# Welcome the New Pastor

**Acts 20**

After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, **he said farewell and departed for Macedonia**.

## Planned Ministry Support

It is interesting that Paul had a significant support group. ***Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus.*** This isn't true for most Pastors! It is often his wife, at best, who is there for him in the beginning. ***Be creative in ways you can support*** your new Pastor. Listen to him. Ask, 'How can I help?' Make ministry items ready for him when he arrives.

1. **Office space** is his home away from home.
   Help make it his space for work and pastoral care.
   ***Be attentive to his needs***… what is he desiring?
   It needs to be welcoming - and secure.

2. **A new place to live** can be overwhelming.
   Listing of favorite places to shop, find Dr's, enjoy Rolla.
   Assist them while moving in with helpful hands.
   ***Respect their home*** for style and privacy.

3. **We are glad** you are here!
   A welcome potluck is a great way to say hello!
   Gift them with ***cash cards*** from your favorite place to eat.
   Smiles go a long way to make one feel at home.

## Welcome to Redeemer

The Apostle Paul was blessed with many people who supported his missionary work. They traveled by many cities to come to his aid. To be with him meant everything to Paul…. and to them! Paul was encouraged from the time ***he said farewell until he heard a new hello*** as he arrived at Troas. The time is close for Redeemer to say hello to its new Pastor and to enjoy a fresh start. God bless you one and all.