

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:**

### **In-Home Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Neal Kinard (Staff Coordinator)

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

This Ministry Team supports the Pastoral Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Associate Minister, Discipleship and Outreach

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

“He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.”  
Deuteronomy 10:18

“Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.”  
Deuteronomy 27:19

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” James 1:27

“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14

“I was naked and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came to me.” Matthew 25:36

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

To minister to persons confined to their homes, retirement centers, and nursing home centers.

Specifically,

- To personally visit members and others who are confined (referred to hereafter as “homebound.”).
- To call and check on homebound members and others.
- To write notes, encouraging cards, and birthday cards and calls to homebound members and others.
- To deliver quarterly and monthly literature to homebound members and others.
- To rearrange and deliver the Sunday Morning sanctuary flowers to homebound members and others.

- To maintain listings of members and others who are homebound or otherwise not able to attend church services (Currently there are approximately seventy-five members on the homebound list.).
- To assist the Ministerial Staff and congregation with updates of homebound members, their locations, physical status, and other needs and concerns.

### **Members of this Team**

This Team has eleven members and approximately forty volunteers who visit homebound members. FBCP members who love people and are willing to visit and comfort homebound members are eligible to become members or volunteers of this Team.

### **Organization of this Team**

The Team has the following organization:

- Staff Coordinator (1)
- Flower arrangers (7)
- Flower deliverers (2)
- Birthday cards (1)
- Homebound visitors (33)

This ministry team is always looking for volunteers to assist with the great and rewarding opportunity to serve homebound members and others. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Staff Coordinator for more information.

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

The Staff Coordinator organizes meetings and agendas as necessary, coordinates work and visit schedules, and assigns responsibilities to Team Members and Volunteers.

**Records of Meetings**

Records of Team activities are maintained by the Staff Coordinator. Contact her for more information about the responsibilities and activities of this very important ministry team.