

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:**

### **Membership Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: John Hodges and Randy Rigsby

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

This Ministry Team supports Pastoral Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Associate Minister, Discipleship and Outreach

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

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:37

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”  
Galatians 6:10

“In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.” Matthew 18:14

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

To assist people who make decisions to follow Jesus and those who want to unite with the FBCP family.

Specifically,

- To assist with the reception of new members at regularly scheduled worship services.
- To assist with counseling new members.
- To welcome new members into the life and work of the church.
- To give new members FBCP welcome packets.
- To make sure new members have their pictures taken for the church bulletin and for official records.
- To answer questions from new members about follow-up, baptism, etc.
- To communicate to the ministerial staff and church office information about new member needs, concerns, related issues.

**Members of this Team**

Members of this Team are appointed by the Placement Committee. There are no set numbers of members or terms of

service, but the Team relies on volunteers to assist with its duties. Members of the Team must be members of FBCP and must be available to be present in worship services on assigned Sundays.

### **Organization of this Team**

This Team has a Chair for the Contemporary Worship Service and a Chair for the Traditional Worship Service.

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

Members of this Team meet at least once per year to review activities and responsibilities and to plan for the future. Members (usually couples) are assigned one Sunday per month to greet new members.

### **Records of Meetings**

Results of meetings and work schedules are maintained by the co-chairs and reports of Sunday Worship Service greeting activities are relayed to the ministerial staff and office staff for appropriate follow-up. For more information about the activities and responsibilities of this important ministry team, contact one of the co-chairs.