

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:

Investments Committee

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Sheldon Bernau

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Committee:

This Committee supports the Administrative Ministries.

Ministerial Contacts:

Church Administrator

Biblical References for this Committee:

“For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several abilities; and straightway took his journey. Then he

that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliverest unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Matthew 25: 14-29

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Committee:

Purposes of this Committee:

- To invest funds of FBCP utilizing a conservative approach in order to provide preservation of capital while at the same time striving to obtain optimal returns on such investments.
- To serve in an advisory capacity to the church staff in managing investable funds of FBCP. Refer to Article IV, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the FBCP Corporation by-laws

for guidance in discharging the duties of the Investment Committee.

- To serve in an advisory capacity to the members of FBCP in matters of special gifts, wills, and trusts.

Specific Responsibilities:

- To manage, invest, re-invest, sell, encumber, exchange, or otherwise administer those gifts commonly known as Foundation Funds, as well as all other funds of FBCP. Investment decisions will be made by the Chair upon majority approval by the Investment Committee.
- To review all accounts, funds, and property entrusted to the FBCP Corporation for temporary or permanent investment and to report to the Board of Directors the investments, sales, reinvestments, and any other actions they considered to be advisable or appropriate.
- To keep funds not to be expended invested, including undispersed income which may from time to time be added to principal. When practical, two or more accounts, including accounts held for designated purposes, may be co-mingled for investment purposes - the income, expenses, gains, and losses to be allocated to the participating accounts proportionately.
- To evaluate and understand the restrictions on designated funds, and select appropriate investments based on the anticipated uses of those funds. Due care shall be given in evaluating risks associated with differing investments and in determining the appropriateness of individual investments and their suitability to the purposes of the funds. Particular

attention shall be given to the differing attributes of specific investments, including but not limited to: risk, security, safety of principal, market risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, insured aspects, guarantees, fees and expenses, redemption restrictions or expenses, and the overall beliefs, moral convictions, and precepts of FBCP.

Members of this Committee

Up to nine members of this Committee may be appointed by the Placement Committee. Committee members must be members of FBCP and should possess expertise or experience in the security and investment of funds, and a desire to serve the church in this important function.

Organization of this Committee

The committee chair is elected by the members of the Committee, and will have authorization by the FBCP Corporation Board to receive statements and place trades, with the majority approval of the Investments Committee. Any transfer of funds will be done through the FBCP Business Manager at the direction of the Investments Committee Chair.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

Refer to the FBCP Corporation By-Laws for more information about the activities of this Committee. Basically, meetings are held as necessary to review existing investments and to evaluate whether or not appropriate or alternative investments or investment approaches should be considered.

Records of Meetings

Records of changes in investments or changes in investment approaches are kept to assure consistent and appropriate investment portfolios are maintained. Such records are kept in the church office and reported to the Directors of the Corporation. Contact the Investment Committee Chair or the Church Administrator for more information.