

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 continuously 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:

Welcome Center Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Margaret Bell

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Welcome Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministry; and the Welcome Team Leader

Biblical References for this Team:

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from

the foundation of the world... 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 25:34,40

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:9-10

"Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:1-2

"We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to truth." 3 John 1:8

"Every man hath the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

To provide assistance with information concerning FBCP worship services and Bible study groups, especially for new guests, helping them get connected to bible study groups and worship services. To anticipate and meet the needs of members, guests, and visitors, to be sensitive to the uncertainty of being in an unfamiliar place, and to exhibit enthusiasm and welcome opportunities to encourage and pray for one another. Team members are expected to be present, punctual, knowledgeable about Bible studies and locations of physical facilities, and aware

of visitors' needs, assuring successful introductions and comfortable seating in appropriate class settings. Team members move forward, open doors, and extend a hand of welcome, as well as obtain personal information, furnish name tags and order of service pamphlets, and give individual escort to appropriate meeting areas.

Members of this Team

Members of this team should be Christians, members of FBCP, comfortable with strangers, polite, warm and friendly, genuinely interested in being of service, and ready to serve whenever and wherever needed. Volunteers are welcome to discuss membership with the Welcome Team Leader, who makes appointments and assignments. The Team consists of seven regular members and a rotating group of several others who assist as needed. The work schedule begins on Sunday mornings at 7:45 and continues until 10:15. A limited number of greeters remain until the mid-morning worship service begins at 10:45. One individual remains at the welcome desk until the close of the service at 11:45.

Organization of this Team

The Welcome Center Team Leader reports to the Welcome Team Leader.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The entire Welcome Team meets for prayer, information, and assignments prior to the Contemporary and Traditional Worship Services each Sunday morning. Information and assignments are scheduled in advance and may be obtained from the Welcome Team Leader or the Welcome Center Leader.

Records of Meetings

Welcome Ministries

Welcome Center Ministry Team

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Meetings are recorded in a notebook at the Welcome Center desk. Registration of visitors includes a white copy to the Sunday School general officers, a yellow copy to the department leader or teacher of the class where the visitor attended, and a pink copy, which remains in the notebook at the Welcome Center desk and is used to send a written note of welcome to the visitor the following week.