



SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 28, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Shadow Mountain,

We have now experienced six weekends away from our congregational gatherings, and we are headed into week seven. “When is this going to be over?” That’s the question that is driving us all to our knees. There are some signs that we may be moving in the right direction, but how can we know? We are where we are, and we are doing everything we can to show the love and compassion of Jesus during this time.

As we look back at what God has done, and is doing at Shadow Mountain, I want to share an email that came to our Children’s Ministry from a family that used to be members of our church but moved away in 2016. Here’s what mom wrote:

“Thanks for the kids’ service. It’s been nothing but stabbing apples like the object lesson and singing “Na, na, na, na” around here all day. And our oldest one is actually remembering that having God inside us helps us get through hard times.” We are touching children and families in an amazing way.

The videos that our Children’s Ministry is producing are being watched, not just at service times, but throughout the entire week. And the number of families that are benefitting from this effort is incredible. For instance, last week, if you calculate all the watchers for the whole week, the number is 4,600. Four thousand six hundred families, were blessed by the work of Heidi Hensley and her team! “Way to go” all of you!

Our children’s team is also helping produce children’s services in Spanish. The Hispanic ministry provides storytellers, then the lessons are produced in both English and Spanish during the same session. Over one thousand Hispanic families are participating in this outreach. The Spanish children’s content is posted at 2:00 p.m. every Sunday.

Heidi writes, “One of the most exciting parts for me personally is seeing our families, volunteers, and staff rise to the occasion of this new normal. Kids are working their way through Scripture, and we are loving...this innovative time.”

Here are the numbers from this past weekend. We continue to discover more and more ministries that are streaming, and we are adding their numbers to the total:

VIEWERSHIP FROM APRIL 25-26

Saturday Night @ 5:00 p.m.	3,597
Saturday Night Turning Point	5,600
Sunday Morning @ 9:00 a.m.	10,450
Sunday Morning @ 10:45 a.m.	4,442
Hispanic Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.	6,892
Arabic (1,000 at Bible Study)	7,100
Iranian	867
Children	1,024
Crew	270
Gathering	425
College	119
Young Adults	95
Total Views	40,636
Total Viewers	81,272

And there were another 373 people who received Christ!

I just read seven pages of very small print comments from people who were a part of our services on the weekend. From all over this country, and from many parts of the world, people are writing to say “thank you” for the ministry. But this week, more than all the rest, we received prayer requests. So many are asking for prayer! Please pray for those in need at this time.

This Friday we will be distributing food again at noon! There is a real stirring among our people to continue this ministry for weeks to come. We are, at this very moment, devising a plan to do that very thing. We see God in all of this as we are learning to “love our neighbors as ourselves.”

Several people have asked for a copy of the “Sheltering God” list that I shared in last week’s message. I want to announce that this material is in the front of a book that will be released in just a few days, and we are planning on sending that book to everyone on our mailing list...which includes you. We will have more about that next week, but we are so excited about this project which is called “SHELTER IN GOD.”

Finally, I want to once again encourage your faithfulness in giving. I will never forget these days when the people of God stepped up and gave of their tithes and offerings during a very difficult time.

Thank you for your prayers and your faithfulness.



David Jeremiah