

30 Days of Prayer

Day 17

Mark 1.35-39

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, [Jesus] got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' ³⁸He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Jesus has clearly given us a commission: to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all who will listen. Shepherd of the Hills' mission statement is "Every person will know Jesus." This can only happen if we are willing to proclaim Jesus.

We have a wonderful ministry team committed to getting the word of Jesus, and the ministries that thrive here, out into the community. So today we pray for our communications team, that they may continue to spread the good news!

God who has called us to proclaim your good news,

Your grace and mercy are more abundant than I can imagine or deserve. And yet you offer it freely and without price. It is a gift that makes me want to shout from the rooftops, "Jesus Christ is Lord of all!" Give me wisdom and courage to proclaim the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Bless those in our midst who have taken on the responsibility of communicating Shepherd of the Hills' ministries to our surrounding communities... (*take all the time you need to name the members of the communication team, and thank God for the blessing that each of them has been in your life*).

Joel Barker, *Communications Ministry Coordinating Team leader*, for his passion for using modern technology and traditional methods to communicate the message of the Gospel and the thriving ministries of Shepherd of the Hills to our neighbors...

Carole Schulze, *Newsletter Team leader*, for her consistency and diligence in conveying the happenings of Shepherd through monthly the newsletter...

Shawn Wacholz, *Office Support Team leader*, for her care of the communications team and her willingness to support them in their efforts...

Bret Olseth, *Email and Website Team leader*, for his witness of Christ through the media of the internet...

Fred Jensen, *Policies and Procedures Team leader*, for his guidance and counsel on matters of policy and procedure...

Karen Hofstad-Parkhill, *Evangelism Team leader*, for her passion for spreading the Gospel through reaching out to others...

Warren Goodroad, *Foundation Team leader*, for his commitment to supporting the ministries of Shepherd of the Hills through generosity and leadership...

You have given me a voice, Lord. Help me to use it so that others may come to know Jesus Christ. In the name of Christ,

Amen.