

Summary of Most Frequently Heard Comments During Listening Sessions Held by the PSC

Dates: July 30 - August 27, 2023

Number of Participants: 526

1. What do you love about First Baptist Richardson?

- The Relationships
- The people are welcoming
- It's multi generational
- It's multi cultural
- The history of the church
- Sunday School
- The Biblical Foundation - Apolitical
- The music
- The positive spirit

2. What challenges does our church face in the future?

- Reaching young families - having ways for the kids and parents to engage
- Reaching young singles
- 2 services vs. 1 service
- Communication
- Accepting all people
- Unifying the church in spite of 2 services
- Reaching the community around the church
- Keeping a strong Biblical Foundation - Teaching the truth

3. What do you think is the most important responsibility of a senior pastor and why?

- Being a people person - shepherding
- Preaching the Bible Truth - Staying Biblical
- Leading and encouraging leaders
- Knows how to delegate
- Devoted to God
- Unifier
- Pours into the staff
- Visibility of Pastor's family
- A visionary
- A Servant Leader
- Engages in other ministry opportunities in addition to preaching

4. What responsibilities do our church members have to our new pastor and family?

- Willing to volunteer
- Giving the pastor and family space and grace
- Welcoming the whole family
- Patience and support
- Listening - not telling
- Getting to know their needs
- Honor and Respect
- Praying for them
- Desiring their success
- Being willing to change
- Financial faithfulness
- Managing our expectations

5. What else would you like to be considered as we prayerfully search for a new pastor?

- God is at work here - come along side us
- For the PSC to take their time and find the right fit
- Expository preaching - Dig deeper, not a Ted Talk

