MATTHEW L. SAWYER

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PULPIT SUPPLY • GUEST PREACHING • CHURCH MINISTRY

MINISTRY PROFILE

Pastor and ministry leader with more than a decade of experience serving the local church through preaching, teaching, discipleship, pastoral care, student ministry, volunteer leadership, and missions. Ordained in 2010, with experience preaching Sunday services and teaching Bible studies and conference sessions. Available to serve churches through pulpit supply and guest preaching.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

FBC CHIPLEY

Connections Pastor | Nov 2022–Aug 2023

- Led guest services teams and helped create a welcoming experience for guests and members.
- Guided guests through the membership process and connected individuals and families to small groups and Sunday School.
- Recruited, trained, and organized ministry volunteers and teams.
- Taught, delegated responsibilities, strengthened ministry communication, and preached when needed.

FBC CHIPLEY

Student Pastor | Jul 2014–Nov 2022

- Led student ministry for grades 7–12, teaching weekly and providing pastoral care to students and families.
- Preached and taught regularly in church and ministry settings and filled in for Sunday preaching.
- Planned and coordinated mission trips, camps, conferences, and outreach ministries, including partnerships in NYC and LA.
- Developed an intentional discussion-based discipleship model for Wednesday nights.
- Trained and supported small-group leaders and volunteers and oversaw young adult/college involvement.
- Taught conference breakout sessions and developed ministry opportunities that encouraged students and ministry leaders.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Student Pastor | Mar 2013–Jul 2014

- Oversaw student ministry for grades 6–12 and taught weekly Bible lessons.
- Organized events and mission trips, supported campus outreach ministries, and filled in for Sunday preaching when needed.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOLLY SPRINGS

Student Pastor | Jul 2010–Mar 2013

- Led student ministry for grades 6–12 through weekly messages, Bible studies, outreach events, and school-based campus ministry.
- Led worship while the church was searching for a music leader.

MINISTRY STRENGTHS

Preaching & Teaching:	Sunday preaching • Bible teaching • Conference teaching • Worship settings
Pastoral Ministry:	Pastoral care • Discipleship • Encouragement • Family ministry
Church Leadership:	Volunteer development • Team building • Small groups • Guest services
Ministry Planning:	Missions • Outreach • Events • Camps • Conferences

EDUCATION & ORDINATION

MA in Christian Studies — Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary | 2019–2022

BA in Christian Studies — The Baptist University of Florida | 2010

AA in Christian Education — The Baptist University of Florida | 2010

Ordained — July 2010

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

Planning Specialist II–IV | 2023–Present

- Coordinate projects, organize data, lead meetings, create training materials, and support cross-department collaboration.
- Serve as a team leader and communicator in a fast-paced environment, utilizing GIS, mapping, and data-visualization tools.
- Bring strong organization, attention to detail, problem-solving, and communication skills.