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Receiving a New Pastor-Part 1.

What a joy to be beginning in ministry with you all! Thank you for the many ways you have already showed me the ropes and welcomed me. There are many insights about receiving a new pastor which are a blessing for all. This week and next I'll share a few observations.

1. Expect me to be different. One of God's ways of bringing delightful variety to the world is creating each of us as different human beings. Don't expect me to sound like any of your previous pastors. Or to do the same things or to think in the same ways or to lead with the same style.
2. Don't wait for me to come see you. There are many of you but only one of me. Introduce yourself. Let's do a coffee together. Sign up if there are get-togethers later in the summer or fall. I probably won't get your name at first. Plan to introduce yourself many times. Thank you for wearing your nametags every week-it really is important.
3. Let me know where there is a need. If you need me, call, text or email. Put this cell phone number on your phone 307-287-2192. If you go to the hospital, have a family member or friend call me if you're not able to. Regarding anything you told Rev. Russell, I will not know. Your relationship with me is ours to build.
4. Pray for me. Pray for me during the week, during worship and during my sermons.

I share in Paul's words from 1 Colossians {The Message bible}. "We can't quit thanking God and Jesus our Messiah for you! We keep getting reports on your steady faith in Christ, and the love you continuously extend to all Christians." I'm looking forward to being with you in worship this week. Stay tuned for Part 2 next week.

Blessings, Pastor Deb