

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:

Kitchen Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Mike Samples

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Food Services Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Church Administrator

Biblical References for this Team:

“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”
Galatians 5:13

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

The primary responsibility of the kitchen volunteers is to efficiently and politely serve the meals, prepared by the paid kitchen staff, each Wednesday evening. The kitchen volunteers are also available, on an “as needed basis,” for serving meals at other FBCP-sponsored functions. Our goal is to serve in such a manner that each diner has a pleasant, hassle-free dining experience.

Specific purposes include:

- Assuring adequate volunteer help is available.
- Providing support for the kitchen staff, in preparation for serving Wednesday night dinners. This includes, but is not limited to: preparing the menu board; cutting into serving sizes the cakes, pies, and bread; setting up the serving line; and determining individual serving amounts.
- Working with the kitchen staff manager to enable the kitchen staff to function in an efficient and effective manner.
- Evaluating kitchen policies and procedures and recommending proposals to deal with kitchen issues.

Members of this Team

Number of members: Each Wednesday, eight volunteers are required. For other special occasions, the number may be as many as twenty volunteers, depending on the size of the function or event.

Eligibilities for membership: Willingness to serve and physical ability to serve. The Wednesday volunteers must be able to be on duty by 4:15 pm.

How members are chosen: Periodically, as needed, the Team broadcasts a plea for volunteers. Generally, the request is for part-time and substitute volunteers. If a full-time volunteer is needed, the Team Leader makes a request directly to an individual the Team thinks would do a good job.

Organization of this Team

The Team Leader assigns work responsibilities to the members.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

Meetings are held each Wednesday prior to serving dinner. Assignments and any issues are discussed and resolved. Meetings are informal, dealing with how the Team will serve the upcoming meal. When a special event is scheduled, the Team will discuss plans for the one-time event.

Records of Meetings

Formal records of meetings and work assignments are not posted, but the Team Leader may be contacted for specific information about the work of the Team.