

# MEN 4 CHRIST NEWSLETTER

KINGDOM WARRIORS

## M4C Vision

*M4C is to be a pathway for men to become disciples of Jesus Christ so as to make an eternal difference in our generation*

## M4C Mission Statement

*Love God, Love Others, Serve the world*



## A Message from Dave

M4C Kingdom Warriors,

I'm very excited about 2022 and all God has for M4C. God has a plan and a

***The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. John 10:10***

purpose for each of us and we want to make sure we don't miss it. As M4C Kingdom Warriors we want to fulfill our purpose individually and collectively. To do that we must stay focused. That is why keeping our vision and mission statement before us continually is vitally important. It helps us to remember what our purpose is and to keep us focused. We have an enemy that is focused. He has a vision and mission statement. *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy... John 10:10.* Do you know our

Vision? Can you recite our Mission Statement? Below and on the pages that follow is an outline of our M4C vision and mission, what it can do for our families, community and world when acted upon and questions to ask yourself to prompt your attendance to one of our M4C Bible Studies.

M4C Vision – Our vision is to be a pathway for men to become disciples of Jesus Christ and make an eternal difference in our generation.

M4C Mission Statement – Love God, Love Others, Serve the World

Our purpose is way larger than ourselves. Being a part of leading people to Christ and helping them become disciples is an amazing privilege. We could give you examples on how to fulfill our mission statement, and we will, but I think you should take some time and ask yourself these questions.

How can I Love God today?

How can I Love Others Today?

How can I Serve the World Today?

These are great questions for all of us to consider as we begin the new year as M4C Kingdom Warriors. Together we can change the world by reaching one man at a time.

Blessings,

Dave Pacella



**M4C**  
MEN 4 CHRIST MEN'S MINISTRY

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# M4C Vision

- To be a pathway for men at Crosswater Community Church to become disciples of Jesus Christ and make an eternal difference in their generation.

## M4C Kingdom Warriors Mission Statement

### Love God

Jesus declared, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

**Matthew 22: 37-38 BSB**

### Love Others

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

**Matthew 22:39 BS**

### Serve The World

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**Mark 10:45 BSB**

Our vision at Men 4 Christ is to be a pathway for men at Crosswater Community Church to become disciples of Jesus Christ and make an eternal difference in their generation. As we lead men through the discipleship process their hearts are transformed, they become more like Jesus and their behavior changes.



Men get right Marriages get right.



Marriages get right Families get right.



Families get right Churches get right.



Churches get right the World gets right.

## Questions to consider?



#1

- Are you searching for meaning, identity and purpose for your life?



#2

- Are you experiencing a sense of emptiness or loneliness even when you are surrounded by people?



#3

- Do you feel guilty for moral failure?



#4

- Are you in a stalled career or suffered business failure?



#5

- Are you tired of running in the rat race?



#6

- Do you want to become part of something larger than yourself?



Your Choice

- If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider joining a M4C Bible Study.

# M4C Kingdom Warriors Upcoming Event Information

## Living Without Lust 5th Annual Northeast Florida Men's Conference

Saturday February 5, 2020

9AM—4:30 PM



**5th Annual Northeast Florida Men's Conference**  
with special guest Dr. Jake Porter  
LPC, NCC, CSAT, CCPS

**Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022**  
9am - 4:30pm  
8:30a Registration & Coffee

**The Salem Center**  
7235 Bonneval Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32256

Helping men who struggle with lust & supporting the Christian leaders who serve them.  
[livingwithoutlust.com](http://livingwithoutlust.com)

**Registration Fee: \$45**

*Lunch included*

**Register Online at [livingwithoutlust.com](http://livingwithoutlust.com)**

*Registrations open December 1st (Limited to the first 135 registrants)*

**Freedom to Flourish: A Biblical Look at the Neurobiology of Addiction, Trauma, and Relationships.**

### Subjects Covered Will Include:

- How early trauma goes unnoticed
- The relationship between trauma and addiction
- How addiction changes the brain
- The relationship between sexuality, spirituality, and shame
- How betrayal traumatizes partners of addicts
- Why relationships are necessary for healing from trauma and addiction
- God's design for attachment, sexuality, and spirituality
- How the gospel shows the way to real intimacy

### Who Should Attend?

- Those Wanting a Deeper Awareness of the Problem and the Solution
- Christian Leaders Desiring to Help Men Who Struggle with Lust Issues
- Men Who May Be Struggling Themselves
- Men Seeking to Protect Their Children and Grandchildren
- Those Wanting Resources on the Subject of Lust Recovery
- People Seeking Information on Workshops, Therapy and 12-Step Groups
- Men Seeking to Overcome Trauma in Their Marriages and Families

In an attempt to create as safe an environment as possible for all in attendance, we ask that you not reveal the identity of anyone speaking or in attendance at this conference without their expressed permission--this includes sharing attendees names with your wife or significant other. We encourage you to share anything you hear or learn here, just not who said it. If you feel you will not be able to abide by this request for strict confidentiality, we ask that you excuse yourself.

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**Be Broken Ministries**  
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## M4C Kingdom Warrior's Breakfast

Date: Saturday February 19, 2022

Time: 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Topic: M4C Mission and Vision in Action

## IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26th 2022



**2022 IRON SHARPENS IRON**  
**NATIONAL MEN'S EQUIPPING CONFERENCES**

**Jacksonville, FL**  
Saturday, February 26, 2022  
All Presenters are In Person and On Site at Mandarin Presbyterian Church

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

 Dan Schilling Orlando, FL	 Mike Rivera Boston, MA	 Brian Doyle West Hartford, CT
 John Posey Atlanta, GA	 Tom Joyce Springfield, VA	 Jay Paylester Chicago, IL
 Dave Maddox Dothan, AL	 Jack Levine Coconut Creek, FL	 Cavin Harper Colorado Springs, CO

**16 DIFFERENT SEMINARS SPECIFIC TO MEN**  
FOR MEN OF ALL AGES (13+) | 8:30 A.M. – 4:55 P.M.

Request a Conference Packet at [www.IronSharpensIron.net](http://www.IronSharpensIron.net) or send email to:  
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**JOIN US AT AN EQUIPPING CONFERENCE NEAR YOU!**

- Akron, OH
- Albany, NY
- Allentown, PA
- Baton Rouge, LA
- Beloit, WI
- Boston, MA
- Brainerd, MN
- Buffalo, NY
- Burlington, VT
- Cedar Rapids, IA
- Champaign, IL
- Chattanooga, TN
- Columbia, SC
- Coquitlam, BC
- Davenport, IA
- Fargo, ND
- Fredericksburg, VA
- Grand Cayman
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Greene, NY
- Hartford, CT
- Houston, TX
- Jacksonville, FL
- Kailspell, MT
- Lakeland, FL
- Manchester, NH
- McMinnville, OR
- Milford, PA
- Minneapolis, MN
- Murray, KY
- Nashville, TN
- Northern KY
- O'Fallon, IL
- Omaha, NE
- Orland Park, IL
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Portland, ME
- Portsmouth, NH
- Richmond, VA
- Roanoke, VA
- Rochester, NY
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Sarasota, FL
- Springfield, IL
- Syracuse, NY
- Terre Haute, IN
- Tidewater, VA
- Wheaton, IL
- Wilmington, NC

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

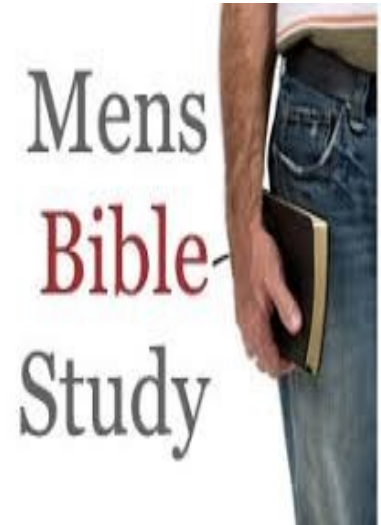
*"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

**There is one bible study each Saturday morning and one every Tuesday Evening:**



**Saturday Morning Bible Study:**  
**Time: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM**  
**Location: High School Worship Center**

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study:**  
**Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Location: Upstairs Hub (Middle School Worship Center)**



### **BROTHERS IN BATTLE with Richard Mendelson.....**

I think everyone would agree there is strength in numbers. I've learned that first hand by attending bible study classes on Tuesday night and Saturday morning at Crosswater Church. Surrounding myself with other men who are striving to live a Christian life in this crazy world has been fortifying. I lapse, I fall back and I beat myself up for failing. But seeing my fellow brothers in battle each week and hearing how they are coping with everyday life lets me know that all is not lost.

We live in a world of temptation, as outlined by Patrick Morley in his book *"The Four Voices."* We hear the voices of the world, tempting us with materialism. The voice of the flesh, tempts us with immorality. The voice of the devil tells us that it is okay to want and sin. And finally the voice of the Holy Spirit is there to fight the other three voices.

But that Holy Spirit has to be nurtured and consistently fed - unlike the other voices which enter our minds without much effort. Peter recognized this when he converted the first three thousand people in Acts: 2:40. He knew the people had to *"devote themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship of breaking bread and prayers."* Strength in numbers. The twice-weekly bible studies at church provides a fellowship with men who work very hard to apply God's truth each day.

***"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another." Proverbs 27:17***

And when life seems to be beating me down, my brothers in battle remind me of James 1:2-3 "whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know the testing of your faith produces endurance."

The bible studies are a pick me up.

***"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24.***

Another great benefit to attending a bible study is that confusing passages in the bible can be unwrapped by the group. The discussion of one scripture can elicit a thought provoking discussion that clarifies the Word and shows how it can be applied everyday.

Let's face it – it's a tough world – and fighting it alone is very hard. Crosswater Church offers several opportunities for fellowship. I'm grateful to the men who lead the Tuesday night and Saturday morning bible studies.

In Jesus name I pray.

