

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:**

### **Lord's Supper to the Homebound Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: George Forsberg

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

This Ministry Team supports the Deacon Ministries and the In-Home Ministries Teams.

#### **Ministerial Contacts:**

Senior Pastor

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

“For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

- To visit homebound church members in order to serve them the Lord's Supper.
- To include homebound members (who cannot participate in the church sanctuary) in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
- To encourage wide participation of the Deacon Body in this ministry.
- To update contact information for homebound members and deacons.
- To work with the FBCP In-Home Ministry Coordinator (and her Team) to determine which homebound members desire to receive the Lord's Supper.
- To solicit deacons to volunteer to serve the Lord's Supper to homebound members in their homes or other places of residence.
- To assign deacon teams to visit and administer the Lord's Supper celebration.

**Members of this Team**

On the average about forty deacons or deacons and spouses serve the Lord's Supper four times per year. All deacons who are physically able to serve are eligible to participate and are encouraged to become involved in this very worthwhile and rewarding service. Currently there are approximately one hundred fifty deacons (active, inactive, and emeriti) able to serve.

### **Organization of this Team**

The Team Leader is appointed by the Deacon Chair. The Team Leader is assisted by a deacon volunteer who is responsible for the preparation of Lord's Supper kits to use during the home celebrations.

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

The Lord's Supper Homebound Ministry is scheduled to coincide with the celebration of the Lord's Supper in the sanctuary approximately four times each year. On the afternoon of the in-sanctuary celebration, deacon teams deliver and administer the Lord's Supper to homebound members in their homes or other residences, following the same basic Lord's Supper celebration procedure as the in-sanctuary celebration.

### **Records of Meetings**

The Team Leader, working with the FBCP In-Home Ministry Coordinator and her Ministry Team, maintains a roster of homebound members and coordinates visit assignments. He maintains a record of celebration assignments, visits, and results. For more information about this important Ministry Team and its activities, please contact the Team Leader.