

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:

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study Groups Ministry Team

Leadership:

Chairperson/Leader: Ross Lankford

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Team supports the Adult Discipleship Ministries

Biblical References for this Team:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

1 Timothy 4:13

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team:

The purpose of Sunday Morning Bible study ministry is to provide opportunities for persons of any age to gather with others in their same age group and /or life situation for the study of the Bible, fellowship, prayer, and ministry. The goal is to lead lost people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; teach the Bible for life transformation; care for each other through prayer, ministry, and fellowship; and empower people to serve and witness for Christ inside and outside the church.

Members of this Team

All members of the FBCP congregation and guests are invited and encouraged to participate in Bible Study and other Sunday Morning activities.

Organization of this Team

Adult Sunday Schools are organized in age groups, interest areas, and gender groupings to provide opportunities for participation in Bible Study and fellowship.

Adult Discipleship Ministries

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study Groups Ministry Team

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Note: As of 9-30-2018 there were 14 Adult Sunday School Departments with 21 classes and 1,489 enrollments (not including Vietnamese Departments, Children's Departments, or Student Departments).

Meetings

Regularly scheduled meeting hours for Sunday School are posted in church publications (typically, 9:25 till 10:30 am). The various departments and classes schedule additional meetings and activities to accommodate their members. Additionally, group Bible Studies are scheduled both routinely and periodically throughout the year. Contact the Team Leader for more information.

Records of Meetings

Records of Adult Sunday School meetings, activities, and attendance are maintained by the Church Office staff.