

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:

First Friends Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Lori Kizziah

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Team supports the Women's Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Coordinating Pastor, Missions and Ministry

Biblical References for this Team:

"Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."
Colossians 3:12

“And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.” Colossians 3:14

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

- To add to the fostering of hope and love for the students and families of Weis Elementary School.
- To share the love of Jesus Christ to students and their families through fellowship at school events.
- To encourage mentor relationships.
- To encourage school staff through prayer, personal notes, and appreciation events.

Team members plan and work at the annual back-to-school bash, participate in open house and spring family nights, provide meals for students and families several times each year, and assist with distribution of socks and shoes to students.

Members of this Team

Members of this Ministry Team are willing and eager to be involved in volunteer events for the school. Members of FBCP and their guests are encouraged to participate. Eligibilities include a willingness to share in providing for the physical and emotional needs of the students and families and staff of Weis Elementary School. Participants must complete a Volunteer Form for the Escambia County School District. Anyone interested in more information about this important mission activity should contact the Team Leader or the Director of Women's Missions.

Organization of this Team

This Team is coordinated by a Team Leader, Event Organizer, and volunteers.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Team Leader organizes scheduled events and plans volunteer opportunities as they occur. Events are scheduled throughout the school year. Volunteer opportunities are available days, nights, and weekends.

Records of Meetings

Planning meetings, agendas, and work schedules are maintained by the Team Leader. Contact the Team Leader for more information.