipate the conference program to be published soon with information on lecture topics and room assignments. The main session will start at 1pm in the Event Center.
- Many graduating students are preparing for oral presentations and defenses of their capstone papers, theses, and dissertations. This is a busy time of the year for faculty and students alike as we schedule multiple faculty defense committees and presentations throughout the months of March and April in advance of May Graduation. Please pray for our students as we celebrate their achievements.

Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman

Praise:

- Praise for the faithfulness and deep commitment of our teachers to our Lord and our mission of “Teaching students to think, learn, and live from a Biblical worldview.”
- Our 1,740 students are blessed, nurtured and inspired daily by our tremendous teachers.
- Praise for the continued blessing of the Chapel program at Christian High School and Junior High School. The Lord has used the tremendous teaching and preaching to bless and encourage our students and staff throughout this year.
- Praise for a recent event at our South Campus for dads and grandpas. Many attended. It was an amazing time to honor our fathers. Many raised their hands for prayer and salvation. It was a blessed day.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the many field trips in April and for the safety of all who attend and that they are a time of great fellowship.
- Please pray for wisdom and discernment for our leadership team as we plan for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.
- Please pray for the Lord’s clear leading as we seek His will in the hiring of our teachers and staff for the coming school year.
- Please pray for our admissions department, business office and all of our families as they engage the process of re-enrollment.
- Please pray for discernment for the families of our prospective students as well as our staff as they make admission decisions. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom to both the school and the families, so that the partnership may be built on a strong foundation.