



Middle District Baptist Association

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CALENDAR FYI...

February

5	Called Business Mtg.
14	Valentines Day
28	Leadership Comm.



COMMUNICATOR

February 2023

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MDBA



A special called business meeting
will take place :

Sunday, February 5, 3:00 pm
Tomahawk Baptist Church's Sanctuary
12920 Hull Street Rd., Midlothian



The purpose of this meeting
is to **meet and vote** on
Rev. John Sawyer for the
Executive Director position, as well
as to **amend the budget** to reflect
the new salary/housing allotment,
that is jointly recommended by
the Leadership and Finance
Committees, for the candidate
for Executive Director.

All information to be voted on can be found on
the MDBA website.

*BIO ON REV. JOHN SAWYER,
PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*



Rev. John Sawyer is married to Lee Ann and they have 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.

Church Staff Birthdays

(Includes church staff current and retired as well as spouses)

- 3 Christy Turner, Central
17 David Engleman, Retired



*If your birthday has not been included, let us know so we can celebrate you too!

♥happy♥
Valentine's
♥day♥

Annual Church Profile Report

The ACP report needs to be filed no later than March 31, 2023. Each church has log in information available through our office. If you need the info, please contact Brenda Green.

Update Your Messenger/Church Representative List

Messengers /Reps from each Middle District Church attend Middle District Business Meetings . They bring back information from the Association to their church so we can participate together in the mission of the MDBA, and vote on important business matters.

If you have not updated your list with our office, please do so BEFORE FEB. 3 so our records will be up to date at the February 5 called business meeting.



Staff Updates

No staff updates at this time but several churches are looking for certain staff positions to fill. Information on those are available on our website:

www.mdba.org/job-openings

Ministry Anniversary

Jennifer Ripley, 1 yr., Winfree



Church Accounting Training

Steve Law, MBA, M.Div., will lead 10 Church Accounting Training sessions at the Dover Baptist Association Conference Center. Each session is \$50 per person.

Session 2: **February 23, 2023** | 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Topic: Stewardship and capital campaigns; Endowments and planned giving

Session 3: **March 23, 2023** | 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Topic: Legal matters; IRS Relationship and 501(c)(3) Ruling Letter; Incorporation status.

Visit www.doverbaptist.org/church-accounting for more information and to register.