

## January 2008

Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The last Sunday of 2007 was a very busy day. Following the morning service I baptized six converts. Then in the evening service we observed the Lord's Supper. It was exciting to have those who were baptized that afternoon join us in partaking of the Lord's Supper the same evening.

During our watch night service we had preaching, skits, and musical specials. Donny our son, preached and also Robert Calvert Jr., a ten year old boy who was saved and baptized last year, preached his first message. They both did a wonderful job. Nicole, our daughter and I sang our first special together. (I didn't know I had it in me). Lou Anne and Meredith Small did a skit. It was a great night centered around the Lord. Then I preached and I presented our church theme for 2008 which is "Our Vision is Great for 2008". We concluded the evening by praying the New Year in.

The first Sunday of 2008 was no less exciting. A lady named Shelain and her three children visited our church. She explained that they had just moved into the area and that her husband is a Navy pilot and is on deployment. She was tasked with the responsibility of checking out churches in the area. She said she went to a few different churches but none of them were very friendly. She said that the lack of Christian fellowship was depressing. She found our website on the internet and decided to give us a try. That morning we had a great service and Shelain seemed to fit right in. After the service her children came out of Jr. Church excited. They had had a great time. Then as Shelain was talking to one of the ladies in our church, God spoke to my heart and said "Invite Shelain and her children over for lunch." I learned a long time ago when God speaks, don't ask questions, just obey God. When I invited her she smiled and accepted. Before leaving the church I shared with one of our men how God had spoke to my heart about inviting Shelain and her children over for lunch. Then while sitting in my living room, Shelain, with tears in her eyes, shared with us that she had prayed for God to show her where they are to go to church. Her request to God was to have someone from the church invite her family over for fellowship. In return, I explained how God had spoke to my heart about inviting them. We had a great time in the Lord! I thank God for speaking to me about her and I am glad I listened to Him. If I had not obeyed God, instead of tears of joy in our living room, Shelain may have cried in sorrow all the way home. There is no doubt that God is working through us here in the Mayport area. God only knows how many lives had been changed because of you generously supporting us so Freedom Independent Baptist Church can be here reaching our military for Christ. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

Please continue to pray for Freedom Independent Baptist Church; that God will use us to reach many more souls for Christ. Pray for the building situation, we are in a very small suite and need more space. We thank God for meeting our needs in 2007 and we believe God will do much more through us and with us in 2008. As it says Proverbs 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people perish:

In Christ,  
Brother Chris War and Family