

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:

Children's Ministry Team

Leadership:

Leader: Mike Hudson

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Children's Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Associate Minister, Children and Families

Biblical References for this Team:

"Come, children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord."
Psalm 34:11

"He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the

next generation would know them, and even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children." Psalm 78:5-6

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

"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 28:19-20

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of This Team:

- To reach families for Christ by providing and organizing activities which, through participation, will change lives.
- To coordinate with the Associate Minister in the planning of a well-balanced program of Christian education for children grades 1-5.
- To assist staff to evaluate on-going programs such as Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Extended Teaching Care, and other ministries that are developed.
- To promote and publicize the children's ministries to the FBCP membership and community.

- To be sensitive to the needs of children and their families and act accordingly.

Specifically,

- To provide assistance, help, and support to the minister of children and families, teachers, leaders, and workers in the Children's Department as they reach children and families for Christ.

Members of this Team

Eligibilities for membership include active participation in children's ministries at FBCP for at least two years. Note: background checks are required for workers in the Children's Ministries.

Organization of this Team

This Ministry Team is coordinated by the Team Leader and the Children's Minister. The Team Leader is appointed by the Children's Minister.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

Team Leader and the Children's Minister coordinate meetings and work assignments. Meetings are usually scheduled once per quarter, or as needed, and usually are scheduled for Sunday Afternoon. A typical meeting agenda includes: Prayer and Scripture, review of past topics/items/report, discussion of upcoming events, group discussion, idea exchange, and close with targeted prayer.

Records of Meetings

Records of Children's activities are maintained in the Children's Ministries Office.