

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:**

### **CONNECT Women's Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Teresa Howerton

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

This Ministry Team supports the Women's Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministry

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

“She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.” Proverbs 31:20

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

CONNECT is a day when women of all ages come together to participate in various kinds of mission projects (both on and off the FBCP campus). This is a wonderful opportunity to show how much we truly care about others and to share God's love with them. CONNECT is a day of fun and a great way to build friendships.

Examples of local organizations with whom CONNECT has worked to provide ministry projects completed in past years:

- Chain Reaction (social services organization)
- Girl's Teen Challenge
- Gulf Coast Kid's House
- Manna Food Pantries
- Ronald McDonald House
- Royal Family Kids Camps
- Safe Harbor Pregnancy Center
- Sewing for Jesus
- Weis Elementary School

### **Members of this Team**

The Team Leader coordinates volunteers who meet at the church and then participate in different activities of ministry throughout the day.

### **Organization of this Team**

The Team Leader organizes the activities and opportunities for missions ministry on the designated day. Additional assistance is needed in

coordinating the individual mission activities. If you are interested in assisting in this ministry, please contact the Team Leader.

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

Meetings and agendas are not required. However, the Team Leader plans the activities of the day and coordinates work schedules and missions assignments.

**Records of Meetings**

The Team Leader keeps informal notes and plans and will provide information as needed.