



Leadership Council Update March 31, 2020

Dear FBC,

While the novel coronavirus has certainly changed life for all of us in the last few weeks, the work and ministry of the church continues. The Leadership Council met last night and is actively continuing with the work of our transition process.

On March 1st over 200 First Baptist members gathered for the first of our three Congregational Conversations. We were very excited by the turnout and the wonderful spirit that filled the room. Our Facilitator, Randy Ashcraft, led us in conversations around the tables asking what brought each of us to First Baptist Church, what keeps us here and when did First Baptist become the church for us. The Leadership Council has been processing your responses and will present a summary of what we have learned at our next churchwide meeting.

As you might expect, our second Congregational Conversation, originally scheduled for April 19th, has been postponed due to the Shelter at Home order that went into effect this week. Our plan at this moment is to have our second conversation on May 17, the date originally scheduled for our third meeting. So, keep May 17 on your calendar!

The work of the transition continues to move ahead, albeit on a somewhat less certain schedule. As with everything else going on around us right now, we will stay flexible and creative going forward and will adapt however we need to.

In the midst of the challenges of the moment, there is much good that is happening in our midst. We celebrate that and are grateful to God for who God is and all He has done for us. I would ask for our members to continue to pray for our church, the staff, the transition team and our Facilitator. Now is the time to ramp up our prayer life and focus on God's blessings and His will as we proceed through the days and weeks ahead.

Bruce Lennon
Chair, Leadership Council