

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:

Grief and Bereavement Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Eddie Gibbs

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Deacon Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Senior Pastor; Associate Minister, Discipleship and Outreach

Biblical References for this Team:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”
Matthew 5:3-4

“And God shall wipe away all the tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”
Revelation 21:4

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

To minister to the families of the church members or persons related to church members of FBCP who are deceased.

To ensure that each person receives condolences, concern for their well-being, and to offer service and a word of encouragement on behalf of the FBCP Family and the Deacon Body.

Specifically, to

- Attend monthly team meetings
- Determine contacts to be made
- Join in prayer for the church members suffering a loss of a loved one
- Follow-up with personal contacts and/or notes of sympathy

Members of this Team

There are three members of this Ministry Team. Deacons (active or inactive) are eligible for membership. Members are appointed by the team leader or deacon chairman. Terms of service are not specified. Deacons interested in serving on this team are encouraged to contact the team leader or deacon chairman.

Organization of this Team

The Team Leader is appointed by the Chairman of Deacons.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Team meets monthly (or as needed) to review the sympathy list, discuss the families involved and their particular needs, pray for the families, and determine appropriate contacts to be made.

Records of Meetings

The Senior Pastor's Assistant provides a monthly summary of death notices and related information for team planning and follow up. Contact the Team Leader or the Senior Pastor's Assistant for more information about death notices or about this Team's activities.