

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

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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:

Beth Davis Women's Missionary Union Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Shirley Callaway

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Mission Team supports the Women's Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministries

Biblical References for this Team:

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15 (NIV)

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

To support local, home, and foreign missions, the Women's Missionary Union Ministry Team meets monthly to focus on a mission project selected for each month. The Team also has speakers to share about needs in the community that become mission projects for the Team. Missionaries speak several times a year to emphasize their work in the mission fields. The main focus of this Ministry Team is missions actions. Our responsibility is to share God's love through helping others.

Members of this Team

Women of FBCP who are interested in missions are invited to join our Ministry Team. Currently there are approximately thirty-five members.

Organization of this Team

The Team Leader, with assistance of the members, plans and coordinates meetings and activities.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month, with programs planned to include programs about missions and/or missionaries, the mission prayer calendar, and monthly mission projects.

Records of Meetings

Contact the Team Leader about information regarding meetings and activities. Typical meeting agendas include:

September: Favor House: providing linens, kitchenware, etc.

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- October: Samaritan Hands: providing love offerings and new underwear and other clothing needs.
- November: Jeremy Emert Ministry in Zambia: financial and other donations.
- December: Florida Baptist Children's Home: entertainment and gift cards.
Jason Davis, missionary family: love offering for Christmas
- January: Safe Harbor: love offering.
- February: ARC Gateway: Valentine gift bags for ARC residents and home décor for the ARC Residence House.
- March – May: Martha's Vineyard: linens and cleaning supplies.
Other projects to be determined.