

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:**

### **Women's Jail Ministry Team**

#### **Leadership:**

Chairperson/Leader: Mary Baker

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

This Ministry Team supports the Women's Ministries.

#### **Ministerial Contact:**

Associate Minister, Discipleship and Outreach

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

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, here I am! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

"I was in prison and you came to visit me ... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:36, 40

"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3

"The **LORD** is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

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

- To provide light in a dark place.
- To pray with and for the ladies.
- To encourage the ladies in their walk with Christ.
- To remind them they are not forgotten.
- To bring any who are not saved to the loving grace of our Lord.

Members of this Team meet in Escambia County Jail Chapel with inmates who choose to come to chapel service on the fourth Monday morning of each month. We have a message and a time of singing.

Members of this Team meet every Monday night with inmates who are housed at the Women's Work Release Center for Bible study, music, and prayer.

Members of this Team provide a special Christmas program for inmates at the Women's Work Release Center.

### **Members of this Team**

Currently, there are four members of this Ministry Team. We believe God called us to this ministry as encouragers to these ladies who often feel hopeless. Some have been abandoned by families. Most are homesick for their children. There is a lot of guilt and heartache. But we get blessed each week by their struggle to seek the Lord and serve Him. There are no specific skills necessary for this ministry - only a love for Jesus to be shared with those less fortunate than ourselves and a willingness to open your heart to a group of ladies who will touch your life. This is a life-changing ministry! If you feel led in any way to try this ministry, please contact the Women's Jail Ministry Team Leader.

### **Organization of this Team**

The Team Leader works with members of the Team to coordinate activities and to assign responsibilities for each meeting.

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

The Team Leader develops plans for meetings and related activities. Please contact the Team Leader for further information about this very important Ministry Team.

### **Records of Meetings**

The Team Leader maintains records, notes, and related materials regarding the activities of this Team.