

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:

Missionary Residence Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Shirley Callaway

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Team supports the Missions Ministries

Ministerial Contact:

Church Administrator

Biblical References for this Team:

“Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou

shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:37-40

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Luke 10:1-2

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” Romans 12:13

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

The Missionary Residence of First Baptist Church Pensacola is for use by our mission partners. Priority is given to IMB missionaries, FBCP Legacy missionaries, and other mission partners of FBCP. Members and Staff of FBCP are grateful for every opportunity to become better acquainted with our mission partners and their work, both at home and abroad. Therefore, we request that our missionaries-in-residence be active members of our church during the length of their stay and that they are willing to share their experiences in both formal and informal settings whenever possible.

Residents have specific responsibilities for maintenance expenses of the Missionary Residence while they are living there. Such responsibilities are clearly defined and shared with

residents. Likewise, FBCP has specific responsibilities for maintenance and expenses of the Residence. The Missionary Residence Ministry Team coordinates these responsibilities for the church.

Specific responsibilities of the Ministry Team include:

- Assisting in the scheduling of resident stays in the home
- Preparing the home for each new missionary family
- Providing and maintaining appropriate furnishings for the home
- Securing appropriate utilities, insurance, home maintenance, yard maintenance, and other needs to accommodate the comfort and security of residents
- Developing and maintaining a set of specific responsibilities of the residing family and of the church to assure good communications of the responsibilities of both
- To act as liaison between the residents and the church to maintain a happy, comfortable, and productive stay for each family. (Note: this time away from their primary missionary assignments [known as furlough or home assignment] is very important to missionaries. Six reasons missionaries take furloughs: Reconnect with loved ones, renew their calling and commitment, retrain and update, raise support {prayer and financial}, remind churches of their partnerships, refocus on their next season of ministry.)
- To provide specific prayer support for our guest missionaries as they carry out their home assignments.

Members of this Team

The Team Leader and members of the Team are appointed by the Committee on Placement.

Organization of this Team

This Team has a Team Leader and an unspecified number of members. FBCP members who are interested in serving on this important Team should contact the Team Leader for information about opportunities for service.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Team Leader calls and plans meetings as needed, especially to coordinate routine house responsibilities and to plan for residents to move into or out of the house.

Records of Meetings

The Team Leader and the church office staff maintain records of occupancy information and other information pertinent to the provision and maintenance of the Missionary Residence facilities. Contact the Team Leader for more information.