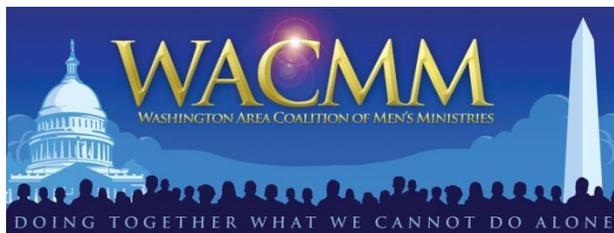


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Christian Men's Conference Set for Mid-Atlantic Region Saturday, May 3, 2014

WASH., DC – Pastors Darrin Patrick and Joshua Harris, two of the most highly regarded young church leaders in the country, will be featured keynoters at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield VA Saturday May 3, 2014 for an **“Iron Sharpens Iron”** Men's Conference. It will be the largest men's gathering in the mid-Atlantic region this year.

Gregg Harris, a pioneer in Christian education, and Pastor Tom Joyce, former Top Gun aviator and survivor of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, will join Patrick and Harris to headline the day-long conference. The conference will also feature sixteen different seminars led by pastors, prominent men's leaders and teachers on topics relevant to interests and needs of men of all ages and stages of life. Worship will be led by Pastor Ernest Sallee and *“The Iron Men Praise Band”*. Dozens of ministry exhibitors will also help resource and equip men for ministry and life.

Darrin Patrick founded The Journey Church in 2002 in the urban core of St. Louis, Missouri and is Vice President of the Acts 29 Church Planting Network. He also serves as Chaplain to the St. Louis Cardinals. His latest book is *The Dude's Guide to Manhood*.

Joshua Harris has served as lead pastor of Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg MD since 2004. H is the author of the bestseller *Humble Orthodoxy* and is a member of the Council for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

Gregg Harris is a pioneer leader in the family-restoration and home-schooling movements and the father of seven children, including Joshua the oldest, and twins Alex and Brett Harris, coauthors of two bestselling books *Do Hard Things* and *Start Here*.

Tom Joyce is pastor of discipleship and marriage at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield VA. He is a US Naval Academy graduate, Top Gun aviator with a 25 year Navy career; and a survivor of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon

“Iron Sharpens Iron” is the premiere men's event in the Mid-Atlantic region. This is our fifteenth ISI conference in the last seven years and we've been looking forward to bringing this powerful line-up of speakers to our region”, according to Dave Brown, Director and Pastor-at-Large of the Washington Area Coalition of Men's Ministries (WACMM), the event's sponsoring organization. “The conference will encourage and equip men of all ages and stages of life with some of the very best resources available in country. Over 9,500 men from over 500 churches in thirteen states have already attended this powerful one-day event and many count it as a life changing experience.”

The sixteen conference seminars will be presented by:

Darrin Patrick, Joshua Harris, and Gregg Harris (will each do a seminar)

Mark Mitchell, Executive Pastor, Covenant Life Church, Gaithersburg MD - *“Living Wisely in the Last Days”*

Jason Ellerbrook, Director, Men's Programs LifeWay, Nashville TN - *“Connected: A Man's Life In the Church”*

Jesse Johnson, Teaching Pastor, Immanuel Bible, Springfield VA - *“Real Men Love Their Enemies”*

Pete Alwinson, Vice President, Key Life Network, Orlando FL - *“Understanding and Dealing With the Father Wound”*

Steve Reynolds, Sr. Pastor, Capital Bible Church, Annandale VA - *“Get Off The Couch: 6 Motivators To Lose Weight & Start Living”*

Mike Minter, Teaching Pastor, Reston Bible, Dulles VA - *“The Achilles' Heel of Christianity”*

Jack Merenda, Pastor of Care and Counseling, Immanuel Bible Church, Springfield VA - *“Sexual Temptation and Addiction”*

George Lawson, Sr. Pastor, Baltimore Bible Church, Baltimore MD - *“From Boys to Men: Defining and Developing Spiritual Maturity”*

Hugh Whelchel, Director, Institute for Faith, Work and Economics, McLean VA - *“The Biblical Meaning of Success”*

Eric Teetsel, Director, Manhattan Declaration, Washington DC - *“Gold Rings and Silver Bullets: What Marriage Is and Why It Matters”*

Bobby Little, Director, Christian Embassy, Washington DC - *“Discipleship: A Way of Life”*

Rex Tignor, Training Director, WACMM, Glen Allen VA - *“Leading Groups for Men”*

LOGOS Bible Software Representative, Billingham WA - *“The Word - The Sharpest Tool in the Shed”*

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference will open its doors at 7:00 a.m. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:55 p.m. at Immanuel Bible Church. Special group and early registration discounts are available. Information and on-line registration can be found at www.wacmm.org or by contacting 240.4471363 or dave@wacmm.org

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. Over 45,000 men have attended various WACMM events, including RED ZONE 2010 and Stand in the Gap 2007 on the National Mall.