

2014 Small-Town Pastors' Conference

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

Weathering

"Rejoicing in
Hope, Patient
in Tribulation,
Constant in
Prayer."

Romans 12:12

the Storms

Featuring

Phil Tuttle



President, Walk Thru the Bible; former small-town pastor; author, including *Crucible: The Choices that Change Your Life Forever*

Mark Bearden



Revivalist with Life Action Ministries; widely involved in revival ministries in hundreds of small towns across the U.S.

Rejoicing Patient Constant



**September 29 -
October 1**

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Rural Home
Missionary Association**



Weathering the Storms

Ron Klassen *RHMA's Executive Director*

Living in a fallen world means that storms are inevitable. The small-town pastor often finds himself as a clearing-house of sorts for the seemingly endless storms that people in his church and community encounter. At the same time, the small-town pastor often finds himself a lightning rod for what seems like more than his fair share of storms. While the nature of these storms might be universal in scope, their effects are often more severely felt in a rural context where loneliness can make the clouds seem darker, where living in a context of social intimacy can make the thunder seem more threatening, and where limited resources and smaller size can make us feel more fragile when the winds are pounding.

Our Small-Town Pastors' Conference is an opportunity for you to come away from the storms for a couple of days. We can't promise to turn rain into sunshine, but we can provide a respite. Our conference will serve as a calm and safe environment in which we can think together about the storms – glean strength, encouragement, and insights from God's Word and each other.

Come, and you'll find yourself in a down-home, warm, and affirming atmosphere. Come, and you'll connect with a host of people who understand your ministry context. Come with the expectation that you will return to your place of ministry with renewed passion and vigor.

Come apart for a while. Join us at this year's Small-Town Pastors' Conference!

**Can't come to
the Lancaster Conference?**

**Join us in Morton, Illinois
April 27-29, 2015**

For more information, go to
www.rhma.org.

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Meet the Seminar Leaders



Mike Boyle

Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies, Moody Bible Institute; experienced small-town church planter; RHMA consultant; former District Superintendent, Northern Plains District of the Evangelical Free Church



Lynelle Buchanan

Pastor's wife and dorm mom for 50 college women; associate professor and chair of the counseling department, Baptist Bible College; speaker for church groups and conferences



Ron Klassen

Executive Director, RHMA; former small-town and country pastor; author, including *No Little Places: The Untapped Potential of the Small-Town Church*



Ken Muck

Long-time pastor, Countryside Bible Church, Monmouth, Illinois; strong advocate of bivocational pastoring – for many years he has continued to be bivocational out of desire, not necessity



Gary Roseboom

Associate Director, RHMA; worship leader, RHMA conferences; grew up in a farming community in upstate New York



Ellen Tuttle

Former small-town pastor's wife in two Illinois churches; serves and speaks with her husband, Phil, President of Walk Thru the Bible



Larry and Kerry Van Gundy

Larry is Associate Pastor of Outreach and Care, East White Oak Bible Church, Carlock, Illinois; they formerly served for more than 20 years as pastoral couple in a town of less than 1,000 people; Larry is a member of RHMA's Board of Directors

Seminars

Tuesday Morning Seminars

(90-minute in-depth sessions)

Prayer: The Foundation of the Church's Power

Mark Bearden

It has been said that Satan fears nothing from our prayerless work but trembles when we pray. The effectiveness of the church and the power of the Christian life are tied to our understanding of the priority of prayer.

Relaunching from Times of Exhaustion and Burnout

Mike Boyle

Pastoral ministry launches with great vision, excitement, and anticipation. Over time we may feel a sense of tiredness, exhaustion, and even burnout. Principles from the life of Elijah will help us be refreshed, renewed, and relaunched into ministry.

Marital Joy in the Midst of Ministry Challenges

Wives Only

Lynelle Buchanan

Ministry is full of dichotomies – times of immense joy and times of tremendous difficulty. If we aren't careful, the challenges can take a toll on our marriages. Come be encouraged and reinvigorated by the opportunity to represent Christ to the world through the model of marriage.

What Does a Healthy Church Look Like in Rural America?

Ron Klassen

Is improving stats the answer to this seminar's title (like increasing attendance and giving)? "But," you say, "I live in an isolated context with declining population." Did you know that the New Testament provides an example of a pretty healthy church (albeit with some shortcomings), small in size, located in a declining small town?

God's Grand Story

Phil Tuttle

Have you wondered how all the pieces of the Old Testament fit together, about all those good and bad kings, judges and priests, desert experiences, and messages of hope, and what it all means? God's Grand Story is the story of God's work to redeem, restore, and renew His people.

Tuesday Afternoon Seminars

(60-minute sessions)

Chastening and Testing

Mark Bearden

This seminar will help us understand what God is trying to accomplish when storms come. Often we confuse being tested by God with being chastened for sin. This confusion can cause us to misunderstand God's purpose.

Navigating the Changing Culture of the Church in Rural America

Mike Boyle

There is agreement that the Church in America is going through the uncharted waters of cultural change. Even in rural communities, the way we have done church is being questioned and challenged. As pastors and church leaders, we need insight into why this is happening and learn how to navigate these uncharted waters wisely.

Turning Your Bivocational Ministry into Opportunities

Ken Muck

Might bivocational pastoring involve equipping your church family to minister better to each other and your community? We will share both the joys and advantages of being involved in this vital calling of God.

Would Jesus Go to Mayberry?

Gary Roseboom

You sometimes get the impression from the church-at-large that significant ministry can take place only in large population centers. It's encouraging to know that Jesus set the example in reaching out to small towns and rural areas.

Seminars

Continued

Relationships That Carry You Through the Storms

Wives Only

Ellen Tuttle

Why does it seem like some people weather their storms with greater ease than others? Whether you are in a storm or someone you love is, this seminar will show you how to cultivate relationships that help you experience your storms with trust and faith.

Wednesday Seminars

(90-minute in-depth sessions)

Praying with Vision and Faith

Mark Bearden

While prayer should be one of the most exciting aspects of the Christian life, for many Christians it's the most frustrating. What does it mean to pray in faith? When can we pray by faith? When can we not? This seminar will look at what Scripture teaches about praying with the Spirit's guidance and praying by faith.

Chasing After God – Pursuing a Refreshing, Vital Relationship with Your Creator

Wives Only

Lynelle Buchanan

Some of the most God-centered people have talked about dry spells in their pursuit of Him. If your relationship with God has become cold, or your times of Bible study and prayer have become routine and superficial, come get ideas about how to refresh it.

Endurance and Energy or Fatigued and Finished?

Ken Muck

This seminar will help us discover the privileges and benefits of long-term ministry based on Galatians 6:9-10.

Protecting Your Family from Your Ministry

Phil Tuttle

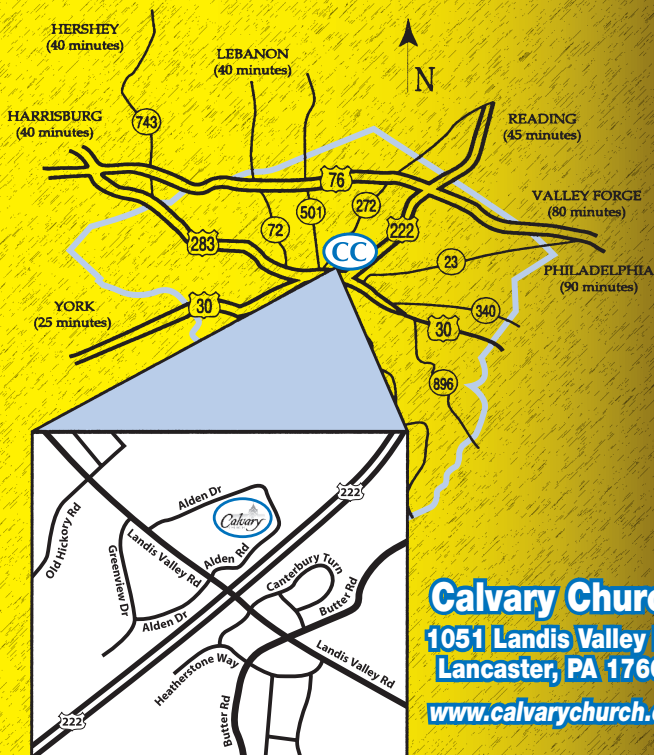
When God called you to serve Him, He asked you to sacrifice many things, but your family shouldn't have been one of them. If you like quick fixes and easy formulas, this isn't for you. This seminar is about real solutions to real challenges.

Weathering the Storms

Larry and Kerry Van Gundy

Serving in a rural context can mean experiencing lots of storms in life and ministry. This seminar will provide encouragement for getting through those stormy days.

Location



Calvary Church
1051 Landis Valley Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601
www.calvarychurch.org

(Note: You cannot exit from Rt. 222 onto Landis Valley Rd.)

Schedule

Monday, September 29

- 4:00–5:15 p.m. Registration at Calvary Church
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:30 p.m. Plenary Session
Storytellers: Larry and Kerry Van Gundy
Speaker: Phil Tuttle
Detour: Finding Purpose When Life Doesn't Make Sense – Part 1
8:00 p.m. Fellowship time

Tuesday, September 30

- Breakfast at your hotel or on your own
8:45 a.m. Plenary Session
Speaker: Mark Bearden
Consequences of Prayerlessness
9:45 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Seminars
12:00 p.m. Lunch
12:45 p.m. Seminars
2:00 p.m. Free time (buses leave promptly at 2:00)
6:00 p.m. Supper
7:00 p.m. Plenary Session
Storytellers: Larry and Kerry Van Gundy
Speaker: Phil Tuttle
Detour: Finding Purpose When Life Doesn't Make Sense – Part 2
8:30 p.m. Fellowship time and Q & A with Phil Tuttle and Mark Bearden

Wednesday, October 1

- Breakfast at your hotel or on your own
8:45 a.m. Seminars
10:30 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Closing Plenary Session
Speaker: Mark Bearden
Blessed Are the Unoffended
12:15 p.m. Lunch

Continuing Education Credit

You can receive 1.2 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 \$10.00 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.



Information

REGISTRATION COSTS

POSTMARKED BY September 12:

Pastor ONLY:	\$105
Pastor & Wife:	\$150
Full-time Student:	\$80
Full-time Student & Wife:	\$100

After September 12: ADD \$20 to the total registration cost.

Registration includes lunches, suppers, and conference materials.

Registration costs are non-refundable after September 12.

LODGING

Special rates have been secured at:

Hawthorne Suites

2045 Lincoln Hwy
Lancaster, PA 17602
Phone: 717.290.7100

Rate: 1 Queen Bed - \$74.00/night + tax
2 Queen Bed - \$84.00/night + tax

Complimentary hot breakfast buffet served each morning.

To make your reservation, please call the hotel and mention RHMA to receive the reduced rate.

Hotel Reservation Deadline Is September 1

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

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.

Two Special Events

**Tuesday
afternoon**



A TOUR OF AMISH COUNTRY

Join us as we travel by motor coach on a tour through the beautiful Lancaster County countryside. We will stop along the way to look around and see the Plain People's way of life and listen to the step-on tour guide talk about the sites.



HERSHEY TROLLEY WORKS

**All aboard for a historic journey
through the town built on chocolate!**

This memorable excursion delivers good, old fashioned fun as singing trolley conductors dressed in period costumes entertain and inform you on an enchanting ride through CHOCOLATE TOWN, USA.



The cost for the Tour of Amish Country or Hershey Trolley Works is \$10.00/person and is IN ADDITION to your conference registration fee. Advanced tickets for the tour are required. Therefore, no refund will be given, and we must receive your tour reservation by September 6.

There are plenty of other things to see and do in the Lancaster County region. We will have an information table available with lots of brochures and ideas.

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 September 12: check appropriate box

Pastor ONLY ☐ \$105 Pastor & Wife ☐ \$150

Full-time Student ☐ \$80 Full-time Student & Wife ☐ \$100

Registration cost _____

After September 12: Add \$20 to the total registration cost _____

Amish Tour add _____ *x \$10.00 =* _____

Hershey Tour add _____ *x \$10.00 =* _____

Total \$ _____

To help us plan for seminar materials and space, please indicate your choices below. This registration does not commit you to your selection. You may change it upon arrival.

Choose ONE - per section - per person registered

Seminars—Tuesday Morning

Pastor Wife Title

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prayer: The Foundation of the Church's Power |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Relaunching from Times of Exhaustion and Burnout |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marital Joy in the Midst of Ministry Challenges (<i>Women</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | What Does a Healthy Church Look Like in Rural America? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | God's Grand Story |

Seminars—Tuesday Afternoon

Pastor Wife Title

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Relationships That Carry You Through the Storms (<i>Women</i>) |

Seminars—Wednesday

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Protecting Your Family from Your Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Weathering the Storms |

THREE WAYS TO PAY

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

2. Or pay with: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

3 Digit Security Code

Signature _____

3. Or register online and pay there with a credit card.

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