

# WATCHMAN ALERT

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## *“Lifeline of the Church”*

While reading about the subject of prayer this week, one writer said, “The lifeline of a church is the prayer line. We don’t need smarter people or more money as much as we need people who pray.”

That is why the ministry of our Watchman prayer team is so vital. Your faithfulness in praying weekly for the needs identified in this update is critical for us as a ministry to realize our mission which is, “transforming lives through the Word of God.”

For several years now I have had the privilege of teaching the New Members class for those who have indicated an interest in joining the membership of our church. In that class we identify what it is that makes membership at SMCC so important and one of those emphasis is embracing the same value, which is commitment. And the commitment we emphasize is the Mission God has entrusted to us to fulfill, “transforming lives through the Word of God.”

One of the key ingredients in fulfilling this Mission is participation not only in constructive instruction, by being faithful students of scripture; and faithful participation in celebrating worship, which is what our weekend services are all about; but also, by faithful participation in corporate prayer. Prayer is a key ingredient to all we do at SMCC, and it is a critical part to all that we do. And the premiere prayer ministry is what you do as a Watchman in faithfully praying for the needs and requests of our various ministries.

Thank you for being our lifeline. Because of your faithful ministry in praying for the requests on the following pages we believe God will hear our cry and enable us to realize the mission of seeing “lives transformed through the Word of God.” We are counting on your participation to see ministry empowered, sick healed, financial needs met, souls saved, believers changed to the glory of God.

*“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen!”* Ephesians 3:20-21

**Pastor Ray Benton**

Pastoral Care

## **PRAISE & PETITION...**

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

- Give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, trust God to restore righteousness to our Country, using us as salt and light.
- Our Father's Day Outreach was the largest event of its type that we have ever undertaken. Pray that the seeds of truth planted through our various services will bring much eternal fruit.
- Summer Blast outreach for children takes place from the 15th thru the 19th. Ask God to provide ample workers and use our speakers, dramas, games, music, and crafts to draw many to Him as we host over 1500 children.
- God is using our schools to shape future leaders for His use. Look to Him for His choice of students and faculty as we anticipate record enrollments this fall.
- Thank you for your prayers for my health. God continues to bring progress towards my recovery and continues to bless me with many opportunities to proclaim His precious truths.
- Pray for revival.
- Trust our God to protect our campuses and all He has called us to do.

*Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" (Revelation 19:5)*

### *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 those who have been attending our GriefShare and DivorceCare groups as we take a summer break. Pray for continued healing and for godly people to come alongside them in this journey
- 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*

- Pray for our Outreach/Connections team, that God will continue to guide them in their efforts.
- Pray for more volunteers to join us on Wednesday night home visits.
- 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 presented in the class.
- 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, Alice Hall, 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, Jim Larson, John Del Casale, Ray Grimm, Jordan Verhoeve, Patty Thorpe

**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:** Robert Pitcher, Jo Ann Hendrickson, Bill Babcock, Ray Albright, Frank Battaglia

*"Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."* Psalm 73:23-26

## *Director of Servant Ministries, Joyce Tepper*

**Happy Birthday Servant Ministries!** Twenty Years old July 1!

Praise for time to refocus. July is a month of no new member class, so our team of Ministry Advisors gets a break.

### **Pray for:**

- Us to be good stewards of this time in terms of rest to regroup with energy.
- Re-working documents in need of upgrading.
- Ways we can make improvements in our service.
- Us to not let any stragglers be lost in the shuffle.
- Those who are in the process of moving toward a service option that they have clarity.
- God to get glory in season and out of season.

## *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.
- 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:**

- It is the season of major prepping and planning for our largest event of the year—Summer Blast. This year we have expanded to make room for hundreds of more kids, which means we will need a LOT more volunteers. Please pray for an abundant harvest at Summer Blast VBS, and for the volunteers to make it possible!
- 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*

### **Praise**

- We give thanks for the spiritual growth among our small group members. Lives are being changed each week as we grow closer to God through prayer and His Word.
- We praise God for the community and fellowship that is experienced each week in our groups. We are thankful for the friendships being made as members support and encourage one another through all of the ups and downs of life.

### **Prayer**

- We lift up our small group leaders in prayer. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and spiritual guidance as they lead their groups. Prayer for protection against burnout as they open up their homes each week and ask God to grant them a renewed passion for leading their group members closer to Christ.
- Pray for the continued growth and maturity among our small group members.
- Pray that our groups would be an environment where the grace of God exists. Pray against any division, misunderstandings, and conflicts that may arise and for community and friendships to flourish.

## *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!
- For Pastor George **graduating with his MA in Christian Counseling**
- 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 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.
- **Protection** for our Young Adults serving in the military.
- **For our Small Groups** as they experience life-changing relationships; healthy and encouraging spaces where God honoring community happens through Bible Study. Help them to finish the small group season well.
- **Mental, emotional, and spiritual health for Young Adults.**
- Spiritual and physical growth and revival in our ministry.
- Comfort for a number of YA's who have lost loved ones this past month.
- 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.
- **Strength** as he finishes his last master's class this summer. Wisdom to navigate the demands of ministry, family, and school. Wisdom as he prepares teaching lessons. Also, that we'd develop more leaders from within our group.
- **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 Krysten recovering from a minor surgery

- **For Pastor George's oldest, Amira (20).** Bless her with authentic relationships, spiritual mentors, and a sense of purpose. Guide her as she works full time and considers going back to school.
- **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. Also, wisdom and focus as she begins a new school program next year.
- **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 YA's in SMCC.

## *Middle School Ministry, Chase Eulich*

### **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 600 women who participated in our summer Bible study!
- Praise God for 200 Active-duty Military Families that were part of our annual picnic this year. The joy of connecting new and existing families to the SMCC family was a blessing!
- Praise God for faithful leaders who give their time, talent, and resources throughout the year!

### **Prayer:**

- Pray we will stay true to the mission: Connecting women to God, His Word, and women who will help them grow!
- Pray for God to refresh our leaders over the summer break!
- Our Coffee Connect event is on Saturday, July 27! Registration for the fall Bible studies will be open. Many women will register and see the value of connecting with new women and all that is happening in Women's Ministries.
- Women will desire to serve and be equipped to lead a small group this fall through our Small Groups Essential Training.
- 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.
- The discipleship program will continue to grow and produce more Disciple-Makers.
- God will confirm and provide future outreach opportunities to advance His Kingdom.
- 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**

- Praise the Lord that we finished the summer study strong with great attendance and tangible growth in our men, especially in the area of spiritual warfare.
- Our Father's Day Celebration was a great success! We had well over 130 cars for the car show and many visitors to our church. Our dads felt honored and encouraged. We had over 100 volunteers putting this event on—amazing! Most importantly the Lord was glorified!

### **Prayers**

- Pray for our Men's Discipleship Ministry. We've been working on it for the past year, and it will launch this fall. Pray for many disciplers to sign up and for their training. This is the first step. Then pray for those who need discipleship to also sign up, grow and be blessed.
- Pray for our annual men's breakfast on Saturday August 31st. Our guest speaker is Daniel Jeremiah, Pastor's son. We are praying to max out the room with 500 men and that God would encourage and strengthen the men deeply!

- Pray for our fall bible study starting Tuesday September 10th. We will study 2nd Corinthians. We are praying for 500 men to join and be a part of it. Plus praying for another 100 joining us remotely from our South Bay and North Park Campuses. Pray for many new men to come and find strong fellowship with other Christian men. Also, that unbelievers would come, hear the gospel be saved and connect with other godly men.
- Pray that our men would grow in godliness and leadership especially at home. That they would be protected from the enemy who would seek to destroy them and their families with corruption, lust, anger, and apathy. That God would bring revival in and through his men at SMCC and beyond!

## *Campus Operations, Bryan Snow*

### **Let's us be glad and rejoice!**

*"Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel."* (Judges 5:3) This song was sung by Deborah and Barak in their day of victory over Sisera and Jabin. God gives us many victories each month, and He deserves our thanks and praise!

### **Ask, and it shall be given unto you...**

- Please ask for God's blessing and power upon Hunter Davis, Dalton Villamero, Eric Behling, Jesse Wherley, Noel Mia, Rich Mendoza, Nathan Pyle, Steven Guzman, Robert Golden, Blake Shaw, Mike Pata, Daniel Hernandez, Sonyah Scruggs, Israel Rivas, Stephen Shipley, Cyrus Jonason, Joe Morones, and Kaylee Liniewicz as they serve on the Safety and Security team.
- July brings Summer Blast, Women's Coffee Connect, Missions trips for Youth Ministries and Young Adults, Angel Tree Summer Camp, and a LOT of summer projects. There are maintenance projects, classrooms to be moved, and much more. Please ask the Lord to bless these ministry opportunities in the way that only He can!
- *"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."* (Psalms 91:11) From trip hazards to hot temperatures to medical emergencies and everything in between, we need the Lord to protect all who visit our campus.

## *Missions, Dr. Gary Coombs*

### **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 several of our missionaries preparing for their upcoming summer camp seasons. In many countries, our missionaries will be hosting children and youth camps sharing the Gospel and deepening their local ministries.
- Pray for our missionaries in Israel as they continue their ministries during rising international tension.
- Pray for our Albania Summer Camp Global Team traveling from July 20-August 7. They will be leading 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 opportunity we had to build relationships throughout our Men's Basketball League season. We look forward to what God is going to do this summer!
- Praise God for the opportunity to have our upcoming Summer Camps: Soccer—June; Basketball—July; Power Sports Camp—August.



- Praise God for those who have volunteered to help serve on Monday nights and be involved in what God is doing through the men's basketball league.

#### **Prayer**

- Pray for those serving in the sports ministry to represent Jesus Christ well during our youth camps this summer. (Ephesians 2:10)
- Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with the families who will be involved in our youth camps this summer.
- Pray for volunteers and coaches who can help serve in the various Summer Camps that the Sports Ministry will be putting on and that we will communicate effectively and have great teamwork.
- Pray for many families to register and participate in our Soccer Camp, Basketball Camp, and Power-Sports Camp this summer.

### *Hispanic Congregation, Pastor Erick Zaldaña*

#### **Praise:**

- For the **Moriah Men's Retreat**, where our men were touched by the events of those days; May the seed planted in their heart take root and be fruitful.
- God for our **Evangelism Ministry**, that is at the Spring Valley swap meet on Saturdays, spreading the good news and bringing people to Christ.
- God for our **Youth Take Over** on selected Sunday services, where our teenagers take over different roles during the service learning the functions of ushers, parking staff and cameras.
- God for our Marriage Ministry leaders **Alonso and Tere Navarette** who will be moving back to El Salvador, may God continue to use them wherever they go.

#### **Pray:**

- For our Singles Adult Ministry, who will hold an event **celebrating Single Parents** who are walking with Christ and to motivate them to keep holding fast to God's plan for them.
- For the **Women's Ministry, Virtuosa**, where a selected group of women will be discipling women from our ministry so that we continue to bring people to Christ and turn them into wise disciples.
- For our **Youth Ministry**, where each Sunday service our staff and youth pastor do their best to reach out to our adolescent members and help them through different life circumstances each one poses.

### *Arabic Congregation, Pastor Robert Helou*

#### **Praises:**

- For the five people who accepted Christ: Two Americans, two Iraqis, and one Mexican at Parkway Plaza.
- For the success of the special weekly meeting for ten young married couples every Monday evening.
- For the blessings enjoyed during our special weekend. We had three meetings and 611 people attended.
- For the increase in our weekly Sunday service. Several guests who are new to our congregation became regulars.
- For the increase of the weekly offerings the past four months. We are 10% more than the yearly budget.
- For the well-attended church picnic to the Coronado Island area, over 30 families joined this special activity.
- For the recovery of a church member after having a major and difficult surgery and recovering well now.
- For the four young people who are remotely studying at two different seminaries in Lebanon and Jordan.

#### **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 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 is 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 many programs and activities during the summer months with some families traveling overseas

### *Alpine Campus, Kekoa Grover*

#### **Praises:**

- We thank God for such a great response to Summer Blast signups as we have reached capacity (165 attendees) and are excited for 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 for 50 volunteers to serve at Summer Blast this July. We are about halfway there and are trusting God to provide a dynamic team of volunteers who will pour into all the kids in attendance this Summer!

### *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.
- The consistent weekly presence and engagement of our flock on Sundays.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- For additional new people to attend and become part of our community.
- For our campus. To identify a new potential building to relocate our campus.
- That our upcoming Small Group season will have a team of terrific leaders.

### *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...**

- Successful Father's Day Sunday
- Our Sunday Volunteers for their faithful service
- Women's Ministry Team for campus beautification day

**Prayer for:**

- Summer Blast at South Bay—Preparation
- Summer Blast at South Bay—More Volunteers
- Summer Blast at South Bay—Campers and families

*Central Coast Campus, Pastor Kevin Begley*

**Prayer & Praise:**

- That we reach many more students and families for Jesus through Summer Blast.
- For safety and success for the mission team being sent to work with Central Coast for Summer Blast. Note: the mission team is also helping other local churches!
- Continued prayer that our Sunday School building would be finished for the coming school year.
- Prayer that all the renovations from the tornado damage are finished.
- That God raise up another deacon and deaconess for this coming year.
- We are working hard at connecting to the Cal Poly student body to give them a home church.

**Praise:**

- Our worship team continues to grow! We currently have a very talented pool of musicians. They are led by a former pro from Nashville!
- We continue to have visitors on Sunday and at small groups.
- In June, we had four roofs refinished!

*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 for the staff that have been hired for the Fall.
- Praise and thanksgiving for the supportive leadership at CUSSD and Shadow Mountain and support staff that work hard even throughout the summer!
- Praise for the Lord's continued blessing on our missions' program.

**Prayer Request:**

- Please pray as we work to fill the remaining staffing needs for the 24-25 school year and that the Lord brings the best candidates to impact our students for Christ and for wisdom for the administrators that are hiring for these open positions.
- Please pray for discernment in all the decisions that need to be made for the upcoming 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 for our Rwanda missions' team as they travel, serve and minister there from July 20-27. We have 13 students and three adults in the group.
- Please pray that families and staff have a restful and safe summer, so they are ready to come back energetically and strong in the Fall.