

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:

Children's Sunday Morning Worship Ministry Team

Leadership:

Laura Harrison

Church-Wide Ministries Supported by this Team:

This Ministry Team supports the Worship Ministries.

Ministerial Contact:

Ross Lankford

Biblical References for this Team:

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him."
Psalm 127:3

...He said unto them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! ..." John 4:23 ESV

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise..."
1 Chronicles 16:23-25

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:1-5

"Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2

"Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 28:31

Purposes, Expectations, and Anticipated Accomplishments of this Team

The Team Leader plans the Sunday Morning Children's Worship Services (coordinating with the Senior Pastor and other Ministers).

Specifically, the Team

- Works with the Senior Pastor and other Ministers to develop long-term and short-term topics for the Children's Worship Services, including sermons, music, and special emphases (to coordinate with the overall themes of the Traditional and Contemporary Worship Services).
- Coordinates children's music selections, and special music to fulfill the topic plans and lead the children in worship.
- Selects Children's Worship Team members (leaders, singers, and musicians) to lead Children's Worship.
- Plans and conducts planning and practice sessions with the Children's Worship Team, as appropriate.
- Plans weekly Children's Worship Service schedules (ingredients and orders of services), including
 1. Themes
 2. Bible Stories or Lessons
 3. Music Selections
 4. Prayers
 5. Special Activities
 6. Message
 7. Invitations to Receive Jesus as Personal Savior
 8. Other Special Events, as appropriate

Members of this Team

The Team Leader selects activity leaders and other volunteers who assist with all aspects of Children's Sunday Morning Worship.

Organization of this Team

The Team Leader assigns workers to fulfill the responsibilities of this Team.

Meetings, Meeting Agendas, and Work Schedules

The Team Leader meets with the Church Ministerial Staff every Monday to review activities and results of the previous Sunday Services and to plan the next week(s) services. The Team Leader schedules planning and rehearsal meetings with the Children's Worship Service Ministry Team and other volunteers, as needed.

Records of Meetings

Informal records of Team meetings are kept by the Team Leader and members of the Team. Formal records of all church services are kept in the Church Office. Contact the Team Leader for more information about this important Ministry Team.