



## SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

June 9, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Shadow Mountain,

As we head into this 14<sup>th</sup> week of the Coronavirus Pandemic, there is good news on the horizon. The country is starting to come back to life. You need only to see the uptick in traffic to notice the change. But we are still not totally healed from this disease, and we do well to show caution as we return to our routines.

As you know, we are planning to return to church next weekend...Father's Day. As of this letter, we have no reason to believe that we will be unable to do that. We have been working diligently to assure that our return will be safe and that our families and friends will be protected. The process will be tedious at first, but as we are able to demonstrate the safety of our return, things will begin to return to what they were before all of this started back in February.

Here's what you need to know as the countdown begins:

In order to make sure we are following social distancing requirements in our services, we will have to register for the service we plan to attend. This is what most large churches are having to do.

Go to [www.ShadowMountain.org](http://www.ShadowMountain.org) beginning 12:00 p.m. Monday, June 15 to register for one of our weekend services. From the home page, you click on the "Weekend Service Registration" banner. For the El Cajon campus, you will be able to choose either the Worship Center or the Generations Building Event Center, choose a service time, and enter the number of people in your group. You will not be able to pick specific seats. Childcare will be available for all ages. There will be separate service times and instructions for our other campuses and international congregations. You may also call the church office at 619-440-1802 to register if you do not have access to a computer.

To accommodate social distancing requirements, our new service times will be 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Online services will continue at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

We have increased our staffing and resources to continuously clean and sanitize our restrooms, facilities, and high-touch areas with products specifically designed to kill bacteria and viruses in as fast as 30 seconds. We have implemented a "no touch" policy (including handshakes) to ensure the safety and well-being of our entire church family. Please note that until further notice, all attendees will be subject to a temporal thermometer scan prior to admittance into worship services. We will communicate specific guidance on masks once the government church attendance rules are updated.

As I read over these last paragraphs, I realize what a burden all of this is. But this is where we are, and we did not get here by choice. We can still go to church, and that is something that cannot be said in many parts of our world. So, let's use this time of additional requirements to demonstrate our gratitude to God for allowing us to return to the church, and the worship that we all love. It will only get better as we go along. We have been away from church for 13 weeks! It's time to come back, no matter what we have to do!

Here are the worship statistics from last weekend:

**ENGLISH SERVICES: 32,035**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. online 5,317  
Turning Point 5,700  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. online 9,938  
Sunday 10:45 a.m. online 4,614  
Sunday 12:00 p.m. online 1,843  
Sunday 6:00 p.m. online 648  
Children online 986  
Crew weekend online 142  
Crew midweek online 77  
Gathering weekend online 182  
Gathering midweek online 394  
College online 701  
Young Adults online 460  
Young Adults midweek online 1,033

**HISPANIC SERVICES: 7,706**

Sunday 2:00 p.m. online 5,467  
Midweek online 1,889  
Children online 474  
Youth online 30

**ARABIC SERVICES: 9,333**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. online 5,050  
Midweek online 4,200  
Youth online 83

**IRANIAN SERVICES: 1,308**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. online 714  
Midweek online 594

**TOTAL 50,536**

This weekend 218 people prayed with us to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Todd Anderson, who heads up the team that responds online to those who watch our service, sent me a note to tell me that last week we went over the 3,000 mark in decisions made for Jesus Christ during this 14-week sheltering time. *To God be the glory!*

Finally, I want to tell you about something that our missions board has done to encourage the missionary families we support at Shadow Mountain. All of our missionaries are supported by numerous churches across America. When they are home on furlough, they travel to these churches to thank them for their support and to solidify support for their next term. As you can

well imagine, many of these churches have had to discontinue support because their income has dropped so drastically during this pandemic. Our mission board has faithfully and consistently put money aside for such a time as this. Because of that act of frugality, they were able to send a check for \$2,500.00 to each missionary or missionary family. I have begun to receive the letters of thank you from these missionaries, and I wanted to pass their gratitude on to all of you. Because we have faithfully given to the Lord through our church, our church has been able to give this wonderful encouraging gift to our missionaries. Thank you all for your incredible faithfulness. Let's keep it up!

God bless all of you, and I will see you this weekend online and next weekend in person!

Love from Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Jeremiah".

David Jeremiah  
Senior Pastor