

First Baptist Church of Pensacola
Ministry Organizations

First Baptist Church of Pensacola Mission Statement:

At FBCP, we glorify the Father by following the Holy Spirit in telling the story of Jesus.

We seek to do this by leading people to...

- Discover personal faith in Jesus as their Savior.
(Evangelism)
- Devote to Christ as their Lord. (Worship)
- Develop into mature followers of Jesus. (Discipleship)
- Demonstrate Christ-like love in attitudes and actions.
(Fellowship)
- Deploy into the world as witnesses and servants of Jesus.
(Missions)

FBCP Beliefs and Biblical References for our Mission:

We believe the local church is the Body of Christ made up of baptized believers, and it is God's will for every believer to be a member of one for mutual fellowship, edification, and mission.

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel and seek to extend the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This church is an autonomous body whose members are equally responsible. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages.

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27

“God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.” Ephesians 1:22-23

We believe the Church should observe Baptism and the Lord’s Supper as the two ordinances Christ gave to His Church.

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer’s faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior; the believer’s death to sin; the burial of the old life; and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. The Lord’s Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?” 1 Corinthians 10:16

We believe it is the duty and responsibility of every Christian and church to deliver the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples for Him.

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a

spiritual necessity of the regenerate life. It is the duty of every child of God to seek continually to win the lost to Christ by personal effort.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

Many FBCP Ministry Organizations support the congregation in accomplishing the FBCP Mission. Following is a description of one of those Ministry Organizations:

**Church Corporation
(First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Inc.)**

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Scott Bell, President

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by the Corporation:

The Church Corporation supports the Administrative Ministries.

Ministerial Contacts:

Senior Pastor and Church Administrator

Biblical References for the Corporation:

“So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

1 Peter 5:1-4

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of the Corporation:

The purpose of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola Corporation is to establish FBCP as a Non-Profit Corporation, as established and adopted in the Articles of Incorporation, September 25, 1983. The Corporation functions as a legal entity to hold in trust for the benefit of FBCP and its programs and activities funds, property and other assets entrusted to it by gift or bequest, or received from any other source; and to manage, invest, reinvest, sell, encumber, exchange, and otherwise administer the same.

Members of the Corporation

All members of FBCP are members of the FBCP Corporation

Organization of the Corporation

Under the Articles of Incorporation, there are eleven members of the Board of Directors. Officers are as follows:

President:	Scott J. Bell
Vice President:	Ken Horne
Secretary/Treasurer:	Larry Hicks

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The President calls meetings, sets meeting agendas and work schedules in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation.

Records of Meetings

Records of meetings and actions of the Board of Directors of the Church Corporation are available from the Church Administrator. For more information about the organization, responsibilities, or activities of the Church Corporation, contact the Corporation President or the Church Administrator.