

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:

Liberia Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Mark Dahn

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Missions Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministry

Biblical References for this Team:

Then Jesus came to them and said, “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.” Matthew 28:18-19

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.” Isaiah 42:6-7

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

- To augment and intensify our Evangelistic Outreaches, anticipating that each entity promotes the name of Jesus in all its endeavors.
- To complete existing structures and to erect new structures.

Specifically,

- Evangelism: Evangelistic outreaches/leadership training/church planting.
- Education: Providing education in Christian perspective with the Bible as primary resource.
- Humanitarian Services: Through our clinic-health care, meeting the needs of orphans and less-fortunate children, and community needs.

The Liberian Ministry Team sees to it that these functions are financially supported for the furtherance of the Word of God.

Members of this Team

Membership is open to any member of FBCP who is interested and passionate about fulfilling the responsibilities of this Team. Members must be sound Christians, must be interviewed and approved, and must have leadership skills or other gifts to support the mission of the Team.

Organization of this Team

The Ministry Team has a Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Director.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

Meetings are scheduled every two months or as needs arise. Typical meeting agendas include: focus on prayer, discuss previous and present needs, discuss where we are and where we need to be and how we can get there.

Records of Meetings

Contact a team officer for further information about meetings, history of the team, current focus and schedules, and membership.