

Vision 2008 “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...

- 65 people made first time professions of faith in Jesus!
- 29 people were baptized.
- There were 290 first time guests in 2007!
- Average attendance of 250 in 2007... up from 239 in 2006! (Our sixth straight year of average attendance increase!)
- 71 people went through our CLASSes.
- Life Groups successfully launched with nine groups!
- A new parent support group began, S.P.I.N.
- Curtis Bay Outreach, Goodness Gracious Food Ministry caring for the under-resourced and lovingly sharing the Gospel.
- Women’s Ministry had a spectacular year... special events, women changed.

- God has worked in the lives of many individuals this year through this ministry...

A look forward...

- Our theme in 2008 is “**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 fill the open chair in Life Groups.
 - As the LifeBridge family reaches out through new ways!
- God is asking us to discover the joy of being a surrendered servant in 2008!
 - Jesus was the ultimate example of submission, sacrifice, and service.
Matthew 9:35-38; Mark 10:42-45
 - Jesus found joy, (satisfaction), in serving! Hebrews 12:2
- As we are **Taking “Life To The Streets”** in 2008, we are trusting God for three goals...
 1. 500 in attendance by the end of 2008
 2. 100 people who have accepted Jesus and have experienced Believer’s Baptism.
 3. 150 people in CLASS 101-401.

Will you accept the invitation to submitted, sacrificing, satisfying, service in 2008?