

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:**

### **Hospital Visitation Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Ben Ohler

#### **Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:**

This Ministry Team supports the Deacon Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Senior Pastor

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

“Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him

with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall serve the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.” James 5:13-15

### **Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:**

To coordinate with the Church Staff and assist them in visiting church members and persons related to the church who are in the hospitals.

Specifically, members of this team visit FBCP members and others who are identified by the Church Staff on the Hospital List circulated by email each morning by the Church Receptionist or identified by Church Staff as needing an immediate visit by team members. Team members are trained in proper methods for making visits to hospital patients and family members.

### **Members of this Team**

There are currently six members of this team. Additional volunteers are needed to assist in visiting the several hospitals in Pensacola and surrounding communities.

### **Organization of this Team**

This Team has a Team Leader who is appointed by the Chairman of the Deacons.

### **Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules**

The Team Leader coordinates team meetings, agendas, and visitation schedules and visitation assignments. Team activities are typically handled via phone calls, email, or text messaging.

### **Records of Meetings**

The Team Leader maintains records and unofficial notes about Team activities. Contact the Team Leader for more information or to volunteer for this very important Ministry Team.