

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 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:**

### **Weddings Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Shirley Callaway

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

This Ministry Team supports the Administrative Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Senior Pastor

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

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So

they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Mark 10:6-9 (NIV)

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

To assist the Ministers and families involved in the planning of weddings and to ensure that the practices are consistent with the principles which are described in the FBCP policies and procedures for weddings. The FBCP Policies and Procedures for Weddings Guide is posted in the Church Office.

Specific responsibilities of the members of this Ministry Team include:

- To attend a training session prior to the first wedding assistance.
- To become thoroughly familiar with all policies, philosophies, etc., for FBCP weddings.
- To meet with the wedding coordinator, wedding couple, and wedding director. Review with them all FBCP wedding policies. Review the check list.
- To take assigned weekends to attend both the rehearsal and the wedding and to assist with or direct the rehearsal and the wedding. Be a support person by beginning the rehearsal with prayer and a welcome.
- If the Wedding Ministry Team member is not the wedding director, contact the director at least once prior to the rehearsal.

- Attend the rehearsal and the wedding.

### **Members of this Team**

This Ministry Team has up to five members.

### **Organization of this Team**

Ministry Team leaders and members are nominated by the Placement Committee.

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

Members of this Ministry Team meet quarterly with the coordinator, volunteer directors, etc., to evaluate procedures and to correct any problems and to assess prior activities. After the process is established, the need for such meetings may be reduced to twice per year.

### **Records of Meetings**

The Team Leader maintains records of weddings, meetings, and other information about the activities of this Team. Contact the Team Leader for further information about this important Ministry Team.