

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 constantly 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:

Baptism Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Paul and Lisa Entrekin

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Pastoral Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Senior Pastor

Biblical References for this Team:

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy

to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.”
Matthew 3:11

See also: Acts 19:4-6, Ephesians 4:5, Colossians 2:12, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16, Romans 6:1-4, and Matthew 28:19.

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

To assist the ministerial staff, baptismal candidates, and their families with the preparation and implementation of baptismal services.

Specifically, to:

- Secure all baptismal equipment and facilities prior to each baptismal service.
- Meet the candidates at the appointed time and show them to their dressing rooms.
- Answer any questions that may arise and see that each candidate has the proper robe, towel, and handkerchief, etc., as needed for the service.
- Assist candidates into and out of the baptismal pool and to their dressing rooms.
- Maintain strict privacy for candidates as they dress for and after baptism.
- Remain available to candidates until they are dressed after baptism and ready to go to the worship service.
- Arrange for baptismal garments, towels, and other supplies to be cleaned and available for the next baptismal service.

Members of this Team

This Ministry Team may have up to ten members. Eligibility for membership includes being a baptized Christian and membership in First Baptist Church of Pensacola. If you are interested in serving on the important ministry team, contact the team leaders for more information.

Organization of this Team

Members are appointed by the Placement Committee. Terms of service are ongoing. Team leaders are elected by the Ministry Team.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

Team Leaders may call meetings to train for and prepare for baptism activities. Work schedules are developed as needed for baptismal preparation and services depending on the number of candidates to be baptized.

Records of Meetings

Records of the Baptism Ministry Team meetings and preparations may be noted by the Ministry Team Leaders. Records of baptisms, baptismal services, certificates of baptism, and other documentation of baptism activities are kept by the FBCP Office Staff and are available in the Church Office.