

## Vision 2007 “State of the Church” Address

### LifeBridge Church...

#### *A look at our DNA...*

We are...

**Purpose Driven!** As a ministry, we are motivated and directed by *five biblical purposes* ... Acts 2:41-47

- Fellowship- being genuinely *connected* to God and each other.
- Discipleship- doing what it takes to *grow* in our faith as followers of Christ.
- Service- using our God given shape to *serve* others.
- Evangelism- committed to *share* the Gospel with the unchurched.
- Worship- when we *praise* God with our life and lips.

### Our Purpose

By God’s grace, we will reach the *unchurched*, helping them experience *changed lives* as they *connect* to God and LifeBridge Church, *grow* in their relationship with God, *serve* others, *share* the Gospel with the *unchurched*, and *praise* God with their life.

**Contemporary!** Although our message never changes, our methods change to enable us to effectively communicate that powerful message to current culture.

**Seeker Sensitive!** We maintain a warm, inviting, “come as you” are environment. We expect, prepare for, and welcome company. We care deeply about the unchurched.

### Our Vision

We envision a **dynamic, regional church** in eastern Baltimore County that is helping thousands of *unchurched* people of all ages and races experience *changed lives*. We envision this happening as we lovingly minister to their felt needs and share the Word of God with them.

#### *A look back...*

- God has worked in the lives of many individuals this year through this ministry...
- 74 people made first time professions of faith in Jesus! (59 in 2005)
- 30 people were baptized.
- There were 263 first time guests in 2006!
- Average attendance of 239 in 2006... 209 in 2005!
- 73 people went through our CLASSES.
- We successfully went through a name change.
- Our Student Ministry grew numerically and spiritually!
- We made progress on our three goals for 2006...
  - Get into the Bible, carrying, reading, learning and applying it!
  - Serve faithfully, joyfully meeting needs and fulfilling our SHAPE!
  - Give generously and consistently in a biblical fashion!

#### *A look forward...*

- God is about to take us through the biggest move in the history of this ministry!
- Our theme in 2007 is “**GS '07... Taking Life To The Streets!**”
  - As we reach out to the community through bridge events, putting an emphasis on reaching children and youth.
  - As we reach the under-resourced and the homeless.
  - As we reach those caught in chemical addictions.
  - As we reach out through new ministries started by LifeBridge members!

#### Luke 10:30-37

The Good Samaritan...

- Saw a man in trouble.
- Felt compassion for the hurting man.
- Acted to help the hurting man.

- As we are Good Samaritans in 2007, *Taking Life To The Streets*, we are trusting God for three goals...
  1. 500 in attendance by the end of 2007
  2. 100 people who have accepted Jesus and have experienced Believer’s Baptism.
  3. 150 people in CLASSES 101-401.

Will you take the challenge?!!