

First Baptist Church of Pensacola  
Church-Wide Ministries

**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 church-wide Ministries support the congregation in accomplishing the FBCP Mission. Following is a description of one of those ministries:**

## **Deacon Ministries**

### **Mission Statement**

Deacons serve as spiritual catalysts, leading others to participate in church missions and ministries by example. Deacons help the staff to build consensus within the church. Deacons encourage and support the church staff so that they can focus on their ministries. Deacons pray diligently for the spiritual, physical, and emotional health of the church body. Deacons assist the pastor and Administrative Council to communicate and promote programs, plans, and visions to the congregation.

### **Biblical References for this Team:**

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man

know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon will purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.  
I Timothy 3: 1-13

**Leadership:**

Ministerial Contacts: Senior Pastor and Chairman of the Deacons

**Committees and Ministry Teams Supporting this Church-Wide Ministry:**

- Deacon Nominations Ministry Team (John Floyd)
- Grief and Bereavement Ministry Team (Jim Pullen)
- Home Repair Ministry Team (Ben Ohler and Quoc Vuong)
- Hospital Visitation Ministry Team (Ben Ohler)
- Lord's Supper Delivery to the Homebound Ministry Team (George Forsberg)

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

- To glorify God in all works being led or done by the Deacon body, whether in words or deeds
- To serve as spiritual catalysts in the congregation and the community, leading others by example to participate in missions and ministries

- To be in constant prayer for the members and programs of FBCP, our community, and our world
- To practice Biblical stewardship of all resources and faithfully present tithes and offerings to support the work of the Kingdom
- To promote goodwill and harmony within the church by working for the common good of the whole body of Christ
- To share the Good News of Jesus Christ