

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:**

### **Challenger Awards Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Mike Killam

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

This Ministry Team supports the Missions Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Associate Minister of Students

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

Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” Mark 16:15

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

- To share the Gospel with school administrators, athletes, and coaches from high school varsity football teams in northwest Florida and southwest Alabama.
- Specifically, to coordinate all activities relating to and including setting up for the annual Challenger Awards Banquet, decorating tables, obtaining and cooking the food, serving the food, cleaning up after the banquet, following up with the decisions indicated on the commitment cards, obtaining trophies for each school, and securing banquet sponsors.

FBCP partners with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to sponsor this annual event for the student athletes and their schools.

This annual event at the end of football season has a long and successful history at FBCP. Typically, approximately 900 athletes, coaches, and administrators attend the banquet, representing 18 schools. The number of volunteers that it takes to support all the facets of this banquet exceeds 50.

**Members of this Team**

Members of this Team participate in the planning and presentation of the Challenger Awards Banquet. It takes many volunteers to plan and provide the services required to accommodate the hundreds of athletes, coaches, and

administrators who attend this event. FBCP members who are interested in participating in any way are encouraged to contact the Team Leader or the Minister of Students.

### **Organization of this Team**

This event is coordinated by the FBCP Minister of Students and the Challenger Awards Banquet Ministry Team Chairman (who also represents the Fellowship of Christian Athletes). The Minister of Students organizes and coordinates the committees to fulfill the responsibilities as listed above, and the Team Chairman (FCA Representative) invites the schools (administrators, coaches, and athletes) to participate and procures a high-profile keynote speaker for the event.

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

Meetings of the Leaders, Committee Chairpersons, and work crews are scheduled as needed to assure the efficiency of the operation.

### **Records of Meetings**

Contact the Team Leader or the Minister of Students to review information concerning this Ministry Team or its activities.