

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 constantly 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:**

### **Library and Media Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Leslie Miller

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

This Team supports the Library Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Church Administrator

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

“The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.” Proverbs 18:15 (NIV)

“But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:17 (NIV)

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

To be a dynamic resource that provides information, materials, and services to support the mission of FBCP.

Specific purposes:

- To establish and implement policies related to the church library and media procedures, services, and resources
- To make recommendations for purchasing print and non-print resources
- To promote use of the library to church membership and community
- To organize and maintain library and media resources
- To review library reports to determine long-range goals and to identify needs
- To prepare and submit monthly reports and annual budget requests

In order to support the ministries of the church, the library provides resources to church members as well as to the area community to help enhance their spiritual growth as Christians. This requires the administration of the library ministry to include the following specific responsibilities:

- Daily Procedures of managing a library and circulation materials
- Marketing to promote library services and procedures

- Acquisitions and Collection Development to maintain a viable library collection by providing current resources and weeding items no longer needed
- Technical Processing to prepare all materials for circulation
- Circulation of Resources to church members and the community

### **Members of this Team**

There are fifteen members of the Library Ministry Team, thirteen are permanent and two are seasonal volunteers who assist with decorating. Any FBCP member who expresses an interest in working in the library is welcome to discuss team membership with the director. Terms of service are indefinite.

### **Organization of this Team**

The Library Ministry Team includes an appointed director and volunteers.

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

Formal meetings are held once per year or as needed. All other communications are via email, phone, or in person in the library. Meeting agendas and work schedules are developed by the director and shared with team members. Monthly, quarterly, and annual reports of library and media activities are prepared by the director and team members and are shared with the Church Administrator

### **Records of Meetings**

Samples of meeting agendas, reports, and calendars are available from the Library Director for review. The Library Director maintains copies of documents, publications, and reports regarding the FBCP Library and Media Team activities and offerings. Visit the library or contact the Director for more information about this important ministry.