

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:

Prison and Jail Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Douglas Mott

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Mission Team supports the FBCP Missions Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Associate Minister, Discipleship and Outreach

Biblical References for this Team:

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick

and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25: 35-36

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

To provide opportunities for FBCP members to minister to those who are impacted by incarceration in the local jails and prisons.

Specifically, the purpose of the Team is to identify and support those opportunities within the community that FBCP will be engaged in that ministers to those impacted by incarceration. The Team will meet periodically to discuss the status of existing jail and prison ministry initiatives being conducted by FBCP members and to explore possible new opportunities of ministry service in this area. In addition, the Team will review and approve, within budgetary constraints, requests for financial support to those organizations engaged in ministering to those impacted by incarceration in our community.

Members of this Team

There are ten members of this Team. Eligibility includes membership in FBCP and the desire to serve in this important ministry environment. Contact the Team Leader for more information about volunteering for membership in this Team.

Organization of this Team

The Chairman of this Team is assisted by group leaders and the entire team as they work together to fulfill this important need in our community.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Chairman plans meetings, agendas, and work schedules as appropriate and as needed to carry out training and service activities of the Team.

Records of Meetings

Records of planning meetings, training, and Team activities are kept by the Chairman. Minutes of previous meetings and activities are reviewed and approved by the Team. Contact the Chairman for more information.