



## SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 5, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Shadow Mountain,

First, Happy Mother's Day. Like all of our other recent days, this too will be different. This has always been a celebration day for our family, and we are almost always together for a meal. But, this year that will not happen as we all continue to observe the COVID-19 guidelines. We will be celebrating Mother's Day in our online services, but we don't need church to honor our mothers. Let's all agree to go out of our way to make this a special time of gratitude for moms.

I know that many moms are also acting as teachers and facilitators for their children's school program. You are all doing a great job, and I know how hard this can be. We are planning to open our schools up on time this fall, the Lord willing. Our governor has alluded to an early opening for public schools because students have gotten behind and need to catch up. But the CUSSD students have not gotten behind. With high praise for our faculty and staff, we will finish our school year in stride and be ready to start again in the fall. To Sue Lanz and the entire team – "You are amazing."

Here is last weekend's report:

Saturday online 4,589  
Saturday Turning Point 5,000  
Sunday online 9:00 a.m. 10,297  
Sunday online 10:45 a.m. 4,323  
Sunday Arabic 4,110  
Arabic Bible Study 1,100  
Iranian Worship 426  
Iranian Bible Study 513  
Sunday Hispanic 2:00 p.m. 6,781  
Children (includes Hispanic) 1,594  
Crew 370  
Gathering 522  
College 443  
Young Adults 170  
**TOTAL 40,238**

This weekend 297 prayed to receive the Lord Jesus Christ, and included in that number were 7 who responded to the salvation message during the Spanish service. Our Iranian ministry is conducting Skype Bible Study Classes among Iranians and Afghans, and some of their studies are actually taking place in Iran and Iraq.

As we gather these numbers each week, we are trying to be as accurate as possible so that we can know just how many people are being touched by the gospel being proclaimed by the Shadow Mountain Community Church. It is incredible to us that during this pandemic we are influencing so many. To God be the glory!

Thanks to technological solutions like Zoom, Shadow Mountain Small Groups continue to help hundreds of people stay relationally connected while learning more about God's Word with our sermon-based Bible studies. Dale Bacon and his team are working very hard to make sure this ministry stays forward-thinking and vibrant.

Once again, this Friday, we will be distributing food to over 1,000 families. As we prepare to reach out to those who are hungry, we are taking a huge step of faith. For the last several weeks, we have partnered with Feed The Children of Oklahoma City. They have driven two semi-truckloads of food to our campus, and we have distributed it to those who come through our distribution lines. This weekend, we are doing it all ourselves. We are procuring the food, packing the boxes, and distributing them. We are so thankful to Feed The Children for their help in getting this ministry started. Please pray for David St. John and our whole team as we take this step of faith together.

Each week as we bring Shadow Mountain into your home, we are making the ministry available in sign language and closed caption. Here is what you need to do to access these ministry tools: For closed caption during the service, click on the box at the bottom of the screen that says "CC." This technology is available at both the Saturday night service at 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday morning service at 10:45 a.m. For a link to a video of the service that includes an American Sign Language Interpreter, visit [shadowmountain.org/asl](http://shadowmountain.org/asl).

As I sign off for this week, I want to thank you for your wonderful emails and text messages, for your prayers, and for keeping the ministry of Shadow Mountain standing up strong with your faithful giving. We will come through this together, and I believe we will come through this better!

Love from your Pastor,



David Jeremiah  
Senior Pastor