

A Church on a Mission
Part 6: Our Mission from God
Colossians 1:25-29

A brief history of First Baptist Church

Revivals

- **Great Awakening 1727-1770**
- **Outpouring of Spiritual Renewal 1838-39**
- **“a large number of young men saved” in 1871**
- **A Great Ingathering in 1915**
 - **75 saved & baptized in February**
 - **103 added to membership**

Outreach

- **Dennisville Baptist Church in 1729**
- **Second Cape May Baptist Church 1770**
- **Cape Island Baptist Church in 1844**
- **The Rio Grande Chapel in 1871**

Mission Statement of First Baptist Church of Cape May

The purpose of First Baptist Church is to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to help people live as Christ’s fully devoted Followers (formulated probably in 1985)

The Basics of Colossians

Colossians 1:25-29: Follow the Leader

I Corinthians 11:1 “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ”

II Thessalonians 3:9 “We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate.”

v. 25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—

v. 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people.

v. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1. Christians who consistently share the gospel by introducing people to Jesus Christ.

Gospel: good news of Jesus Christ's victory over sin & death by means of His Death on a Cross and Resurrection realized via faith.

aka: EVANGELISM

Do you know how to share the gospel? *Personal Testimony *John 3:16-18 *The Bridge Diagram *Do vs. Done *The Romans Road *The ABC's of Salvation *Gospel Tracts

v. 28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

v. 29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

2. Christians who help people become fully devoted followers of Christ

aka: Discipleship

"I do not believe that God would have preserved First Baptist Church for over 300 hundred years unless it was fulfilling God's mission for the church"

WE ARE (and have been) A CHURCH ON A MISSION

Closing Questions: 1. How would you rate FBC today on fulfilling its mission? 1 = very poor 10 = excellent

2. How would you rate yourself on fulfilling our mission?

1 = very poor 10 = excellent

What might God desire for us to do to increase our scores?