



Small Town, Big God

Making a Big Difference in a Small Place

Small-Town Pastors' Conference

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

Featuring...



Mark Bearden

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



Paige Patterson

President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; former pastor (including a country church pastorate); has traveled and ministered in more than 125 countries; widely-published author; avid hunter



H.B. London

Vice President of Pastoral Ministries at Focus on the Family; former pastor; author; strong passion for small-town pastors

October 10 –12, 2011

Lakeview Camp and Conference Center
Waxahachie, Texas
(near Dallas)

Early Bird deadline is September 24



**Rural Home
Missionary Association**

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Come Expectantly!

Ron Klassen

RHMA Executive Director



Can God do big things in small places? He certainly can – and has. (Perhaps you can give testimony to this!) Small size does not have to translate into small results. I'd be hard-pressed to name anything that excites me more than stories of how a small-town church is making a big difference – in its small town and beyond. You'll hear such stories at our conference. And, you'll be stirred by the possibilities of what God might yet do in your small place.

At this conference you will find . . .

- . . . most everything tailored to smaller contexts.**
- . . . speakers with a heart for town and country places.**
- . . . affirmation for your commitment to your small place.**

Please come! Come expecting to be encouraged and stretched. Come with the expectation that you will return to your place of ministry with renewed passion and vigor to see God work in big ways. Don't be surprised if you leave our conference with some big dreams for your small place.

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

**Join us in Morton, Illinois
April 23 – 25, 2012**

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

RHMA

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What others are saying . . .



"God has put me in touch with some great people in my role as President of Dallas Seminary — including academic deans and presidents of seminaries in North America and internationally. I've said this often, including to the academic deans and presidents: Those who are serving in small towns are my heroes. They really are — more than anyone I have met anywhere, because of their faithful long-term commitment to be God's men and women in the small places God has put them."

Mark Bailey

*President, Dallas Theological Seminary;
Member, RHMA's Board of Reference*



"If you're a pastor in a small town or pastor in a small church and feel like no one really understands what's going on in your life, this conference is for you. The atmosphere is warm and contagious. The teaching is quality! The people are authentic and God greatly strengthened my heart when I was there. I highly recommend the RHMA conference."

Chip Ingram

*President and radio teacher, Living on the Edge;
Senior Pastor, Venture Christian Church, Los Gatos,
California; Member, RHMA's Board of Reference*

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.



Meet the Conference Speakers & Seminar Leaders



Mark Bearden

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



Shirley Bryan

Frequent speaker at women's gatherings; wife of the Dallas Theological Seminary Chaplain and former pastor; musician; small-town pastor's kid



Mark Danielson

RHMA's Director of Mission Ministries; former small-town church planter, Mullen, Nebraska; former deputy sheriff, Hooker County, Nebraska



Del Garippa

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



Ron Klassen

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



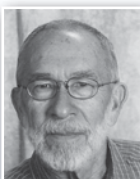
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Shawn McMullen

Minister, Church of Christ, Milan, Indiana; director of the Energizing Smaller Churches Network; author and editor, including *Releasing the Power of the Smaller Church*



Jim Mason

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



Paige Patterson

President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; former pastor (including a country church pastorate); has traveled and ministered in more than 125 countries; widely-published author; avid hunter



Jeff VanGoethem

Pastor, Scofield Church, Dallas, Texas; four town and country pastorates; former member of RHMA's Board of Directors; author



Seminars

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

Prayer: Advancing the Church in the World

Mark Bearden

This seminar title reflects Jonathan Edwards' belief. The greatest need in the church today is a sweeping movement of God, which shows the priority that prayer should have in our lives. This seminar will include a discussion about praying in faith – one of the most misunderstood concepts in the church today.

Desert Island Passages

(ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN)

Shirley Bryan

We are living in a troubled world. Often this includes our own ministry world, where we feel as though we are just trying to survive on our own little "island." This is when we need to cling to some "survivor passages" that God has given us in His Word.

Building Bridges to Unbelievers 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, effective, and proven ways to provide outreach to the spiritually lost in your community.

The Influential Small-Town Church

Shawn McMullen

In this seminar we will talk about how the small-town church is influential when it (1) makes the most of what it has – capitalizing on inherent strengths, (2) develops strategies that connect the church to the community, and (3) is ever-committed to positive changes which help keep the church progressing.

Leadership in the Town and Country Church

Parts 1-3

Jim Mason

Leadership in town and country churches is both like and unlike leadership in urban settings. This seminar will examine the dynamics of congregational leadership in general and then explore in depth the strategies and skills for effectively leading town and country congregations.

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

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.

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.

The Healthy Small-Town Church

Shawn McMullen

In this seminar we will talk about two important components of a healthy small-town church: (1) it is focused on building up one another by being a positive and productive atmosphere, and (2) it is focused on the future by being intentional about developing leaders.

Leadership in the Town and Country Church

Parts 4-5

Jim Mason

This seminar will be a continuation of Tuesday's, with parts four and five focusing on choosing an effective leadership model for town and country ministry and fitting the leadership style to the context.

Revitalizing the Prayer Ministry in Your Church

Jeff VanGoethem

Many churches have seen their prayer ministries decline. This seminar will shed light on why they might be failing, and provide practical guidance on how to begin building a foundation for a new and thriving prayer ministry.

Schedule

Monday, October 10

- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Supper served
7:00 p.m. Plenary Session with
Paige Patterson
Why No One Should Envy Goliath
8:30 p.m. Ice Cream and Fellowship

Tuesday, October 11

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast served
8:45 a.m. Plenary Session with
Mark Bearden
The Key to Ministering in God's Power
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Seminars, Sessions 1 & 2
12:30 p.m. Lunch served
1:30 p.m. Seminars, Session 3
2:30 p.m. Free Time
(at retreat center or elsewhere)
5:30 p.m. Supper served
7:00 p.m. Plenary Session with
H.B. London
Ignite the Flame

Wednesday, October 12

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast served
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
12:30 p.m. Lunch served

INFORMATION

Registration Costs Postmarked by September 24

	Meals and Lodging	No Lodging
Pastor ONLY:	\$210	\$125
Pastor & Wife:	\$235	\$150
Full-time Student:	\$100	\$40

Meals and lodging with registration

Six meals are included in the cost, starting with supper on Monday and concluding with lunch on Wednesday.

No lodging with registration

Includes supper Monday and Tuesday and lunch Tuesday and Wednesday.

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.

Choose ONE - per day - per person registered **In-depth Seminars - Tuesday**

Pastor Wife Title

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prayer: Advancing the Church in the World |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Desert Island Passages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Building Bridges to Unbelievers in Your Small Town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Influential Small-Town Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leadership in the Town and Country Church (<i>Parts 1-3</i>) |

In-depth Seminars - Wednesday

Pastor Wife Title

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Building a Growing Church in a Declining Small Town |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Living Blessed Out Not Stressed Out Lives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Pastor's Family and Small-Town Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Healthy Small-Town Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leadership in the Town and Country Church (<i>Parts 4-5</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Revitalizing the Prayer Ministry in Your Church |

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.

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 24:

Check ONE

	Meals and Lodging	No Lodging
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Full-time Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40

Registration cost _____

After September 24:

Add \$20 to the 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. Or register online and pay there with a credit card.

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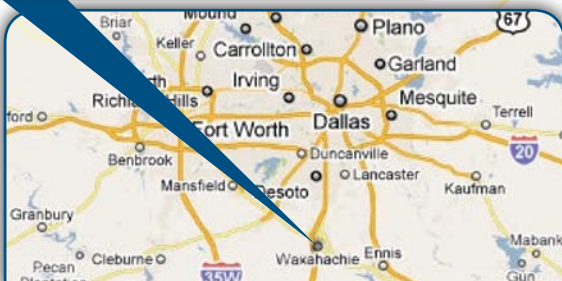
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Every meal features a full buffet with multiple entrees as well as salad bar, hot bar, dessert bar and beverage stations.

Registration for those commuting includes supper Monday and Tuesday and lunch Tuesday and Wednesday.

FREE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday
Choose one or several !

Paddleboats Canoes

Hayride

Indoor Gymnasium

Basketball

Volleyball

Indoor Track

Horseshoes

Outdoor Basketball



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