



SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 12, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Shadow Mountain,

We had a great Mother's Day, but it surely was different! And so it was for us all. We are learning two lessons during this time: first, how much we love being together with each other in worship and fellowship; second, that we can worship our Great God without buildings and microphones and video screens and live orchestras etc. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and Truth," John 4:24. As awkward as it seems to me and I am sure to you as well, we are worshiping God in our online services, in our private times with the Lord, in our small groups and other online collections, and in our service to those around us who are needing our help. We are learning many valuable lessons during this time of sheltering, and let us pray that we learn them so well that they will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

Mother's Day weekend saw a drop in online attendance, not only for us but for everyone that I talked to around the country. Many families were going out of their way to celebrate Mom, and that changed and interrupted the routine that has been in place. Let's face it, what we are doing is not normal nor is it easy. While we will continue to work as hard as we can to make all of this as good as it can be, we will never be able to replicate the joy of just going to church. I get a visual demonstration of this every Sunday morning as I watch the Turning Point service which has been produced from a service that took place before COVID-19. It is very difficult for me to get through that service without a few tears. Our choir, our orchestra, our worship, our beautiful church, our spiritual family meeting together. And we will return to all of that in due time, but, oh how we miss it all.

Here are the numbers from this last weekend:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Turning Point 3,800
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Shadow Mountain 4,158
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Shadow Mountain 8,965
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Shadow Mountain 4,886
Sunday 2:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry 4,938
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Arabic Ministry 6,385
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Iranian Ministry 473
Wednesday Arabic Bible Study 4,000 and Iranian Bible Study 363
Sunday Children 915

Sunday Hispanic Children 218

Sunday Crew 330

Sunday Gathering 981

Sunday College 752

Sunday Young Adults 240

TOTAL 41,404

Last Friday was a milestone in our food distribution ministry. For the first time, we packed all of the boxes of food ourselves. Some 65 volunteers packed 1,000 boxes of food in 2½ hours. We converted the old chapel for this project, and it was an amazing thing to witness. We have some really special people in this church, and because of that we are making a big difference. New channels of food are becoming available to us as we are being recognized as a legitimate food distribution center. As you may have heard, one of our men was injured during the distribution. His name is Louie Cardinale. He deeply wounded and broke his leg. But he is at home now getting better, and if I know him, he will be back on the line as soon as possible.

As you perhaps have heard, Souplantation has closed its doors and will not reopen. They heard about what we are doing and donated some very valuable equipment for us to use. We are very thankful!

In the next several days, I will be sending you a new book that was created for this particular time. Please consult the announcement that is included with this letter.

Finally, I want to ask you to watch a video and to share it with as many people as possible. This video is a desperately-needed message of encouragement, and it is catching on all across the country. Here is the link for that video: [YouTube.com/drdaavidjeremiah](https://www.youtube.com/drdaavidjeremiah).

Love from your Pastor,



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