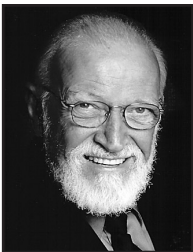


Small-Town Pastors' Conference

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

*The Town
and Country
Shepherd*

Featuring...



Calvin Miller

Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Ministry, Beeson Divinity School; former small-town pastor; author of more than 40 books, including *O Shepherd, Where Art Thou?*



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September 27-29, 2010
Calvary Church
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA



**Rural Home
Missionary Association**

Nearly 70 Years of Planting & Strengthening Churches in Small Towns



Shepherd?

RON KLASSEN

RHMA Executive Director

Of all the leadership models in Scripture – prophet, priest, king, judge, etc. – why does God seem to have a penchant for using “shepherd” to describe the role of a church leader?

“Feed my lambs...Take care of my sheep.” (John 21:15-16)

“Keep watch over...all the flock...Be shepherds of the church of God.” (Acts 20:28)

What does it mean to shepherd? Does merely having sheep make one a shepherd? Does living in a rural environment make shepherding an automatic? How does shepherding impact lives now and for eternity?

There are many models for church leadership advocated in books and seminars today. Shepherding generally is not one of them. The time is right for us to take a fresh look at the Scriptures, to rediscover the Biblical model, and do a ministry check-up.

Come and you will find a down-home, warm, affirming, and encouraging atmosphere, and a place where most everything will be tailored to town and country contexts. Best of all, I promise you won't have to scoop any manure while you are here.

I hope to see you soon!

Can't come to the Lancaster Conference?

***Join us in
Morton, Illinois
April 4 – 6, 2011***

**For more information about
this conference go to www.rhma.org.**

**RHMA
Box 300, Morton, IL 61550
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Meet the Conference Speakers & Seminar Leaders



Mark and Ben Danielson

RHMA's Director of Mission Ministries; prior to this he and his wife Cindy served as church planters in Mullen, Nebraska; Ben is their son



Del Garippa

Serves Dallas Theological Seminary students (particularly student wives) in partnership with her husband who is the Dean of Students; long-time pastor's wife; daughter of Cameron Townsend, founder of Wycliffe Bible Translators



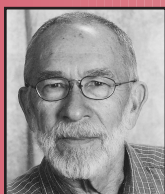
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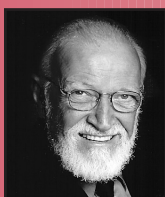
Ron Klassen

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



Jim Mason

Professor Emeritus, Bethel Seminary; teaching specialty: town and country ministry; former small-town pastor



Calvin Miller

Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Ministry, Beeson Divinity School; former small-town pastor; author of more than 40 books, including *O Shepherd, Where Art Thou?*

Speakers continued...



Barney Wells

Consultant and professor for RHMA's TACT Program; professor, Lincoln Christian Seminary; was a country church pastor for 34 years; author, including *Leading Through Change*, *Shepherding the Town and Country Church in a New Era*



Marcia Wells

Oversees the children's ministry at Lincoln (Illinois) Christian Church; was a country church pastor's wife for 34 years – also serving as Christian Education and Youth Director

Seminars

In-depth Seminars — Tuesday ***Each seminar is a three-part series.***

Building Bridges to the Lost Sheep in Your Small Town

Mark Danielson

You have a heart for the people of your small town and desire to reach them for Christ. This seminar will examine practical, proven, and effective ways to provide outreach to the spiritually lost in your community.

Living Blessed Out Not Stressed Out Lives ***(ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN)***

Del Garippa

We will explore spiritual lessons which began in the isolated jungles of Peru as the daughter of Wycliffe missionaries, and continued developing through 20 years as a pastor's wife and mother of seven, to the present empty nest and grandchildren stage of life. Our focus will be on deepening our walk with the Lord so that we will be anchored in truth and enjoy the process of living out His design for us.

This seminar will be repeated on Wednesday.

Long Prayer for Hard Ministry

Dave Hansen

How do we move forward in ministry when we're stuck in a tough spot and feel quite certain that we don't know what to do – except pray? Having been there many times, I use some types of prayer that, for me, are especially suited for these situations.

Becoming a More Generous Church

(Parts 1-3 of 5)

Jim Mason

Generosity for individual Christians and the church community has many implications – for our money, time, talent, etc. – but it begins with the discovery of Christian stewardship. This seminar will explore one small, country congregation's journey to generosity and will present the strategies that led to its transformation.

The Image-Driven Sermon

Calvin Miller

There has been a renewed emphasis in recent years on the use of narrative in preaching. While this is a welcome improvement, it is the combination of word and image, narrative and exposition, that will best serve the small-town congregation.

Leading Through Change

Barney Wells

Whether your community is growing or declining, change is taking place. In this seminar we will explore the kinds of changes that are happening, along with the accompanying challenges and opportunities.

Kids: The Church of ~~Tomorrow~~ TODAY!

Marcia Wells

Often it is said that kids are the church of tomorrow. In fact, kids are a vital part of healthy churches today! How might we best serve kids in our town and country churches and communities? We will look together at such things as schedules, community relations, curriculum, transportation, and creative ways to stretch limited budgets.

In-depth Seminars — Wednesday ***Each seminar is a two-part series.***

Building a Growing Church in a Declining Small Town

Mark Danielson

Does a declining population mean a declining church? Might a healthy church attract people to a declining community? This seminar will explore how to build a healthy, growing church in a declining community.

Living Blessed Out Not Stressed Out Lives ***(ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN)***

Del Garippa

This seminar is a repeat of Tuesday's.

The Joy, Difficulty, and Ultimate Joy of Small-Church Ministry

Dave Hansen

I have spent 11 years serving on staff and pastoring in some larger, suburban churches and 18 years pastoring in smaller rural churches. I know where I belong and the kind of ministry I love. I am a small-church "general practitioner" and love it. Then there are days . . . !

The Pastor's Family and Small-Town Ministry ***Ron Klassen***

We will look together at the benefits and challenges experienced by families who are ministering in town and country environments.

Becoming a More Generous Church ***(Parts 4-5)***

Jim Mason

This is a continuation of Tuesday's seminar.

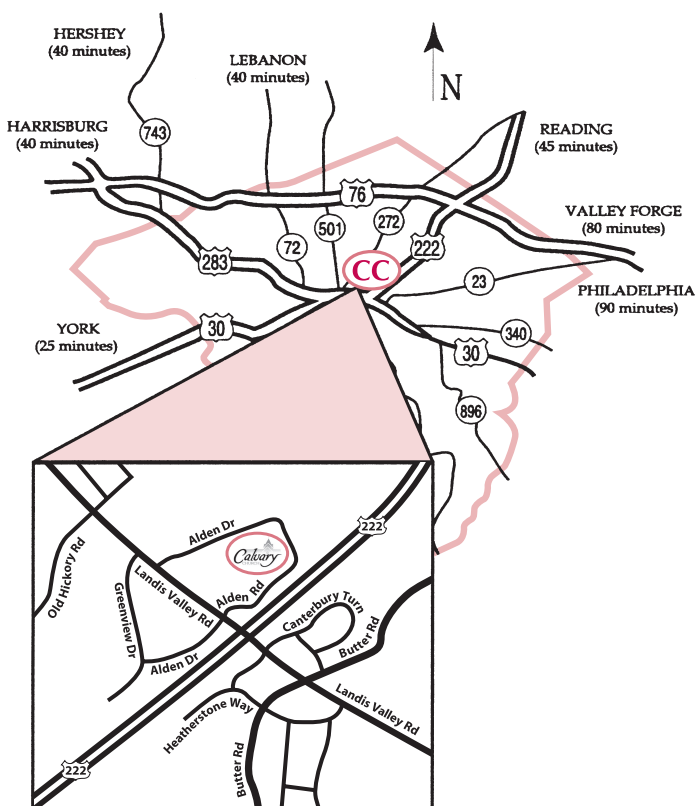
Ministry in Postmodern Rural America ***Barney Wells***

A look at how postmodern influences are affecting rural American culture and how we need to strategize for evangelism as a result.

Expanding the Borders of Kids' Ministry ***Marcia Wells***

Key to expansion is your workers and facility. We will discuss recruiting, equipping, nurturing, and burnout of workers, and how to make your facility a welcoming environment that kids can't wait to come back to!

Location



Calvary Church

1051 Landis Valley Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601

www.calvarychurch.org

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 \$6.50 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, September 27

- 4:00 – 6:45 p.m. Registration
- 5:30 p.m. Supper served
- 7:00 p.m. Plenary Session with Calvin Miller
Shepherding Your Way to Church Growth
(1 Corinthians 1:1-10, 1 Peter 5:2-4)
- 8:30 p.m. Fellowship time

Tuesday, September 28

- Breakfast in your hotel or on your own
- 8:45 a.m. Plenary Session with Calvin Miller
Blessed Art Thou! (Luke 1:26-56)
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. In-depth Seminars, Sessions 1 & 2
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch served
- 1:15 p.m. In-depth Seminars, Session 3
- 2:00 p.m. Free time – There's lots to do in the Lancaster area! We'll have an information table with ideas.
- 2:15 – 5:00 p.m. A Tour of Amish Country
(see Special Event page)
- 5:30 p.m. Supper served
- 7:00 p.m. Plenary Session with Dave Hansen
Transformation, Not Socialization
(Romans 12:1-2)

Wednesday, September 29

- Breakfast in your hotel or on your own
- 8:45 a.m. In-depth Seminars, Sessions 1 & 2
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Closing Plenary session with Dave Hansen
Trust the Mystery of the Word! (Mark 4:26-29)
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch served



Information

REGISTRATION COSTS

POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2010:

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

After September 6: ADD \$20 to the total registration cost.

Registration includes lunches,
suppers, and conference materials.

**(A nominal fee will be charged for the special event.
See Special Event page.)**

Registration costs are non-refundable after September 6.

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 Beds - \$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 August 27

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

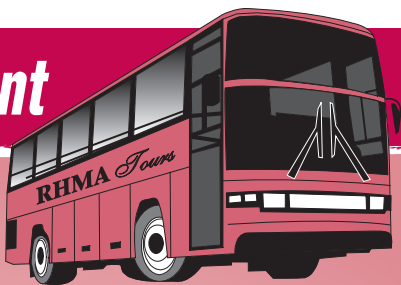
CHILDREN

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.



Special Event

Tuesday afternoon
2:15 – 5:00 p.m.



A Tour of Amish Country

Join us as we travel by motor coach on a three-hour tour through the beautiful Lancaster County countryside. We will visit an actual Amish farm and stop by a large Amish bakery. We will also explore The Amish Farm and House. In 1955, the house and farm opened to give correct information about the Amish. Here we will see the Plain People's way of life. We will take a guided tour of the 200-year old house, which will explain the lifestyle of the Lancaster County Amish. We will then have opportunity to explore the farm, see the animals, and visit the gift shop.

The cost for the Tour of Amish Country is \$10.00/person or \$15/couple 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.

The Tour of Amish Country is limited to one bus (first come, first served). 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

PLEASE PRINT OR GO ONLINE TO REGISTER

Name _____

Wife's name (if attending) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church/Ministry _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Email _____

Registration cost if postmarked by September 6: Check ONE

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

Registration cost _____

After September 6: add \$20 to total registration cost _____

A Tour of Amish Country: add \$10.00/person or \$15.00/couple = _____

Total \$ _____

THREE WAYS TO PAY

1. Make check payable to: RHMA

Mail form and check to: RHMA, Box 300, Morton, IL 61550

2. Or pay with: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

3. Or register online with a credit card

Pre-Registration for In-depth Seminars

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.

Check ONE—per day—per person registered

In-depth Seminars—Tuesday

Pastor Wife Title

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Building Bridges to the Lost Sheep in Your Small Town</i> |
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