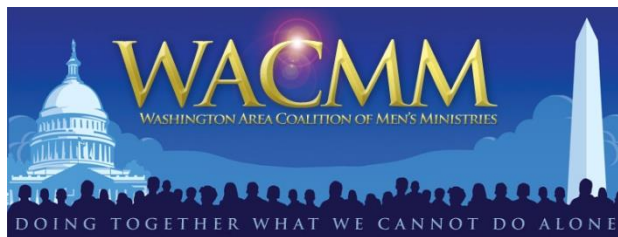


## **News Alert – Immediate Release**

**Washington Area Coalition of Men's Ministries**

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### **Quarterback Jeff Kemp and NFL Chaplains Headline Regional Men's Conference Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**WASH., DC** – Jeff Kemp, Dr. Johnny Parker and Pastor Rod Hairston - three of the nation's most sought-after speakers - will be featured keynoters at Derwood Bible Church in Derwood MD on Saturday October 6, 2018 for the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Regional Men's Conference. The event is sponsored by the Washington Area Coalition of Men's Ministries (WACMM).

**Jeff Kemp** is a former NFL quarterback who played eleven seasons. He and his late father Jack are one of only four sets of fathers and sons who have played quarterback in the NFL. Jeff was the founder and president of *Stronger Families*, a Seattle-based non-profit that united communities around strengthening marriages, served as Vice President of *Family Life* ministry in Little Rock AR and author of *Facing the Blitz: Three Strategies for Turning Trials into Triumphs*.

**Dr. Johnny Parker** is a former Redskins chaplain and serves as an executive coach and relationship architect. He is an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University. He has also pastored at McLean Bible Church VA and First Baptist Church of Glenarden MD. He earned an M.A. in Counseling Psychology and a Doctorate in Strategic Leadership from Regent University. He has authored several books including *Turn the Page: Unlocking the Story Within You*.

**Rod Hairston** is the senior and founding pastor of Messiah Community Church in Reisterstown MD. For fourteen seasons, he served as a chaplain and life coach to the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, earning two Super Bowl rings. Rod is a frequent speaker at NCAA and NFL team gatherings, men's and marriage conferences, and corporate training sessions. He is also author of *Cover Her: How to Create a Safe Place for the Ladies in Your Life*

Eight different breakout sessions will address such topics as: biblical manhood, marriage, fatherhood, faith and work; racial reconciliation; evangelism; dealing with temptation; discipleship; and men's health. Worship will be led by Pastor Ernest Sallee and *"The Iron Men Praise Band."* There will also be a plenary panel discussion with Kemp, Parker and Hairston on faith, football and friendships and also audience Q-A's with the keynote speakers.

"October 6 is the year's premiere men's event in the Mid-Atlantic region. This is our twenty first conference in the last eleven years and we've been looking forward to bringing this powerful speaker line-up together for some time," according to Dave Brown, Director of the Washington Area Coalition of Men's Ministries (WACMM). "The conference will encourage, equip and connect men from different churches in the region with some of the very best resources available in country. Over 19,000 men from over 900 churches in seventeen states have previously attended our one-day conferences and many count them as a life changing experience."

Eight breakout sessions will be presented by:

**Jeff Kemp**, former NFL QB, Little Rock AR

**Rod Hairston**, Sr. Pastor, Messiah Community Church, Reisterstown MD

**Chuck Whitmore**, Director, Christian Businessmen's Connection (CBMC), Hunt Valley MD

**Jeff Hunt**, Director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Derwood MD

**Mark Mitchell**, Pastor, Covenant Life Church, Gaithersburg MD

**Steve Reynolds**, Sr. Pastor, Capital Bible Church, Annandale VA

**Joel Freeman**, President, Freeman Institute, Severn MD

**Howie Levin**, Director, OneHeartDC, Ashburn VA

**The Conference will open its doors at 7:00 a.m. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. at Derwood Bible Church** (1601 Chieftain Ave, Derwood MD). Special group and early registration discounts are available. Information and on-line registration can be found at [www.wacmm.org](http://www.wacmm.org) or by contacting Dave Brown, WACMM Director; 240.447.1363

Founded in 1999, the Washington Area Coalition of Men's Ministries (WACMM) is a non-profit, non-denominational ministry to support and encourage pastors, men's leaders and men in the Washington DC region in their ministry to men. Over 62,000 men have attended various WACMM events, including Stand in the Gap 2007 on the National Mall, RED ZONE 2010 and twenty-one previous regional conferences in the past eleven years.