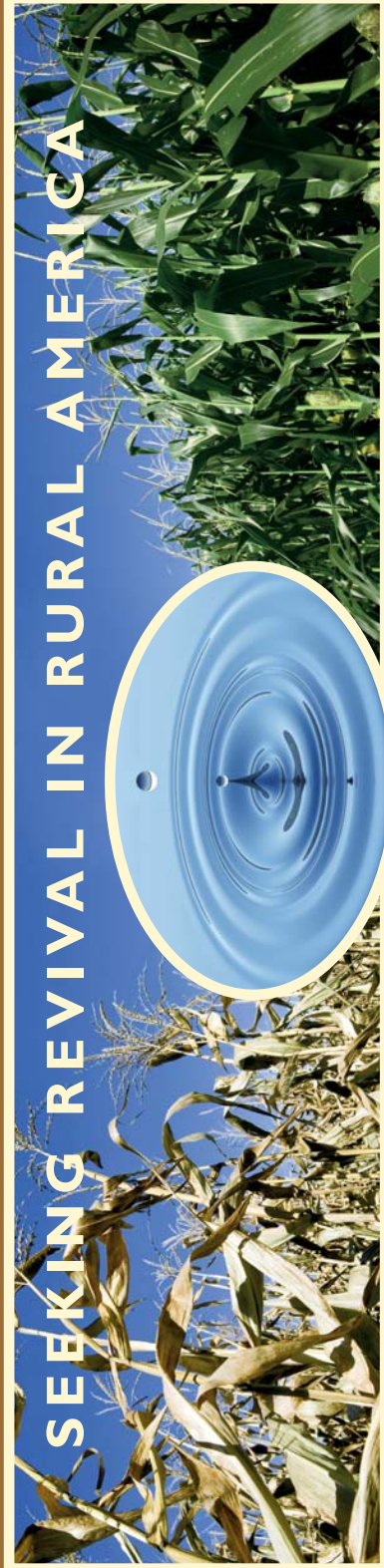


SMALL-TOWN PASTORS' CONFERENCE

A conference tailored to pastors and wives in town and country settings



SEEKING REVIVAL IN RURAL AMERICA



April 20-22, 2009 • Morton, Illinois

OVER 65 YEARS OF PLANTING AND STRENGTHENING CHURCHES IN SMALL TOWNS



“Small Town Transformed”

Wouldn't you like for this to be the headline in your local paper?

It seems everywhere I go, town and country pastors are yearning for revival in their churches and communities. I run into pastors all over who are dedicated and working hard, some for many years, but many without the obvious blessing of God – pastors who are lamenting, crying out to God, asking Him to pour water on parched ground.

Imagine God showering His blessing on rural places. Imagine people under conviction because of their sin. Imagine new churches being established and established churches being revitalized. Imagine witnessing numerous conversions. Imagine the media giving favorable reports on what is happening. It has happened before; it can happen again.

Our conference isn't meant to make it happen – we're not going to attempt to manufacture a revival. Rather, we invite you to join us as we talk about revival, learn about it, ask God to work, and make ourselves available to Him should He choose to work through us. We are seeking a heaven-sent, Spirit-produced, Bible-centered revival.

Come seek with us!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ron Klassen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ron Klassen
RHMA Executive Director

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Featuring...



Mark Bearden

Serves on Life Action Ministries leadership team; widely involved in revival ministries in hundreds of small towns across the U.S.



Henry Blackaby

Founder and President Emeritus, Blackaby Ministries International; former pastor with rural and small-church experience; author of Fresh Encounters



John Hannah

Distinguished Professor of Historical Theology at Dallas Theological Seminary; one of the foremost church historians of our day; student of revival history



Walter Kaiser

President Emeritus, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; raised on a farm in Pennsylvania and now living in rural Wisconsin; author of Revive Us Again



Jeff VanGoethem

Pastor, East White Oak Bible Church, Carlock, Illinois; rural pastor with a strong heart for revival in rural America; author

Revival Preaching...

The Eternal Purposes of God
Henry Blackaby

Biblical Revival
Henry Blackaby

Our Response – Where We Are
Henry Blackaby

Will You Not Revive Us Again, O Lord?
Walter Kaiser

The psalmist calls upon God to once again do what He has done in the past, that is to bring new life and vitality into the relationships of God's people with the living Lord. This work of God will not only bring peace and the mighty presence of God, it will also restore harmony and joy among believers as grace and truth meet each other.

It's Time to Renew the Work of God
Walter Kaiser

The prophet Haggai calls out for God to renew His work. The people's procrastination over building the house of God could not be blamed on Divine Providence, but on God's people's refusal to set priorities and their failure to get involved. A revived believing body will receive the enablement that comes from the Lord as His personal presence stirs them to return to the work of God.

Is There Hope for Revival in Rural America?

Jeff VanGoethem

The prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk ministered in the declining days of the southern kingdom of Judah. God's people were backslidden, spiritually sluggish, and in trouble with God. Yet, these men had hope for revival. Can we also dare to hope for our own troubled land and its diseased church?

Revival Principles...

Mark Bearden

Brokenness

God does not share His glory. In fact, He says there must be a heart of submission before He can powerfully work through us. In Christ we see the perfect display of this heart.

Pursuit of God

God rewards those who “diligently seek Him.” If we confuse the pursuit of anything – including ministry – with this pursuit, we will lose our spiritual orientation.

Necessity of Transparency

G. Campbell Morgan said: “You will never find in Scripture God getting angry at honesty, but you will find Him judging hypocrisy.” Transparency in life is an essential to God’s blessing.

Revival History...

John Hannah

The First Great Awakening, 1734-1735, 1740-1741

This is one of the most profound movings of the Spirit of God in British North America and part of the awakenings that swept the English-speaking world in the 18th century. It is the story of divine grace wrought by the mercy of God through the agency of caring pastors, gospel preaching, and concerts of prayer. It was the era of Jonathan Edwards, the Tennents, and George Whitefield. Like all such divine visitations, there was the blessing of fruit and the subversive activity of the devil’s minions.

The Second Great Awakening, 1787-1817

This was the first powerful moving of the Spirit after the birth of the United States. The challenges of false religions and political uncertainty formed the background of this mighty answer to prayer. There are lessons – positive and negative – as we face uncertain economic, political, and social days. The Awakening was so prolific that the nation was secured within a Christian consensus for nearly a century afterward. It was the stirring days of Timothy Dwight, Archibald Alexander, and Asahel Nettleton.

The Third Great Awakening – the Layman’s Prayer Revival, 1857-1859

With the threat of national division and civil strife, a small prayer meeting in a New York church conducted by an obscure layman lead to a prolific moving of God’s Spirit, drawing millions to Christ across the United States, British Isles, and mission stations around the globe. What is striking about this awakening is that it was deeply rooted in prayer with none of the emotional displays that often accompany awakenings and cause their decline and discredit.

Special Feature



**Supper with the
19th century
“backwoods
evangelist”
Peter Cartwright**

Can't come to the Morton Conference?

**Join us for our first-ever
Small-Town
Pastors' Conference in Texas!**

October 12 – 14, 2009

**Held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
For more information about
this conference go to www.rhma.org**

Featured speakers include:



Dave Wyrzten

Small-town pastor (36 years!), Midlothian Bible Church, Midlothian, Texas



Phil Tuttle

*President, Walk Thru the Bible;
former small-town pastor*



Mark Bailey

President, Dallas Theological Seminary



Don Wyrzten

Composer, concert artist, and professor of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be sharing in the worship times

Continuing Education Credit

You can receive 1.3 CEU credits by attending all sessions of the Small-Town Pastors' Conference. Credits will be issued through Lancaster Bible College and Graduate School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A fee of \$5.00 is payable at the conference upon completion of a form which will be available in the conference packets. LBC will mail you a CEU certificate following the conference.



**Lancaster Bible College
and Graduate School**

Schedule

Monday, April 20

- 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Registration at RHMA's headquarters building, 310 East Courtland St., Morton
Check into hotels
- 5:30 p.m. Supper at Grace Evangelical Church
- 7:00 p.m. Preaching Session with Henry Blackaby
The Eternal Purposes of God
- 8:30 p.m. Fellowship and Prayer

Tuesday, April 21

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting led by Jeff VanGoethem
- 8:45 a.m. Preaching Session with Jeff VanGoethem
Is There Hope for Revival in Rural America? Part 1
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. History Lesson with John Hannah
The First Great Awakening
- 11:30 a.m. Revival Principles with Mark Bearden
Brokenness
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch/free time
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Preaching Session with Henry Blackaby
Biblical Revival
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. History Lesson with John Hannah
The Second Great Awakening
- 5:30 p.m. Supper with the 19th century
"backwoods evangelist" Peter Cartwright
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Preaching Session with Henry Blackaby
Our Response – Where We Are

Wednesday, April 22

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting led by Jeff VanGoethem
- 8:45 a.m. Preaching Session with Jeff VanGoethem
Is There Hope for Revival in Rural America? Part 2
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. History Lesson with John Hannah
The Third Great Awakening
- 11:30 a.m. Revival Principles with Mark Bearden
Pursuing God
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch/free time
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Preaching Session with Walter Kaiser
Will You Not Revive Us Again, O Lord?
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Revival Principles with Mark Bearden
Living Transparently
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Preaching Session with Walter Kaiser
It's Time to Renew the Work of God

Information

REGISTRATION COSTS

POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1:

Pastor ONLY:	\$95
Pastor & Wife:	\$120
Full-time Student:	\$35

After April 1: ADD \$20 to the total registration cost.

Registration includes lunches, suppers, and conference materials.

*Registration costs are non-refundable after April 1.
Space is limited to 400. First-come, first-served basis.*

LODGING

Special rates have been secured at the following hotels:

Ashland House & Conference Center (Best Western)

201 E. Ashland, Morton, IL 61550

Phone: 309.263.5116

Rate: \$74/night + tax (1-4 people)

Comfort Inn

210 E. Ashland, Morton, IL 61550

Phone: 309.266.8888

Rate: \$59.99/night + tax (1-4 people)

Quality Inn

115 E. Ashland, Morton, IL 61550

Phone: 309.266.8310

Rate: \$62/night + tax (1-4 people)

Travelodge

101 E. Ashland, Morton, IL 61550

Phone: 309.266.1600

Rate: \$62/night + tax (1-4 people)

All hotels provide a complimentary breakfast.
The Ashland House and Comfort Inn have indoor pools.
To make your reservations, please call the hotel of your choice.
Mention RHMA to receive the reduced rate.

Hotel Reservation Deadlines:

April 4 for Ashland House, Quality Inn, and Travelodge

April 6 for Comfort Inn

We encourage you to make your reservation early
as space is limited at these rates.

CHILDREN

*While families are important to us, this conference is for pastors and wives.
As a courtesy to other participants we ask that no children
attend with you. Thank you.*

Location



ALL SESSIONS HELD AT
Grace Evangelical Church
1325 E. Jefferson
Morton, IL 61550
309.266.9281



RHMA IS SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT MANY SMALL-TOWN PASTORS CANNOT AFFORD EXPENSIVE PASTORS' CONFERENCES. THE ACTUAL COST OF THIS CONFERENCE IS CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THE REGISTRATION FEE, BUT RHMA IS COMMITTED TO RAISING THE DIFFERENCE. DURING THE CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD EXPENSES, IF YOU WISH TO DO SO.

Registration

You may register online (www.rhma.org) or fill out this form and mail to RHMA, Box 300, Morton, IL 61550

Name _____

Wife's name (if attending) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church/Ministry _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Email _____

Registration cost if postmarked by April 1: Check ONE

Pastor ONLY \$95 Pastor & Wife \$120 Full-time Student \$35

Registration cost _____

After April 1: add \$20 to total registration cost _____

Total \$ _____

THREE WAYS TO PAY

1. Make check payable to RHMA and include with this form.

2. Or pay with: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

3. If you register online, you may pay there with a credit card.

