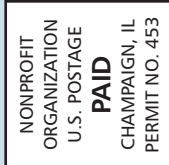


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Activities

In addition to seminars, the following activities are options for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons IF YOU ARE NOT TAKING A SEMINAR. Please check the activity of your choice below.

More information about these activities is available online and at check-in

Tuesday, April 26, Activities

(please check one per person)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Funk Prairie Home Museum (\$5.00/person) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Golf Outing (cost to be determined) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trap Shooting and Fishing (no cost) |
| | | On-your-own Activities (no cost) |

Wednesday, April 27, Activity

(please check one per person, Limit: 20)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum (\$10.00/person) |
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On-your-own Activities

- Ronald Reagan Museum at Eureka College
- Metamora Courthouse State Historic Site
- Bass Pro Shops – East Peoria



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Lee Eclow



Retired after 22 years as senior pastor of Village Church, Lincolnshire, Illinois; to focus on ministry to pastors; grew up in a rural, South Dakota church; prolific author, including *Feels Like Home: How Rediscovering the Church as Family Changes Everything*

David Pinckney



Pastor, River of Grace Church, Concord, New Hampshire; rural pastor's son; member, Small Town Summit's leadership team; Acts 29's Rural Strategist and Northeast Regional Director

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REGISTRATION COSTS

POSTMARKED BY April 11:

- Pastor ONLY: \$120
- Pastor & Wife: \$160
- Full-time Student: \$60
- Full-time Student & Wife: \$100

After April 11: ADD \$20 per person to the total registration cost.

Registration costs are non-refundable after April 11.

Registration includes lunches, suppers, and conference materials. We are sorry, but we cannot accommodate special diet requests.

Space is limited. First-come, first-served basis.

LODGING

The following rates have been secured at these Morton hotels. Mention RHMA to receive these rates.

Baymont Inn & Suites

Phone: 309-266-8888 \$79.00 - King/Two Queens (rate expires 4/5)

Best Western Morton Inn

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Comfort Inn & Suites

Phone: 309-263-5116 \$87.00 - Two Queens (rate expires 4/6)

Days Inn

Phone: 309-266-1600 \$79.99 - Two Queens (rate expires 4/5)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Phone: 309-263-4400 \$116.00 - King/Two Queens (rate expires 3/21)

Quality Inn

Phone: 309-266-8310 \$79.99 - Two Queens (rate expires 4/5)

All hotels provide a complimentary breakfast. The Holiday Inn, Park Inn, Baymont Inn and Best Western Motor Inn have indoor pools. To make your reservation, please call the hotel of your choice.

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

Schedule

All sessions held at Grace Church, 1325 E. Jefferson St.

Monday, April 25

- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Check-in at Grace Church
- 5:15 p.m. Supper at Grace Church
- 6:30 p.m. Plenary Session with D. A. Carson
- 8:00 p.m. Dessert and Fellowship

Tuesday, April 26

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting with Carey Gossen
- 8:45 a.m. Plenary Session with D. A. Carson
- 10:30 a.m. Seminars
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch / Free-time Options
- 1:00-2:15 p.m. Seminars
- 5:15 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Plenary Session with Bill Allison

Wednesday, April 27

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting with Carey Gossen
- 8:45 a.m. Plenary Session with David Pinckney
- 10:30 a.m. Seminars
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:00 noon Lincoln Museum, Springfield
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Seminars
- 2:30 p.m. Ladies' Tea and Men's Dessert Forum
- 5:15 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Closing Plenary Session with Lee Eclow

Seminar Leaders

Mike Boyle



Interim pastor; former professor, Pastoral Ministries Department, Moody Bible Institute; former District Superintendent with the Evangelical Free Church of America and church planter in Illinois and North Dakota

Liz Burns



Women's Discipleship Director, Rivertown Church, Battleboro, Vermont; speaker for Small Town Summits

Joe Humrichous



Executive Director, Paradigm 1; former small-town pastor; Bible teacher; conference speaker

Adam Kipp



Pastor, Grace Bible Church, a small-town church in Illinois; member, RHMA Board of Directors; professor in RHMA's TACT Program; leads small-town church service projects

Ron Klassen



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

Steve Mathewson



Senior Pastor, CrossLife Evangelical Free Church, Libertyville, Illinois; Director, DMin Program, Western Seminary; rural pastor in Montana for 20 years; grew up the son of an RHMA Director

Stan Risinger



Man in the Mirror Area Director of Men's Discipleship for West Central Illinois, serving many small-town churches; longtime owner of a trucking company; longtime interest and involvement in local and international ministries

Heather Vagle



Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor with Agape Counseling in Morton, Illinois

Barney Wells



Graduate and Seminary Dean, Associate Professor of Bible and Ministry, Lincoln Christian University; consultant and professor, RHMA's TACT Program; former country church pastor

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

Tuesday Morning Seminars

Bill Allison

Disciplemaking with Youth in a Small-Town Context

We talk a lot these days about discipleship and following Jesus, but what does that really look like in youth ministry in a small-town context? We'll explore what it means to help small-town teens embrace a Jesus-like discipling way of life. Bring your Bible and a sense of humor.

Liz Burns

(Women)

Making and Maturing Female Disciples in Small Places

As women reconciled to Christ through the gift of the gospel, how do we participate in the ministry of the gospel around us? We'll discuss making much of gospel opportunities in the daily rhythms of life and inviting women into discipling relationships that are gospel-centered, grounded in God's word, and aimed at the glory of God and our sanctification.

Lee Eclov

How to Make Your Church Feel Like Home

All good churches have a family feel about them. Drawing from the recent book, *Feels Like Home: How Rediscovering the Church as Family Changes Everything*, we will address specific areas we can focus on to make the most of our God-given environment and relationships in His household - areas like Sunday mornings together, care ministries, approach to guests, and more.

Joe Humrichous

The Power of Praying Together

This seminar will look at the practical theology of corporate prayer that will move any congregation in oneness to agree with God and His agenda for the church. This transformative prayer life of a congregation will focus the lens for a healthy church and ongoing revival for any church, any size, anywhere.

Ron Klassen

What Does a Healthy Church Look Like in Rural America?

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?

David Pinckney

Resourcing Models for Rural Church Planting and Ministry

This seminar will review at least 11 models for funding rural church plants and pastors. Frequently, resourcing for rural church planting and ministry is categorized either as bivocational or full time. There is a larger spectrum of resourcing models that presently exists, each with its benefits and challenges.

Barney Wells

Seeing Your New Rural Community: Learning How Things Work When You're Not From Around Here

Learn some important questions to ask, ways to look for answers to help you learn about your new rural community, and how to effectively minister there.

Tuesday Afternoon Seminars

Bill Allison

Why Volunteers Quit and What We Can Do About It

We'll explore why good ministry volunteers quit, how to encourage volunteers, how to train volunteers - not just organize them - and the three-minute difference.

Liz Burns

(Women)

Discovering the Joy in Faithful Endurance

It is often quoted that ministry is a marathon and not a sprint. We'll look at the sufficiency of Christ as the premise for our endurance and joy in ministering to women God has placed around us.

Seminars

Lee Eclov

Preaching to Shape a Congregation That Functions Like a Family

Preaching is God's #1 method of shaping His people. As preachers, we not only address the personal lives of believers but also our people's identity and relationships as God's household. Christ's radical rearrangement of relationship doesn't come easily, so effective preaching is crucial. In this seminar, we will look at our ecclesiology and give you preaching ideas and angles to take home to your church family.

Stan Risinger

Men's Discipleship in the Rural Setting

Statistics are disheartening. Men are not engaged in the church. This is a problem requiring a strategic solution. We will explore how churches reach men, develop a discipleship culture, and sustain it.

David Pinckney

Essentials for Longevity in Rural Church Planting and Pastoring

There are 10 essentials that contribute to long-term, healthy church planting and pastoring. Some are more evident than others, but each one will either be a positive in long-term ministry or be a factor in a spiraling decline in ministry joy.

Wednesday Seminars (repeated in the afternoon)

Mike Boyle

Thinking About How to Have a Fruitful Retirement? Consider Interim Pastor Ministry!

When you retire from a pastorate, it doesn't mean you have retired from ministry. When you bring pastoral experience into an intentional interim pastor ministry, you have the formula for fruitful retirement. It is time to consider an interim pastor ministry.

Joe Humrichous

The Life of the Vine in the Soul of the Church

We will answer the question, "How can we allow Christ to build His church and still maintain responsible leadership?" If, in fact, the mystery of "Christ in us is the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27), how do we biblically steward His life to have His best? We will learn the seven stewardships of revival.

Adam Kipp

Putting the Perfect Pastor Out to Pasture

The perfect pastor makes 15 house calls a day and is always in the office when needed. The perfect pastor has a burning desire to work with kids and spends all of his time with senior saints. The perfect pastor . . . doesn't exist, but if you've felt the burden of those perfect pastor expectations, join us as we talk about putting them out to pasture and experiencing the grace that awaits us when we do.

Steve Mathewson

Sharpening Your Skills for Preaching Biblical Narrative Literature

Preaching the narrative literature of Scripture resembles remodeling your kitchen. It is easy to do poorly. This seminar will focus on the exegetical, theological, and storytelling skills needed to understand and proclaim the historical accounts in the Old and New Testaments - all especially beneficial for oral/rural cultures.

Heather Vagle

(Women)

Permission for Pain

As pastors' wives, we often find ourselves tending to the grief and hardship of others, but we rarely extend ourselves permission to feel our own pain. This session will focus on ways we can care for our pain in times of grief, hardship, or ministry challenges.

Barney Wells

Rural Ministry 101

This seminar is an orientation to rural ministry, geared primarily for new pastors and wives who are just getting started. Seasoned pastors and wives are welcome to attend for a refresher course!

Registration

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

Name _____

Wife's name (if attending) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church/Ministry _____

Phone: Home/Cell _____ Work _____

Email _____

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Full-time Student \$60 Full-time Student & Wife \$100

Registration cost _____

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Total \$ _____

To help us plan for seminar materials and space, please indicate your choices below.

Tuesday Morning Seminars

Pastor Wife

Choose ONE per person

- Disciplemaking with Youth in a Small-Town Context*
- How to Make Your Church Feel Like Home*
- Making and Maturing Female Disciples in Small Places*
- The Power of Praying Together*
- What Does a Healthy Church Look Like in Rural America?*
- Resourcing Models for Rural Church Planting and Ministry*
- Seeing Your New Rural Community: Learning How Things Work When You're Not From Around Here*

Tuesday Afternoon Seminars

Note: The Tuesday afternoon activities listed on the back side of this page coincide with these afternoon seminars.

Choose ONE per person

- Why Volunteers Quit and What We Can Do About It*
- Preaching to Shape a Congregation That Functions Like a Family*
- Discovering the Joy in Faithful Endurance*
- Essentials for Longevity in Rural Church Planting and Pastoring*
- Men's Discipleship in the Rural Setting*

Wednesday Seminars

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Choose TWO per person unless you're taking in an activity (each seminar is repeated)

- Permission for Pain*
- Thinking About How to Have a Fruitful Retirement? Consider Interim Pastor Ministry!*
- The Life of the Vine in the Soul of the Church*
- Putting the Perfect Pastor Out to Pasture*
- Sharpening Your Skills for Preaching Biblical Narrative Literature*
- Rural Ministry 101*

Ladies' Tea Men's Dessert Forum

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