

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:

Samaritan Hands Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Juanita Ashley, Team Leader
Bill Farris, Director

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This team supports the Missions Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministry

Biblical References for this Team:

“For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye

clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matthew 25:35-40

“Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.” Psalm 96:2-3

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

See *also*, II Corinthians 3-4

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

- To study church family and community needs, to design and plan for the satisfaction of those needs, and to administer the plan of benevolent assistance.
- To always be aware and have a concern for the greater needs of the population we serve.

Specifically,

- To provide Christian counseling to all who come our way.
- To provide food, clothing, shoes, utility assistance, and related services to the homeless and the needy in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

- To represent the love of God to those who seek our assistance.
- To represent Jesus and FBCP to the homeless and underprivileged in our community.

Members of this Team

This Team has fifteen members as follows:

- Director, non-voting
- Team Chairperson, voting, rotating every three years
- Four Day Leaders, voting, non-rotating
- Secretary, voting, non-rotating
- Nine voting members, rotating every three years

Team members are appointed by the Placement Committee and approved by FBCP members. Members rotating off must wait at least one year before serving another term.

Additionally, the Samaritan Hands Ministry Team has approximately eighty volunteers who assist with this important ministry. Members of FBCP who are interested in participating in this important community ministry are encouraged to contact the Director or any member of the Ministry Team.

Organization of this Team

This Ministry Team has a Chairperson and an appointed Director. Four Day Leaders provide daily management of the various functions of the ministry.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Director and Team Chairperson plan meeting, agendas, and work schedules with the assistance of the Day Leaders, the Secretary, and the other members of the Team.

Records of Meetings

Detailed records of ministry activities are kept on a daily basis for historical information and for coordination with other similar ministries in the community. Strict privacy practices are in place to protect the privacy of participants in the program. Contact the Team Leader or Director for more information.