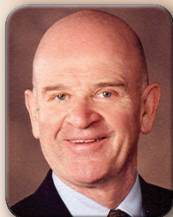


2012 Small-Town Pastors' Conference

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

Featuring



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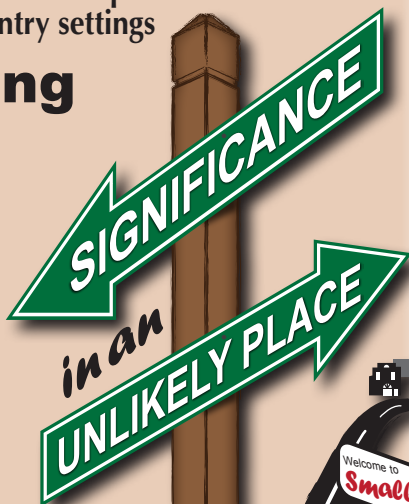
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**Rural Home
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Significance

in an Unlikely Place

Ron Klassen

RHMA's Executive Director

Who of us hasn't looked out our window and wondered if the place we are serving is important? Or, if what we are doing is important? Or, perhaps we are nagged by the thought that there may be someplace out there more important than our place. If we are overly consumed with questions like these, a host of words might describe us: disillusioned, restless, unfulfilled, etc.

When we dwell on questions related to significance, we do well to make sure we are finding answers from the right Source. Since "The Lord does not see things the way you see them" (1 Samuel 16:7), we should ask: "What does God think?" We're going to unpack this question at our conference. One of the things we are going to discover is that time and again God seems to see things as significant that others overlook or minimize.

Come and be encouraged! Come and you will find a down-home, warm, and affirming atmosphere. Come and you will 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.

There's lots to talk about. Let's do it together!

Can't come to the Lancaster Conference?

**Join us in Morton, Illinois
April 29 - May 1**

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

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Box 300, Morton, IL 61550

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Meet the Conference Speakers & Seminar Leaders



Mark Danielson

Director of Mission Ministries, RHMA; former church planter, Mullen, Nebraska



H.B. London

Pastor to Pastors Emeritus, Focus on the Family; former pastor; conference speaker; author; strong heart for small-town churches and pastors



Bob MacKay

Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Mentor, Ohio; longtime small-town pastor; much sought-after pastoral counselor; professor in RHMA's Town and Country Training (TACT) Program



Jason McConnell

Pastor, Franklin United Church and East Franklin Union Church – both located in farming communities in Vermont



Shawn McMullen

Director, Energizing Smaller Churches Network; author and editor, including *Releasing the Power of the Smaller Church*; frequent conference speaker; was a small-town pastor for 35 years



Kendra Smiley

Host of the nationwide daily radio program *Live Life Intentionally*; frequent women's speaker; author of several books; has lived all her life in rural Illinois; selected as Illinois Mother of the Year 2001



David Souther

Senior Ministry Director, EvanTell; has equipped pastors all over the world in evangelism; grew up in rural Tennessee



Walt Wiley

President/Founder, Winning With Encouragement Ministries; frequent speaker and seminar leader; former seminar instructor, Walk Thru the Bible; former chaplain, Atlanta Braves

Seminars



In-depth Seminars — Tuesday

Values-Driven Ministry in the Small-Town Church

Mark Danielson

It is easy to veer off course in small-town ministry. Discover and implement the foundational truths that will drive the church to development rather than depletion.

Pastor-Care Issues in the Town and Country Church

(Part 1)

Bob MacKay

Session 1 – The Critical Early Years in Your Church: How to Set the Stage for Positive Long-Term Pastoral Impact

The foundation for long-term ministry success is built in the first few years. In this session we'll be exploring metaphors, principles, and best practices for the critical first few years in your church.

Session 2 – Handling Stress: Helping You Figure This One Out

One of the big surprises of town and country ministry can be the stress. In this session we'll be talking about practical ways of tackling stress and managing it well!

Significance in Unlikely Places: A Biblical Perspective

Jason McConnell

This seminar is a biblical theology of rural ministry that highlights God's significant work in unlikely places throughout the canon of Scripture.

The Influential Small-Town Church

Shawn McMullen

In this seminar we will consider how the small-town church becomes influential when it: (1) makes the most of what it has – capitalizing on its inherent strengths, and (2) develops strategies that connect the congregation with the community.

If Only . . . What If . . .

(ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN)

Kendra Smiley

There are “if onlys” and “what ifs” in everyone’s life. The “if onlys” are the negative circumstances of the past. The “what ifs” are those that may occur in the future. The Lord does not want us to allow either of these unproductive (and sometimes crippling) patterns of thinking to control our lives.

How to Avoid Landmines in Evangelism

David Souther

We will look at seven common landmines Satan uses to harm our witness and how to avoid or overcome them. Special consideration will be given to the rural context and the challenges faced there in leading congregations to be lighthouses for Christ. The first session will focus on six landmines and the second solely on the landmine of fear.

In-depth Seminars — Wednesday

Not-So-Wholesome Country Living

Mark Danielson

Nobody disagrees that moral bankruptcy has come home to Mayberry. This seminar will expose the depth, causes, and solutions to declining morals, and how your church can turn problems into opportunities.

Pastor-Care Issues in the Town and Country Church

(Part 2)

Bob MacKay

Session 3 – Staying Healthy: Developing a Personal Plan for Balance and Sanity

Ministry can destroy our bodies, souls, and spirits. We really do need a plan for balance and health. This session looks at a model for sustaining a lifetime of personal and ministry effectiveness.

Session 4 – Pastoral Counseling: Explaining the Foundational Principles for Healthy Soul Care

Does being “competent to counsel” mean I need a PhD in counseling? In this session we’ll be laying down some of the basic principles that can help make us effective and competent as pastoral counselors.

Significance in Unlikely Places: A Historical Perspective

Jason McConnell

This seminar is a historical theology of rural ministry that highlights God's significant work in unlikely places throughout the past 2,000 years of church history.

The Healthy Small-Town Church

Shawn McMullen

In this seminar we will discuss two important components of a healthy small-town church: (1) it focuses on building up its members and guests in a positive and productive atmosphere, and (2) it focuses on the future by being intentional about developing leaders.

Guiding the Journey of a Strong-Willed Child

(ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN)

Kendra Smiley

Have you been blessed by the presence of a high maintenance child in your church, your Sunday School classroom, or your home? Are you wondering how the words "blessed" and "high maintenance child" can appear in the same sentence? Take heart! Kendra will help us understand the strong-willed nature and give us insight into how to guide that child so that he or she will not only survive but thrive!

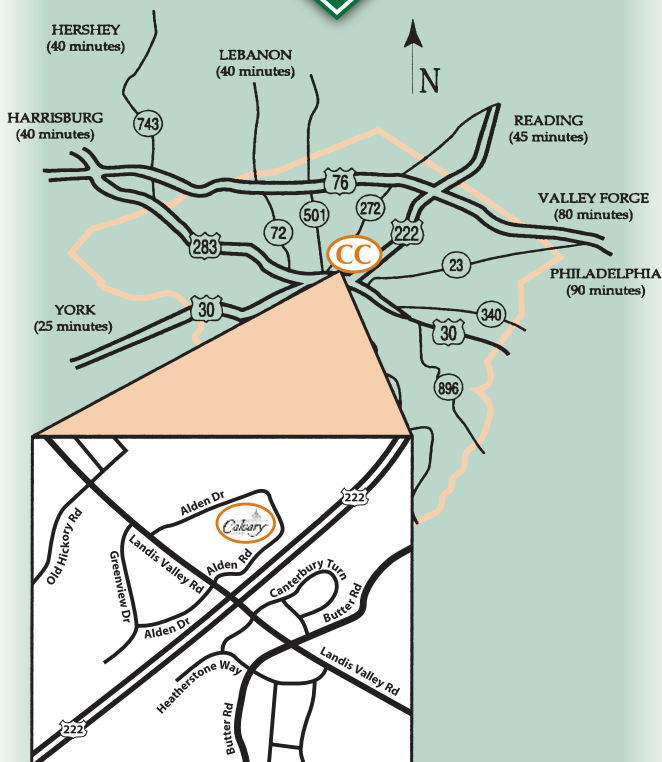
Evangelizing in the Context of Social Intimacy

David Souther

Leaders of rural churches want to see their people evangelize. But, there are issues related to familiarity and close-knit friendships which create awkwardness for those who have known non-Christians most of their lives yet have never spoken to them about Christ. Practical tips and strategies will be given for equipping believers to share the gospel in this setting.



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.

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Schedule



Monday, October 1

- 4:00-5:15 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Supper served
6:15 p.m. Plenary Session with Walt Wiley
Do You or What You Do Really Matter?
7:15 p.m. Ice cream and fellowship time
7:45 p.m. Plenary Session with Walt Wiley
Noticing Something About the Man Who Never Came

Tuesday, October 2

- Breakfast at your hotel or on your own
8:45 a.m. Plenary Session with Walt Wiley
Learning from the Guy with the Net
9:45 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Seminars, Sessions 1 & 2
12:00 p.m. Lunch served
1:00 p.m. Plenary Session with Walt Wiley
An Interesting Lesson from Four Unusual Guys
1:45 p.m. Free time – There's lots to do in the Lancaster area! We'll have an information table with ideas.
2:00-5:00 p.m. A Tour of Amish Country
5:30 p.m. Supper served
6:30 p.m. Plenary Session with H.B. London
A Salute to Pastors' Spouses – What Beverley Taught Me

Wednesday, October 3

- Breakfast at your hotel or on your own
8:45 a.m. Seminars, Sessions 1 & 2
10:30 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Closing Plenary Session with H.B. London
There Is an 'I' in Integrity
12:15 p.m. Lunch served

Information



REGISTRATION COSTS

POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2012:

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

After September 14:ADD \$20 to the total registration cost.

Registration includes lunches,
suppers, and conference materials.

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

Registration costs are non-refundable after September 14.

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 September 1

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 our other participants we ask
that no children attend with you. Thank you.***

Special Event



***Tuesday afternoon
2:00 – 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 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 15.

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

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 14: check appropriate box

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

Full-time Student ☐ \$80 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. This registration does not commit you to your selection. You may change it upon arrival.

Choose ONE - per section - per person registered

In-depth Seminars—Tuesday

Pastor Wife Title

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In-depth Seminars—Wednesday

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Evangelizing in the Context of Social Intimacy |

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