



Middle District  
Baptist Association

Starting and Strengthening Churches...

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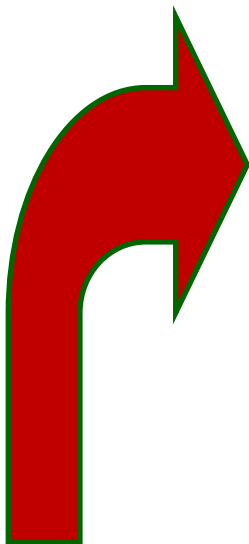
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# COMMUNICATOR

November 2024

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MDBA

## CHRISTMAS STORE

December 2 - 5, 2024

Ironbridge Church



All the children have sponsors!

**A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR THE PARENTS:** Save household items for them to "*shop*" after they pick up donated kids gifts.

We don't accept furniture but **GOOD CONDITION** household items such as blankets, small kitchen appliances ( coffee pot, blenders, etc), clothing, toys, books, décor, Christmas décor, etc...

**DROP OFF:** Dec. 2-3. between 10 am - 3 pm to Ironbridge Church. This is for gifts AND household items.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Help us set up and collect donations Monday and Tuesday. We need more hands helping Wednesday and Thursday as families pick up items such as carry bags to car, restock store, or help them shop if needed. Contact Brenda Green at the MDBA office to help or questions:

[brenda@mdba.org](mailto:brenda@mdba.org) or 804-276-8481.



## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

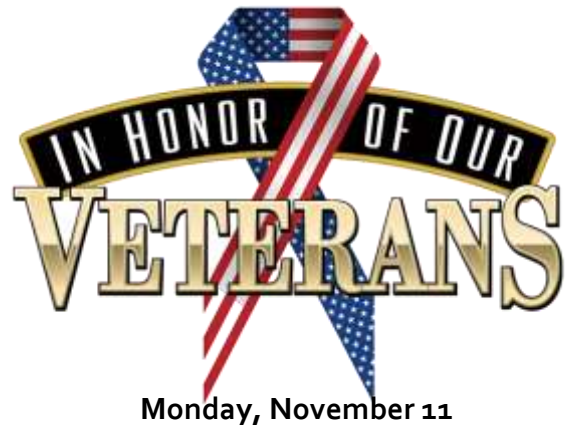
At our 2024 Fall Meeting at Passion Community Church’s Midlothian Campus, we began with a brief business session before transitioning into a moving time of worship led by members of PCC’s worship team. Following worship, we reflected on our shared past and the ways God has worked through our association over the years. We also looked forward and addressed some of the unique challenges facing associations today at all levels.

Over the past 18 months, our leadership team has listened to the pastors and churches in our association. We have reflected on our storied past and evaluated our work together as an association. At the same time, we have come to believe that in order to thrive as an association committed to the Great Commission and Great Commandment, **we must be willing** to work collaboratively in a spirit of unity and embrace innovation in an effort to strengthen and move us forward. To that end, we introduced a **renewed vision for the MDBA** that includes improved communication, the upcoming launch of a new website, and Mission CVA—a missional focused initiative to strengthen our missional presence across Central Virginia.

A highlight of our time together was hearing from representatives of **Circle Center, an Adult Daycare** founded through the partnership of five local churches in Richmond, VA. This ministry embodies the impact that unity and collaboration can have on meeting real community needs with mercy and compassion.



Our gathering concluded with a prayer of gratitude and a sincere request for God’s continued guidance as we look forward to serving His Kingdom with renewed purpose. We find ourselves in an exciting time as an association and plan to continue many of the things who’ve made us who we are today and believe God is also doing a new thing in the Middle District. We’d love to meet with you and/or your church to share more about where we sense God is leading us going forward. Please reach out to us and let’s schedule a time.



Monday, November 11

### Church Staff Birthdays

*(Includes church staff current, retired and spouses)*

- 2 Jesse Green, Retired
- 6 Wayne Windle, Retired
- 9 Greg Morgan, Sandy Creek
- 12 Linda Gardner, Retired
- 15 Taylor Creed, Friendship
- 23 Lisa Viramontes, Ironbridge
- 25 Roger Stanley, Sandy Creek
- 30 Anna Holland, PCC



We wish you all a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** as you celebrate all the blessings God gives us each day throughout the year.

It is indeed a hard season for some . If we truly believe what the Bible says, we can, however, rejoice in knowing God will bring comfort to the broken-hearted. In whatever fashion that is in your life. He loves you and so do we!

***"Dear God, Thank You for Your amazing power and work in our lives, thank You for Your goodness and for Your blessings over us ."***

\*Our office will be closed for Thanksgiving holidays November 27-29.