

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:

Eighties Ladies Luncheon Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Mary Kaye Bell

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports Women's Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministries

Biblical References for this Team:

The ladies of FBCP who are eighty years old and older are godly examples of:

The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-12
Workers, Matthew 9:37
Salt and Light, Matthew 5:13-14

Because of their faithfulness and positive example, we honor them with a special luncheon.

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

The luncheon for FBCP ladies who are eighty years old and older has been provided annually for more than thirty-five years. There are more than one hundred seventy-five of these ladies, and it is the pleasure of the Women's Ministries to continue to honor them with the annual luncheon. An average of seventy-five to eighty special ladies attend each year.

Members of this Team

Members of the Team plan the event, send out invitations, make calls for reservations, send out reminder cards and phone calls, and make arrangements for transportation when needed. Lunch is served and a special entertainment program is presented. The goal is to make these special ladies feel honored and loved.

Organization of this Team

The Team has a Team Leader who is assisted by three planning/work groups:

- A group for theme and decorating
- A group for publicity, reservations, and transportation
- A group for serving

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Team Leader works with the group leaders to plan the entire activity each year, organizing many volunteer workers to provide support for this event.

Records of Meetings

The Team Leader and Group Leaders maintain records of invitations, attendance, programs, food preparation, and worker assignments each year as a reference for future yearly luncheons. Contact the Team Leader or Group Leaders for specific information about any of the functions of this great event, or to learn about opportunities for participation in future years.