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## Meet our Speakers

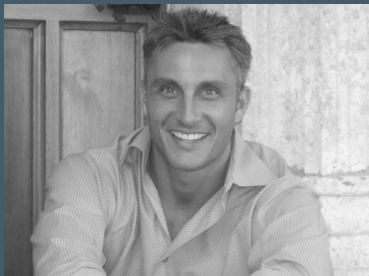
### Darrin Patrick, *Pastor of The Journey*



**Darrin Patrick** serves as lead pastor of The Journey in Saint Louis, Missouri, which he founded in 2002. Darrin also serves on the board of directors of the Acts 29 Church Planting Network as Vice President and is a regular contributor at the Resurgence. His passion is to help the church understand and live the gospel in the world. Today, The Journey runs eight services across four campuses and continues to aggressively plant new campuses and churches in the Saint Louis region and beyond. He recently finished two books: Church Planter: The Man, the Message, the Mission, releasing in August 2010, and A Church for the City with Matt Carter. Darrin is married to his high school sweetheart, Amie, and they

have four beautiful children: Glory, Grace, Drew, and Delaney. Darrin enjoys vacations with his family, basketball, good food, good books, good movies, and weightlifting.

### Tullian Tchividjian, *Pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church*



William Graham Tullian Tchividjian (pronounced cha-vi-jin) is a Florida native, the pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, a visiting professor of theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, and a grandson of Billy and Ruth Graham. A graduate of Columbia International University (philosophy) and Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Tullian is the author of *Do I Know God? Finding Certainty in Life's Most Important Relationship* (Multnomah), *Unfashionable: Making a Difference in the World by Being Different* (Multnomah) and *Surprised by Grace: God's Relentless*

*Pursuit of Rebels* (Crossway). When he is not reading, studying, preaching, or writing, he enjoys being with people and relaxing with his wife Kim and their three kids Gabe, Nate, and Genna. Tullian loves the beach, loves to exercise, and when he has time, he loves to surf.

## Bryan Loritts, *Lead Pastor of Fellowship Memphis*



Bryan is the Lead Pastor of [Fellowship Memphis](#) - a multicultural church ministering to the evolving community of urban Memphis. Bryan has also served as an adjunct professor at Crichton College, and is on the board of trustees for Biola University, Presbyterian Day School, and Memphis Leadership Foundation. In addition to serving the community of Memphis, Bryan's ministry takes him across the country as he speaks to thousands annually at churches, conferences and retreats. He is also the author of the book *God on Paper*; as well as a contributing author for the book entitled *Great Preaching*.

## Tim Chester, *Co-Director of Porterbrook Network*



Tim Chester is a church planter with [The Crowded House](#) in Sheffield, England, and co-director of [The Porterbrook Network](#), which equips individuals and churches to rediscover mission. He's the author of more than a dozen books including *The Message of Prayer*, *Good News to the Poor*, *You Can Change*, and *Total Church*, co-written with Steve Timmis. Tim's [blog](#) focuses on missional church and Reformed spirituality. He is married with two daughters.

## Jeff Vanderstelt, *Pastor at Soma Communities*



Jeff is a pastor at [Soma Communities](#), an [A29](#) church in Tacoma, WA. He is leader of leaders and a coach and trainer for church planters. His background includes music, business management, working with youth, training youth workers in North America and Europe and starting new churches. Jeff moved to Tacoma from Chicago with his wife Jayne to begin planting Soma. Jeff leads a Missional Community and the Downtown Expression, and he serves all of Soma in the areas of vision and teaching. Jeff is also on the Board of [Acts 29](#), a church planting network. Jeff and Jayne have been married over 15 years and have 3 kids: Haylee, Caleb and Maggie. He loves watching movies that make you reconsider your worldview about what really matters.

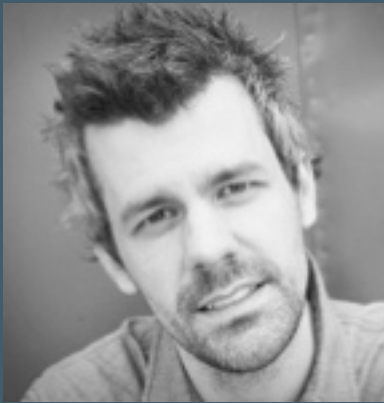


## Dan Cruver, *Director of Together for Adoption*

Dan oversees Together for Adoption and provides thought-leadership on the theology of adoption as a team member of ABBA Fund. Before co-founding and directing Together for Adoption, Dan was a college professor of Bible and Theology. He has also served as a pastor of family ministries. As one who has been adopted by God and has adopted two children, Dan co-founded Together for Adoption to equip churches and educate Christians theologically about orphan care and horizontal adoption. Dan regularly writes and speaks about the Gospel and its implications for solutions to the global orphan crisis. He is the editor and primary author of *Reclaiming Adoption: Missional Living*

*Through the Rediscovery of Abba Father* and wrote the foreword to *Heirs with Christ: The Puritans on Adoption* by Dr. Joel Beeke.

## Conference Emcees



**Shaun Groves**  
Singer / Songwriter



**Johnny Carr**  
National Director of Church Partnerships  
Bethany Christian Services