

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:**

### **Missions Committee**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: John Hodges

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

This Committee supports the Missions Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministry

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

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have

commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

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

- To emphasize and undergird the mission of Christ in the world to the church.
- To work cooperatively with all of the church’s mission partners and other mission entities approved by the missions committee.
- To make decisions and recommendations regarding the dispensation of the church’s missions budget.

Specifically,

- To provide information to the congregation regarding missionary activities of the church and the missions entities we support.
- To encourage participation of church members in missionary activities.
- To review any financial decisions involving the missionary house.
- To encourage and establish local ministries to persons or groups not otherwise ministered to by the church, notably the language ministry for Vietnamese, etc.
- To recommend appropriate projects to the Administrative Council.
- To encourage and facilitate volunteers for mission service.

- To work with the ministerial staff to keep missions before the congregation through worship, education, and activity.
- To submit recommendations for proposed budgets for missions and to operate within the designated budgets.
- To maintain and update policies and procedures related to the distribution of the Locally Directed Mission Funds.
- To establish, maintain, and update policies and procedures related to financial support of person and/or groups with which FBCP cooperates.

### **Members of this Team**

There are nine members of this committee. Members must be members of FBCP and have interest and experience in missions and missions activities. Members are appointed by the Committee on Placement for three-year rotating terms.

### **Organization of this Team**

This Committee has a Chairman, appointed by the Committee on Placement.

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

The Committee has monthly meetings, typically the first Wednesday of each month, with additional meetings or activities as needed. Typical meeting agendas include:

- Prayer
- Status reports
- Administrative issues
- Financial requests
- Plans for the future
- Prayer

### **Records of Meetings**

Minutes of meetings are provided to the Administrative Council. For further information about the activities and responsibilities of this Committee, contact the Chairman.