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## **August 25 – Congregational Conversation**

### **A Message from Jayne Davis**

What a fantastic gathering we had this past Sunday for our second Congregational Conversation! Over 180 of you connected on Zoom to hear about where we are as a church and to voice your thoughts about what is needed as we look to the future as we prepare to call our next pastor

We were a little nervous about going virtual with our meeting, but in so many ways it was exactly what we needed. Getting to see one another's faces was a joy. Dialoging in virtual breakout groups was meaningful and substantive. Conducting real-time polls and being able to show the results instantly was an option that's not even available to us when we meet face to face!

Once again, we tapped into the resilience and creativity and optimism that have long characterized First Baptist Church. We know that God is not limited by our circumstances and we looked forward together, believing, as always, that the best is yet to be.

I have the opportunity to talk with many pastors across the state and across the country. One of the hallmarks of churches who are able to stay healthy and vibrant during these difficult days is their ability to pivot; to change course when necessary and to work in and through the situations that they face.

First Baptist Church is thriving because of the trust, patience, flexibility and faith of this congregation. You are willing to pivot and to follow God in new ways. That was on display this Sunday night as it is each and every day, and your staff is grateful.

It is a privilege to be in ministry with you.