



Middle District Baptist Association

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MDBA



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM YOUR MDBA STAFF! - JOHN & BRENDA

CHRISTMAS STORE!

Dates are **November 27-28** to drop off gifts
at Ironbridge Church.

To **VOLUNTEER**, please use the following
sign up link: [https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/2oFoE4BA8A6zAA6F58-christmas](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2oFoE4BA8A6zAA6F58-christmas)

Dates are November 27 - 30.

More details are available at mdba.org!



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



When North Point Church was planted, the congregation first worshipped in a rented facility. In an effort to be hospitable and welcome the new congregation, the facility manager decided to post a welcome message on the venue's large marquis sign. In an effort to fit the message on one line with large letters, he got creative and did some abbreviating. When the pastor arrived at the venue early in the morning for their first worship service, he was greeted by the venue's marquis which read, "Welcome to No. Point Church." Needless to say, this well intended welcome created quite a bit of chatter - **No Point?**

So, what is the point? Church experts, consultants, congregations, pastors and associations have been asking and addressing questions like this one for years. Is the answer, More Growth? - More people? - More resources? What is the point? The answer to many of these age old questions is found in the Great Commission. The point is to **Makes Disciples!**

When it comes to cultivating, nurturing and shaping a culture of disciple making in our churches, I'm often reminded of Mike Breen's words, *"If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples."*

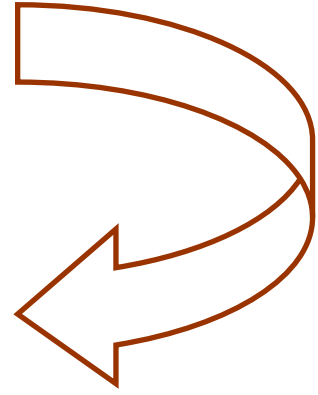
When it comes to cultivating anything, whether it be a field for a crop or a church for discipleship, having the right tools for the job is important. One tool that is now available at a discounted rate to Middle District Churches is **RightNow Media**, a vast online library of Christian videos and resources for individuals, families, Sunday schools, small groups and churches. All middle district pastors will have unlimited access to this library for personal use. If you have an interest in learning more about making it available to your congregation, please contact me and let's make **Disciples**.



- John Sawyer

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More Annual Meeting pics available on our website: mdba.org



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays, Office Closed
- 27-28 Gifts/Donations to Christmas Store
- 29 - 30 Christmas Store - Families



Church Staff Birthdays

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



- 6 Wayne Windle, Retired
- 12 Linda Gardner, Bethel
- 23 Lisa Viramontes, Ironbridge
- 30 Anna Holland, PCC

