

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:**

### **Finance Committee**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Scott Bell

#### **Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Committee:**

This Committee supports Church-Wide Administrative Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Church Administrator

#### **Biblical References for this Committee:**

“And all of the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s; it is holy unto the Lord.”  
Leviticus 27:30

**Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Committee:**

To oversee the financial condition of FBCP, maintain books and ledgers to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and report to the church body the financial position of the church and its organizations

Specifically,

- To manage the finances of First Baptist Church of Pensacola and to ensure that the church follows generally accepted accounting principles and practices
- To oversee church spending while monitoring church member giving
- To maintain financial viability
- To review spending and spending patterns
- To encourage giving
- To build confidence in the church's fiscal standing

Special Notes:

Committee History: The Budget Committee and Finance Committee have always been combined as one Budget and Finance Committee, typically called the Finance Committee. The former Insurance Committee was absorbed into the Budget and Finance Committee in 2014. Also, the Finance function has ad hoc committees for Legacy Giving, 2020 Vision, Information Technology, Marketing, Outreach, Fund Raising, and Stewardship. Ad hoc committee members are appointed by the Chairman of Finance, and may or may not be members of the Finance Committee.

Committee Uniqueness: All other FBCP committee and ministry team memberships rotate on the calendar year basis, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Finance Committee is the only committee that rotates on the fiscal year basis, October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Three new members are appointed each year (outside the typical Placement Committee schedule) to become part of the Committee's budget function.

The three new members join the six existing Finance Committee members who are not rotating off the committee that year. Those nine members create the next year's budget and make up the Finance Committee for the next Fiscal Year.

### **Members of this Committee**

This Committee has nine members, each with three-year terms, with staggered rotation adding three new members each year. See details in the "Committee Uniqueness" section above.

### **Organization of this Committee**

The Committee has an appointed chairperson and a recording secretary.

### **Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules**

Standard meetings for this Committee are scheduled the second Wednesday of each month (except there are no meetings in December), with special called meetings as needed. The chairperson establishes meeting agendas and work sessions. A typical agenda may include (1) the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, (2) the review and approval of financial statements and information from the prior month, (3) new business to be reviewed and considered, and (4) old business issues to be updated and considered.

### **Records of Meetings**

Contact the Chairman of the Finance Committee or the Church Administrator regarding meeting agendas, work sessions, financial reports, and other issues of interest.