

## **Bio of Rev. John Sawyer**

John is married to Lee Ann and has 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren, all of whom he adores. He is passionate about evangelism, discipleship and helping those outside the walls of the church.



He previously served in leadership positions for the military and corporate positions, but in mid-career John sensed God's calling to vocational ministry in 2006. His current role is with Bon Air Baptist Church, where he serves as Pastor at the James River Campus. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Averett University and a Masters in Ministry Leadership from Portland Seminary at George Fox University. John also recently served with the BGAV chairing the Committee on Christian Life.

John's desire to reach people with the life changing good news of Jesus has gone beyond the traditional church paradigm. In 2009, John began working with Dr. Peter Scazzero from Emotionally Healthy Discipleship. This led to being able to train and equip pastors from all around the world to implement the Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Courses in a number of denominations and cultures.

In 2014, he founded Bridging RVA, a nonprofit with a mission to connect individuals, groups and causes to advance common good in local communities. The work of Bridging RVA has significantly impacted the lives of thousands of people in the Richmond Area.

Through his experience in vocational ministry, he is aware of the unique challenges most, if not all, pastors deal with on a daily basis and his leadership experience in three diverse contexts - military, corporate and church - has equipped him to help coach and walk with other leaders through various challenges.