

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:

Personal Touch Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Marcia Howell

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Missions Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Senior Pastor

Biblical References for this Team:

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 NIV

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

- To minister to families during times of bereavement and grief by providing and coordinating meals.
- To care for families in their times of grief and to show Christ's love to unchurched family members.

Specifically,

- The coordinator contacts the family of the deceased to determine their needs/desires for a meal on the day of the funeral.
- The coordinator orders paper goods and supplies as needed.
- The coordinator contacts the chairpersons of the groups assigned to assist the families.
- The chairpersons organize and set up service at church or plan delivery to a home.
- The chairpersons assign team responsibilities.
- The chairpersons prepare the meat entrée and request team members to prepare associated side dishes.
- The chairpersons are responsible for organizing a balanced meal and delivering the meal or serving the meal at church.

Members of this Team

This Team is made up of several groups of church members who love people and enjoy assisting families during times of grief. The number of members fluctuates as needed, but usually there are more than one hundred team members on standby, ready to respond to needs as they arise, usually on short notice.

Organization of this Team

The Team has a Personal Touch Coordinator, an Assistant Coordinator, and five Group Chairpersons.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

This Team meets as needed, but response times are critical to success, so the typical communications are via phone calls, emails, texts. Work schedules are typically known by the members as coordinated by the Coordinators and Group Chairpersons.

Records of Meetings

Records of planning correspondence are maintained by the Coordinator, typically corresponding to official records of the deaths of church members as maintained by the church office.

For more information about this important Team, contact the Coordinator. Volunteers are always welcome to join.