

May 2009

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

April was a great month in our ministry. Early in April while knocking on doors, we met a young Navy couple, John and Olivia, who had just moved here from Texas. The day before we met them Olivia's grandfather had called her to encourage them to find a good church. John and Olivia visited our church that Sunday morning and really enjoyed the preaching and fellowship with other Navy couples. We made a follow up visit and witnessed to John and Olivia and they both received Christ that day. Resurrection Sunday was a full day. We had Sunday school, followed by the morning service in which we had a young man named James join our church. Then we left the church, went to a church member's house who has a pool and had a baptism service baptizing 6 people. There were added to our church 7 people that day.

One Saturday, one of the ladies in our church who lives in Navy housing, Tiffany, along with my wife, went around in Navy housing to meet Tiffany's neighbors and to give them a information packets about our church. One of the doors they knocked on belonged to a young lady named Tammara who had just moved from Oklahoma. She and her husband have only been married for 4 months and he is on a ship out to sea. Tammara grew up in a Missionary Baptist church in Oklahoma and was now looking for a good Baptist church in the Mayport area. Tammara called Tiffany that same night and asked Tiffany if she could go to church with them Sunday. Tammara enjoyed the service and planned on coming back again. She was also excited to bring her husband to church to meet us. Lou Anne and I went to visit Tammara. She invited us in and she seemed very pleasant. Lou Anne ask Tammara if she knew she would go to Heaven. Tammara said yes. We dug a little deeper and found that Tammara was trusting her good works to save her. Yes, she is a Baptist and had been a Baptist all her life. When we went throught the plan of salvation Tammara started to cry. As we talked and she said she was not saved and now knew she would not go to Heaven. The whole time we talked Tammara cried. Tammara, a 21 year old Navy dependent wife, bowed her head and prayed putting all her faith and trust in Jesus Christ and Him alone for salvation. This morning Tammara came to church and made a public profession of faith. Tammara is now concerned about her husband and his salvation, please pray for them. God continues to do miracles here in the Mayport area. We praise God for them.

The building situation is totally in the Lord's hands. Buildings and properties are so expensive here that it will only be by the hand of God that we could acquire one. Please pray about our building situation we really need a place of our own. We would like to have enough room to have the church and a servicemen's center to reach many of the sailors for Christ.

Please keep our military folks and their families in your hearts, minds, and prayers. Let us never forget that they serve and sacrifice to keep us safe.

In Christ,

Brother Chris War and Family