

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:

Hospitality and Church Socials Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Judy Churchwell

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Administrative Ministries

Ministerial Contact:

Church Administrator

Biblical References for this Team:

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” 1 Peter 4:8-9

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

The purpose of this Team is to reflect the genuine cordiality of the church as a whole through personal and group activities.

Specifically,

- To provide social activities that are personally pleasing and worthwhile to the mission of the church.
- To provide social activities that honor Jesus.
- To utilize the FBCP campus facilities to facilitate Christian fellowship.
- To plan and direct all church-wide receptions for new or departing staff members and special guests.
- To obtain and maintain reception items and supplies.

- To handle special church events as requested by the pastor and staff.
- To welcome special guests and speakers upon their arrival.
- To prepare and submit annual budgets to cover anticipated expenditures and to operate within the approved budgets.
- To enlist members to carry out the hospitality and socials activities.
- To establish and maintain policies and procedures for hospitality and socials events.
- To seek at all times to make the hospitality and church socials programs a means of outreach for Christ into the community.

Members of this Team

The Team Leader is appointed by the Placement Committee. The Team Leader, up to thirteen (13) Team Members, and a host of additional volunteers develop and facilitate plans for the hospitality and socials Ministry of FBCP.

Organization of this Team

The Team Leader organizes and enrolls Team Members and volunteers to staff the various programs and activities provided by the Team.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Team Leader plans meetings, agendas, and work schedules, and meets with the Team Members and other volunteers to further develop plans for specific programs and activities.

Records of Meetings

The Team Leader maintains informal records of the activities of this Team. Contact the Team Leader to learn more about opportunities to participate in this very important ministry.