

# WATCHMAN ALERT

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## *The WATCH of Prayer*

Dear Wonderful **WATCH**men,

For 27 years **WATCH***man on the Wall* ministry has been in motion around the clock, figuratively speaking around the campus walls of Shadow Mountain, and around the globe.

If you were one of the original **WATCH**man thank you for your faithfulness. If your time on the Wall has been less long, thank you for joining the team of the faithful. You are highly welcomed and needed to help lift up the hands of those in the trenches.

What an interesting exercise to explore a few of the many definitions for the word **WATCH**...and see just how they (in italics) might relate to this vital ministry of which you are a part.

You are the Servants who guard and protect the many people and facets of this enormous all-encompassing work of God. Over the years, I have said repeatedly, *"If it wasn't for your prayers, I'd be flat on my face!"*

Some of you signed up for middle of the night **WATCHES** much like the *assigned duty* for a crewman on a ship. These *periods of the night* are especially strategic as the darkness tends to bring extra caution/skill to *stay alert*.

A person that **WATCHes** *looks and observes with attention and care*. They are reading between the lines, realizing the value of their support to keeping the wheels turning. They remember how essential it is to lay out the tasks, passions, concerns before God for guidance.

A **WATCH**man's job includes the critical task of acting as a *spectator* being especially alert to needs and concerns others might miss. They remain in constant *anticipation* for the unexpected and possibly harmful attacks from the Enemy! They pray for caution and patience before proceeding on matters that need God's hand of timing.

**WATCH**men may rely on a small portable time piece on their wrists or glance at a clock on the wall. These days it is more likely that they refer to their nearby mobile phone to be timely with their prayers. Time pieces may come and go but there's nothing of importance more time-sensitive than prayer.

*WATCH, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all you do be done with love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.*

Wrapping up 1 Corinthians, Paul's final exhortations include **WATCH**, as the first of five to-dos. These strong actions produce a sense of stability and purpose. You **WATCH**men, bring protection to the Body of Christ at 2100 Greenfield Drive and its multiple venues around California! What you do is vital to moving ahead under His direction. Thank you for soldiering on. We're counting on your gift of service for the days ahead.

Gratefully,

**Joyce Tepfer**

Director of Servant Ministry

## PRAISE & PETITION...

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### *Senior Pastor, Dr. David Jeremiah*

- Pray that God will prosper the teaching of His word as we welcome Tim Dilena, Josh Reavis, Robert Morgan, Jim Jeremiah, and Anthony George to our services during the month of August.
- Summer Blast was a tremendous blessing as we hosted 1,730 children for a week of teaching God's Word. Trust God to protect and grow the faith of each child who professed faith in Christ!
- Our Fall Ministries Kickoff is just around the corner. Ask for God's direction as our staff plan for a new season of ministry.
- Our schools reconvene August 19th. Pray that God would protect our campus, fill every opening, and equip every student with a Biblical worldview and desire to serve Him.
- Pray for revival.
- Trust God to protect Shadow Mountain Ministries from the forces of evil that seek to disrupt all God has called us to do.

*Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.*  
(Psalms 143:1)

### *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.
- New sessions of GriefShare and DivorceCare will begin in mid-August. Please pray for healing, comfort and strength for those who attend and for godly wisdom and help for our leaders.
- 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 Report**

- We have just finished our 15th discipleship class and are starting up our next class August 1st. The discipleship classes are six weeks going over the basics of the Christian faith. We have anywhere from 5 to 12 people in each class. There are over 100 people who have been a part of one of these classes. Many have become members of Shadow Mountain, have been baptized, are in small groups and are serving in the church. A real blessing to be a part of these.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray for our Evangelism/Connections team, that God will continue to guide them in their efforts. We are looking for more people to join our Evangelism/Connections Team to help us cover all of our east county home visits. We meet every other Wednesday night for Home Visits. If you know anyone have them, email [scott.pittman@shadowmountain.org](mailto:scott.pittman@shadowmountain.org)

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

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

## *Pastoral Care, Pastor Ray Benton*

Pray for Pastor Ray Benton and Pastor Gareld Murphy and Pastor Tim Powell 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:** Dawn Wilson, Jordan Roberts, Chuck and Loretta Emert, Carolyn Hunt, Betty Preston, Dave and Yolanda Schoenfeld, Jim Nemec, Elizabeth Carrillo, Matthew Carrillo, Ruth Cast, Donna Coombs, Suzanne Bennett, John Paradise, Tom Henry, Arlene Vollmer, Sterling Smith, Don Harrison, Ken Howell, Gwenda Brown, Jeanette Eddery, Larry Weinstein, Shirley Pickney, Jack Kriege, Carol Hightower, Cheryl Cheek, Marzita Manley, Terry Noyes, John Del Casale, Ray Grimm, Jordan Verhoeve

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

**Pray for families who have lost loved ones:** Alice Hall, Sue Ransom, Joshua Mengel, Jim Larson

*"I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies."* Psalm 18:1-3

## *Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper*

Thanks Watchman, for partnering with us with your faithful prayer for Servant Ministry's team of Advisors. Your prayers make you part of our team.

These inner-working Servants invest in New Members in significant ways by listening to, caring for and guiding them toward options to incorporate into the SMCC family. It's a beautiful picture of hospitality at its finest...a purposeful welcome! The interviews are intentionally geared to zero in on them and their needs/dreams.

Please uphold them personally for good health and availability to serve.

## *Business Office, Josh James*

### **Praise:**

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

### **Prayer:**

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

## *Music Ministry, Tobin Davis*

- Praise God for the ministry of the Children's Choirs and Students Choirs over this past school year.
- Praise God for the Music Ministry team and the Celebrate America outreach services.
- Pray for health and protection of the families of the music ministry staff.

## *Kids Ministries, Jesse Abeel*

### **Praises:**

- We regularly hear encouraging stories from families about kids coming to faith, wanting to get baptized, and enjoying their time at church while learning and growing in their faith.
- We have a vibrant team of staff and volunteers, which is a huge praise!
- Our Kids Blast (and Kids Blast Jr.) large group program continues to be a success and has attracted many new kids to church.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- We are struggling to find enough volunteers on the weekends, especially on Saturday nights.
- We have experienced a lot of sadness with staff and volunteers losing loved ones lately. Please pray for their hearts and for God's peace (Philippians 4:6-7).
- For our staff and volunteers to joyously communicate the love of Christ to our kids, their parents and each other.
- For kids to have a genuine relationship with God, build a Biblical foundation for their lives, grow with friends and leaders, and develop a community at church that they love being part of.
- Pray for the power of God's truth to permeate deeper in the hearts and minds of our young ones than any of the lies surrounding them in this culture we are living in!

## *Small Groups, Dale Bacon*

- Please pray for our upcoming leadership kick-off event. Ask God to guide our leaders as they come together to plan and prepare for the upcoming season. Pray for wisdom and vision for our leaders so that they can effectively serve and lead our small groups.

- We request prayer for our church-wide small group sign-up campaign on September 7-8th. Please pray that hearts are moved to join and participate in these groups. Ask God to help us reach out effectively to our community and church members, encouraging them to engage in deeper fellowship and spiritual growth.
- Please pray for our leaders as they take a well-deserved summer break. Ask God to provide them with rest and rejuvenation during this time as they prepare and look forward to our new season this fall.

## *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.
- Our ministry continues to grow! There is great momentum and community.
- For a good group of YAs who are pursuing the Lord!
- For many answered prayers within our ministry, and that the group is sharing them with each other!
- For our amazing volunteer leaders who serve YA's. May the Lord bless them richly.

### **Prayer requests**

- **For our Summer ministries.** That we have the help and the people to serve for our events and Beach Bible Study. We need our young adult volunteers to step up. For life change and growth in our Young Adults this summer.
- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- We need to develop more **leaders** from within our group. Pray for new table and small group leaders to emerge.
- **For our Small Groups** as we develop our lessons, train leaders, and ask God to put together our groups. We want them to be places where YAs will experience life-changing relationships; healthy and encouraging spaces where God honoring community happens through Bible Study.
- **For our Younger College age YAs.** That they will find protection, strength, and leadership, and that God will guide them closer to himself.
- **Mental, emotional, and spiritual health for Young Adults.**
- **Spiritual** and **physical** growth and **revival** in our ministry.
- **Relational wisdom** for the YAs that God is calling into more romantic relationships. That they would put God first and their significant other second.
- For our Events, YA Café, and small groups, to impact lives every time we're together.
- **Spiritual discernment** as our community lives and works in the world.
- **For Pastor George: clarity** and **endurance** as he leads his group and others in the new year. **Strength** as he finishes his last master's class this summer in July and August. **Wisdom** to navigate the demands of ministry, family, and school. **Wisdom** as he prepares teaching lessons.
- **Also, for Pastor George and his wife Krysten** for a strong marriage, and wisdom as they navigate parenting their two daughters. For valuable time together as a couple, and for their daughters to find their value, strength, and hope in Christ every day. Pray their marriage itself serves as a ministry.
- **For Pastor George's oldest, Amira** (20). Bless her with authentic relationships, spiritual mentors, and a sense of purpose. Guide her as she finds the right job and considers going back to school. Encouragement as she navigates Young Adulthood.
- **For Pastor George's youngest, Jasmine** (16), Jasmine has seen great improvement with the medical challenges with her left leg. Pray for miraculous healing and continued improvement. She begins a hybrid high school/college program this month. Grace, strength, and wisdom as she navigates that.

- **For the San Miguel Fire Dept. where Pastor George serves as Chaplain.** For opportunity to share God's hope with the firefighters as they navigate the challenges they face personally and professionally. Protect their minds, bodies, spirits, marriages, and families. Pray they get the raise they need and deserve. Pray for the department's new Chief as he takes on this important role.
- **Administrative help** for the Young Adult ministry as we continue to provide connection and events for YAs in SMCC.

## *Middle School Ministry, Chase Eurich*

### **Prayer requests:**

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

### **Praises**

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

## *Shadow Youth High School Ministry, Pastor Grant Todd*

### **We need prayer for the following concerning the Youth Ministry:**

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

## *Young Married Ministries, Troy Leeman*

### **Praises:**

- We are so excited to announce the birth of eight new babies since the start of the year.
- We have 20 healthy and growing table communities in the ministry.
- Our recent events have been well attended, and we have had great fellowship times.
- For the new couples attending the ministry. We have seen new couples almost every week this year.

### **Prayer Requests**

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

## *Women's Ministries, Lisa Paulson*

### **Praise:**

- Praise God for the fruit of the Becoming summer Bible study series in which smaller churches are participating.
- Praise God for all the new ladies who connected through our Coffee Connect event!
- Praise God for faithful leaders and volunteers who give their time, talent, and resources throughout the year!

### **Prayer:**

- Pray for God to refresh our leaders over the summer break!
- Many women will register for the fall Bible studies and see the value of being connected to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow!
- Women will desire to serve and be equipped to lead a small group through our Leadership Essentials Training on Saturday, August 3rd.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of our Small Groups Leadership Rally on Saturday, August 24th.
- God's wisdom and guidance over Lisa, Jennifer, Kasey, and Council as we seek His will in ministering to the needs of His women.
- God's provision for more volunteers for our Caring 4 Kids Ministry.
- More ladies who are spiritually mature would be encouraged to become Disciple-makers.
- God's plans will unfold as we prepare for the fall and spring Women's Events.
- Protection over all that surrounds Women's Ministries and SMCC!

*"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 4:12-16*

## *Men's Ministries, Manny Sanchez*

### **Praises**

- We finished the summer study with over 300 men regularly attending. This is a great number for summer. Five of our table groups are continuing in backyard studies for the break.
- The Father's Day Car Show was the best ever with 150 cars and great attendance.
- We confirmed 98% table leadership recommitment for fiscal year 2024/2025. Out of 100 leaders only two could not continue - one because he's moving out of state and the other had a change of work schedule that prohibits. This is a powerful display of the faithfulness of our leaders.

### **Prayers**

- Pray for our Men's Discipleship Orientation. We have 40 men who signed up to be disciplers and get trained so we can launch this ministry in September. Our prayer is that many men will be disciplined and grow in the Lord so well that they will in turn become disciplers of other men.
- Pray for our Men's Breakfast on August 31st with special guest speaker Daniel Jeremiah. We are praying 500 men and that it would be encouraging and will build momentum for the Fall Study.
- Pray for many of our men and who are experiencing illness and age-related issues. That God would comfort, encourage and heal them. And also that God would give us wisdom as a staff to love on them well!

## *Campus Operations, Bryan Snow*

*"Prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised."* (Psalm 72:15b) Thank you for faithfully bringing the needs of our Church before the Lord!

### **"...Let your requests be made known unto God"**

- Please pray that God would 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.
- We have a busy month in Operations with teachers and students returning to school, missions and service projects for the Youth Ministry, Seminary Convocation, a Men's Ministry breakfast, and more. We covet the Lord's help and blessing in preparing for all of these.
- Although we occasionally catch glimpses, we do not fully realize what the Lord protects us from on a daily basis. He is very good to us, so let's continue to pray for the safety of our congregation and our nation. *"The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion."* (Psalm 20:1-2)

## *Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs*

### **Prayer**

- Pray for the Bible Training Center Canaa in Brazil, where students and staff are conducting the vital work of developing indigenous ministries in the Amazon.
- Pray for the construction of the CURE building in India and for the training of indigenous missionaries in both Bible and health skills.
- Pray for the schools and special needs ministries we work with in Lebanon. Pray for youth leaders to gain a heart for reaching their own country rather than leaving the country at their first opportunity.
- Pray for safety and effectiveness for our missionaries in Israel amidst international conflict.
- Pray for strong marriages and parenting relationships for our missionaries and their families.
- Pray for our Albania Summer Camp Global Team returning on August 7. They are finishing two weeks of summer camp at Legacy Hill, the camp that our Albania Construction Global Team built cabins and a kitchen for in June. Please pray for safety, travel mercies, for the ministry of the camp to be fruitful for the Kingdom, and for their presence this month to be a blessing to our missionaries.

## *Sports Ministry, Tim Brown*

### **Praise**

- Praise God for the relationships we have been able to build through our Summer Sports Camps: Soccer Camp from June; Basketball Camp from July.
- Praise God for the coaches and volunteers who have given their time and talents to coach up the participants.
- Praise God for the resources available on our campus to facilitate our Sports Programs.

### **Prayer**

- Pray for those serving in the sports ministry to represent Jesus Christ well during our youth camps this summer.
- Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel, both one on one and in our team settings, with the families who will be involved in our youth camps this summer.
- Pray for the volunteers and coaches who will help serve for the summer sports camps. Pray for their teamwork and communication while coaching and leading.
- Pray for the families that participate in the Summer Sports Camps. Pray that they would be open to visiting other programs at SMCC. Pray for the relationships that we would build with them. And pray that the participants would receive the good news about Jesus Christ.



## *Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña*

### **Praise:**

- God for our Youth Ministry yearly **camp retreat Avivanos Fear Not** to Indian Hills, where our teenagers got to share a weekend making new Godly friends all while receiving from Gods word through knowledgeable guest speakers and staff members.
- For our **Mothers Who Pray group**, who resumed their weekly meeting to pray for our congregations' children who are facing a culture today where sin has become casual and lost its seriousness.
- God for **Day of Fasting**, where all our campuses on June 26th united in fasting to honor and glorify our Father, while worshiping and praying with our brothers and sisters.
- God for our young adults **Small Groups Oasis 18+**, as they begin to grow in this ministry, may God continue to provide more people willing to open their homes so that our youth can receive the Word during the week.

### **Pray:**

- For our **Women's Ministry Discipleships**, where we will be having four weeks of members opening their homes so that beginners and seasoned women can study and meditate in the Word of God.
- For our **Noche Hispana Event Outreach**, were we hope to reach families all over San Diego so that in our celebration more people get to know the God who loves them and for them to take a more active role in their relationship with the Father.
- For our **Marriage Ministry**, as it is in wait for a new couple to take the torch left by our previous leaders, so that this ministry may have a marriage leadership that is full of God's love and patience.
- For our **new members**, as they grow in spirit and become motivated to serve in different areas of the church.

## *Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou*

### **Praises:**

- For the six people who accepted Christ: Two Americans, two Iraqis, and two Mexicans at Parkway Plaza.
- For the success of the special weekly meeting for ten young married couples every Monday evening.
- For the increase in our weekly Sunday service. Several guests are new to our congregation became regulars.
- The blessings enjoyed during our visit and special ministry in Montreal, Canada at our former church.
- For the recovery of a church member after having a major and difficult surgery and who is recovering well now.
- For the four young people who are remotely studying at two different seminaries in Lebanon and Jordan.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- For our Evangelism Team to have more freedom sharing the Gospel at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon.
- For sister Suha who lost her job two months ago and looking for a new job. She has to support her aged mother.
- For the critical situation in Lebanon as the limited war is still going on between Israel and the Palestinians.
- For all those who are involved in the various ministries as volunteers or as a part-time job.
- For the ordination service of the associate pastor of our Arabic Ministry who just graduated from seminary.
- For the various summertime activities and special ministries at the church and at other various places.

## *Alpine Campus, Kekoa Grover*

### **Praises:**

- We thank God for such a great response to Summer Blast signups as we reached capacity (165 attendees) and had the opportunity to minister to our community through this wonderful outreach!
- We also thank God for such a fantastic Security Team that is committed to providing the opportunity for attendees to worship free of distractions, knowing that there are 'eyes' on the campus each and every Sunday.

### **Praying For:**

- We are praying that God would prepare us for the launch of our Fall ministry season, trusting Him to provide ample workers and changed lives!

## *Encinitas Campus, Paul Murray*

### **We are thankful for...**

- A terrific Celebrate America Event, and new people attending Encinitas.
- Our Women's Bible Study and the many ladies that attend faithfully.
- For so many visitors attending during the summer.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- That our upcoming Small Group season will have a team of terrific leaders.
- For our leaders and team as we plan our Fall schedule reaching the community.
- That we could identify a potential new location for our North County 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 commitments 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...**

- Successful Celebrate America event.
- Successful Summer Blast with over 225 kid registrations and 70 volunteers.

### **Prayer for:**

- Families that attended Summer Blast—Pray for their hearts to grow closer to Christ.
- Fall Planning for all of our Ministries.
- Small Group Leaders for Fall.

## *Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley*

### **Prayer & Praise:**

- We are hopefully wrapping up our tornado renovation: Roofs, walls, ceilings, carpets, parking lot and landscaping! We look much better!
- Our worship, kids ministry and outreach teams all grew stronger despite the patience required for building repairs.

### **Prayer:**

- We are planning a re-opening party for the community in which we have invited the town Mayor and neighborhood families. We hope to be ready this September.
- We continue to pray for our kids ministry and that God would grow our youth ministry by having teens join the main campus for Hume and other mission trips.
- Pray for the many members of our church who continue to stay home for health reasons, that we would remain in fellowship with them.

## *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.
- DMin Intensives and Symposium went very well. The students are progressing well. Students came in from Thailand and South Carolina to be in class. What a blessing!
- Call to Care Church training continues to grow! The need is tremendous, and churches are blessed to have the training and begin Helping Ministries for their congregations.

### **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.
- It is that time of year for our Summer Donor Dinner invites to go out. We are looking to give more scholarships in the coming year and to expand the Call to Care training program. This year we were able to provide numerous scholarships to include two Dr. O'Hare scholarships to our ThMin students who have excelled in their studies.

## *Christian Unified Schools, Bob Ruhlman*

### **Praise:**

- Praise the Lord for bringing His people to serve as teachers and staff in the coming school year.
- Praise and thanksgiving for the supportive leadership at CUSSD and Shadow Mountain and support staff that work hard in preparation for the upcoming school year.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray that excitement and anticipation grow as the 24-25 school year approaches and that the Lord prepares faculty, staff, parents and students for an impactful and fruitful school year.
- Please pray for discernment in all the decisions that need to be made as we approach the new school year.
- Please pray for peace over the teachers as they wait for their rooms to be ready since many are moving rooms for this school year.
- Please pray for the facilities team as they work tirelessly to make our campuses beautiful and ready for the school year. Pray that all the facilities deadlines are met before school starts.
- Please pray that families and staff have a restful and safe remainder of their summer and that they would return refreshed and ready to thrive in the new school year.