

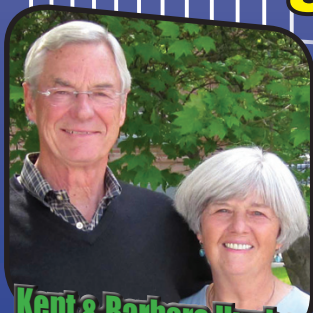
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MINISTRY

Small-Town Pastors' Conference

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

Featuring



Kent & Barbara Hughes

Authors, including *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*; longtime pastoral couple at College Church, Wheaton, Illinois



Ron Klassen

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

Lakeview Camp and Conference Center

Waxahachie, Texas

(near Dallas)

October 21-23

Early Bird deadline is October 4



**Rural Home
Missionary Association**

Over 70 Years of Planting and Strengthening Churches in Small Towns


**Midlothian
Bible Church**



Come and Be Encouraged!

Ron Klassen ***RHMA Executive Director***

Defining success can be an elusive undertaking, particularly in a small town. Do the church's statistics have to increase from year-to-year to be a success? Is the pastor a success if his town's sign says "Population 1,216" or if his name is not known beyond the county line?

You know the questions...and have probably asked them a number of times yourself. I can't think of anyone better suited to provide answers than Kent and Barbara Hughes, authors of *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome* – a book I would rank in the top three that have impacted my life.

At this conference you will find a down-home, warm, and friendly atmosphere. Most everything will be tailored to small-town contexts. (No urban answers for rural challenges!) You will be affirmed and challenged. You will feel pampered by the Lakeview Conference Center staff, their quality lodging, and delicious meals. And, you will return to your small-town ministry with renewed vision and vigor.

This brochure is your invitation to join us!

Can't come to the Texas Conference?

**Join us in Morton, Illinois
April 28 – 30, 2014**

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

RHMA

Box 300, Morton, IL 61550

Call toll-free: 866-263-2350

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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 \$8.50 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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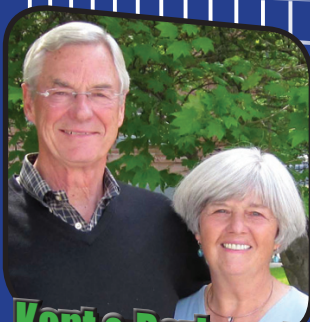
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Meet the Conference Speakers & Seminar Leaders



Director of Partnership Ministries, RHMA; former pastor; grew up in rural Indiana

Doug Habegger



Authors, including *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*; longtime pastoral couple at College Church, Wheaton, Illinois

Kent & Barbara Hughes



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

Ron Klassen



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

Jason McConnell



Dorothy Patterson

Homemaker; professor and president's wife, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; prolific author, including General Editor of *The Woman's Study Bible*; former town and country church pastor's wife



Gary Roseboom

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



David Souther

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



Jeff VanGoethem

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



Dave Wyrzten

Longtime small-town pastor, Midlothian Bible Church, Midlothian, Texas; adjunct professor, Dallas Theological Seminary; author

Seminars

In-depth Seminars — Tuesday Morning
Each seminar consists of two 45-minute sessions.

Disciplines of a Pastor's Family

Kent & Barbara Hughes

The Hugheses will be sharing their experiences and insights for pastors' families.

Ministering Where People Are Moving Away

Ron Klassen

Population in rural America continues to decline. This prompts three critical questions every church should ask: What is God's perspective on declining communities? How can we maintain spiritual vitality in our church when it is surrounded by decline? What ministry strategies might we employ?

Rural Ministry in 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.

Pastoral Transitions and Longevity

Jeff VanGoethem

We will take a thoughtful look at some keys to longevity in small-town ministry and discuss when it might be time to move on to a new ministry.

Stand-alone Seminars — Tuesday Afternoon
Each seminar is a one-hour session.

Administration Is Ministry

Doug Habegger

Contrary to popular opinion, church administration is not the "unspiritual" part of ministry. Administration may not be your gift. It may not be high on your "things I want to do as a pastor" list. Nevertheless, a certain amount of pastoral administration is unavoidable and necessary.

Would Jesus Go to Mayberry?

Gary Roseboom

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

The Mandate of Spiritual Mothering

(ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN)

Dorothy Patterson

Woman-to-woman mentoring is the essence of spiritual mothering and a high calling for every spiritually mature woman who wants to make a difference for Christ.

Ministering to Our Prodigals

Jeff VanGoethem

We will take a practical look at the issue of prodigal loved ones (children and others), discussing how to cope with, minister to, pray for, and win them back. This seminar is for those who have prodigals and for those who minister to families with prodigals.

Seizing the Opportunities

Dave Wyrzten

Helping a rancher separate cattle, hauling hay to pay for a church addition, and uniting together as a church to make a home for a Brazilian in our town – these are just a few opportunities for genuine connection for our small-town congregation. What kinds of significant opportunities might there be in your small town?

In-depth Seminars — Wednesday
Each seminar consists of two
45-minute sessions.

Problems and Privileges of Being a Pastor's Wife

(ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN)

Barbara Hughes

The pastor's wife often finds herself under the microscope and burdened with many expectations. In this seminar Barbara will encourage you through the scriptures and her experiences, particularly focusing on the privileges of being a pastor's wife.

Expository Preaching

Kent Hughes

In this seminar Kent will share his passion for expository preaching and methods you can use to help apply the scriptures to your life and the lives of your small-town congregation.

Rural Ministry in 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.

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.

Schedule

Monday, October 21

- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Supper served
6:30 p.m. Plenary Session with
Kent & Barbara Hughes
Seduced by Success
8:00 p.m. Fellowship time and Q&A with
the Hugheses

Tuesday, October 22

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast served
8:45 a.m. Plenary Session with
Ron Klassen
Success in a First Century Small Town
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. In-depth Seminars
12:30 p.m. Lunch served
1:30 p.m. Stand-alone Seminars
2:30 p.m. Free Time
(at retreat center or elsewhere)
5:30 p.m. Supper served
6:30 p.m. Plenary Session with
Kent & Barbara Hughes
Success by the Book (Part 1)
8:00 p.m. Fellowship time and Q&A
with the Hugheses

Wednesday, October 23

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast served
8:45 a.m. In-depth Seminars
10:15 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m. Closing Plenary Session with
Kent & Barbara Hughes
Success by the Book (Part 2)
12:30 p.m. Lunch served

INFORMATION

Registration Costs

Postmarked by October 4

	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 selections. You may change them upon arrival.

Choose ONE - per seminar - per person registered **In-depth Seminars - Tuesday Morning** Pastor Wife Title

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Disciplines of a Pastor's Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministering Where People Are Moving Away |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rural Ministry in Biblical Perspective |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pastoral Transitions and Longevity |

Stand-alone Seminars - Tuesday Afternoon Pastor Wife Title

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Administration Is Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would Jesus Go to Mayberry? |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Mandate of Spiritual Mothering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministering to Our Prodigals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seizing the Opportunities |

In-depth Seminars - Wednesday Pastor Wife Title

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Problems and Privileges of Being a Pastor's Wife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Expository Preaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rural Ministry in Historical Perspective |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Evangelizing in the Context of Social Intimacy |

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 _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Registration cost if postmarked by October 4:

Check ONE

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Full-time Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40

Registration cost _____

After October 4:

Add \$20 to the total registration cost _____

Total \$ _____

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

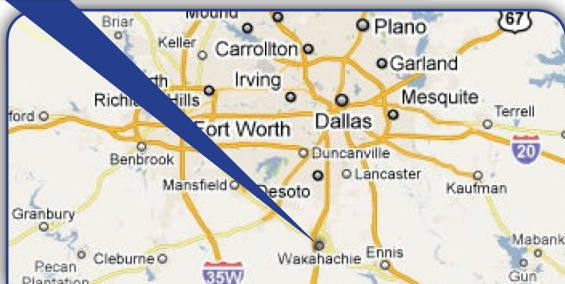
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3. Or register online and pay there with a credit card.

Questions? Give us a call: 866-263-2350. **(continued over)**

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