

# 30 Days of Prayer

## Day 10

### Acts of the Apostles 13:1-4

**13** Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, \* and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' <sup>3</sup> Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. <sup>4</sup> So [they were] sent out by the Holy Spirit.

Our congregation's call committee has been given the charge to identify the needs of the congregation and seek a pastor whose gifts and skills match our needs. We pray for these leaders as they engage in a crucial and awesome task.

As we pray for the call committee, we remember that God is preparing someone right now to come into our midst to lead us. We lift up that person in prayer, too, that God will make that person ready to serve when the time is right. "Set apart for me [a leader] for the work to which I have called them."

God who calls and equips leaders to be pastors in our congregations,

During this time of transition at Shepherd of the Hills, I ask you to bless the pastoral call committee as they diligently work to call a new senior pastor. Lead them with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and strengthen them in their faith. Grant them wisdom and discernment as they wrestle with the questions of who we are as a community of faith and who we are looking for who can vision and plan, and shape us as a people of God.

Bless Pastor Dan as he prepares for a new chapter in his life. Continue to strengthen him in his call and speak to him loudly and clearly so that he can continue to follow you with passion and commitment. Bless his family as they, too, prepare for a new faith journey.

Bless each of the members of the call committee as they bring their own gifts to the table... (*take all the time you need to name the members of the call committee and thank God for the blessing that each of them has been in your life*).

**Paul Johnson**, call committee chair, whose drive and passion for the ministries here help him lead this team of committed servants.

**Mark Adolphson**, whose gift in music helps him understand the needs and desires of the worshipping community...

**Joel Barker**, whose perspective as a younger member of this congregation helps him vision and identify the needs for the future of Shepherd of the Hills...

**Lee Benson**, whose passionate for Jesus Christ models a commitment to the congregation and the leadership...

**Kevin Dufour**, whose youth and love for Christ help him represent the needs of the youth and children of this congregation...

**Scott Edmundson**, who is raising children in this congregation, for his commitment to passing on the faith...

**Celeste Gibson**, who generously shares her beautiful voice with the worshiping community, and brings the gift of music to this community of faith...

**Jean Housh**, whose deep love for the people here helps her identify the pastoral care needs of individuals...

**Dawn Jensen**, whose passion and history in the workings of the church bring insight into the call process...

Lord, you know who our next senior pastor is going to be. Grant that person wisdom and a passion for scripture and prayer, evangelism and worship, teaching and preaching, and healthy stewardship. Shine your light through that person so brightly that we are compelled to follow as our new pastor shapes the future of our congregation. Grant the candidate a desire to share in our joys and challenges, and prepare the candidate for a healthy transition. In the name of Christ,

Amen.