

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 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:

Backpack Buddies Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Jennifer Daniel

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Missions Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministry
Associate Minister, Discipleship and Outreach

Biblical References for this Team:

“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” John 13:34

“For I was hungry and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and gave me drink: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 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 25:35-40

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

To meet the hunger needs of the students and families at C.A. Weis Elementary School.

Specifically, our Backpack Ministry is an attempt to help ensure that disadvantaged elementary school children do not go hungry over the week-end. Kid-friendly food and snacks are sent home with the students each Friday (during the school year) in blue bags/backpacks. The bags are brought back to school on Monday to be refilled for the next weekend. We also provide can openers and microwaves for households if they do not have these items.

Food is purchased from Sam's Club and Winn Dixie on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, we have seven packing teams that rotate each week to make sure the food bags are ready for delivery on Friday. Members pick up the filled food containers on Friday and deliver them to the school. Another group comes to the school at noon to fill the blue bags/backpacks and deliver them to the students' classrooms.

Members of this Team

In addition to the overall Ministry Team Leader, there are several pack team leaders and members:

- Wednesday Prep Team Leader and members
- Friday morning Delivery Team Leader and members
- Packing at Weis Team Leader and members
- Pick Up and Delivery Team Leader and members.

In all, there are more than ninety (90) volunteer members who make this project work. Members must have a willingness to love and serve the “least of these.” We will find a place for anyone wishing to be a part of this very important ministry.

Organization of this Team

Ministry Team Leader and Co-Leader

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

Meetings, purchases of food and supplies, work schedules, and delivery schedules are planned and coordinated by the Team Leader.

Records of Meetings

Details of all Backpack Buddies Ministry Team activities are recorded in a journal for each school year. Please contact the Team Leader for more information about this Team's activities and for opportunities to participate.