

First Baptist Church of Pensacola
Church-Wide Ministries

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 church-wide Ministries support the congregation in accomplishing the FBCP Mission. Following is a description of one of those ministries:

Pastoral Ministries

Mission Statement, Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Ministry:

Pastoring involves caring for people and walking alongside them in their Christian life and development. Pastoral Ministries involve many aspects of the Christian life, as described by Jesus throughout His Ministry. He compared it to Shepherding His Flock: “Pay careful attention to yourselves and to the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.” Acts 20:28 ESV. Therefore, the mission of Pastoral Ministries at FBCP is to provide for the spiritual welfare of the church. The Senior Pastor and Ministerial Staff perform and lead in many “pastoral” responsibilities, but every believer has responsibilities for pastoral care of the flock.

Specific responsibilities and opportunities include the following:

- Teaching
- Preaching
- Counseling

- Healing
- Nurturing
- Guiding
- Comforting
- Performing Weddings
- Performing Funerals

Pastoral Ministries at FBCP are intended to provide for the needs of the flock. Assisting in providing for these needs are several Ministry Teams as follows:

- Association Executive Committee
- Baptism Ministry Team
- In-Home Ministry Team
- Lord's Supper Preparation Ministry Team
- Membership Ministry Team
- Prayer Ministry Team
- Weddings Ministry Team

Many other Ministry Teams, listed under other specific ministerial topics, contribute to the accomplishments of Pastoral Ministry responsibilities and opportunities at FBCP. Refer to the Chart of Ministry Organizations for more information.

Biblical References for this Ministry:

“Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly, not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.” 1 Peter 5:2-3

“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2

Leadership:

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Pastoral Ministries are coordinated and led by the Senior Pastor and Ministerial Team. All members of FBCP contribute to the fulfillment of Pastoral Ministry responsibilities.