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### Activities

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

#### Tuesday, April 9, Activities

*(please check one per person)*

##### Pastor Wife Event

- Trap Shooting and Fishing (no cost)  
Guns and fishing gear will be provided.

On-your-own Activities (no cost)

#### Wednesday, April 10, Activities

*(please check one per person, each event Limited to 15 people)*

##### Pastor Wife Event

- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum (\$10.00/person)  
  Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site (\$5.00/person)

#### On-your-own Activities

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

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



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Join us at RHMA's Small-Town Pastors' Conference!

## Small-Town Pastors' Conference

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

# Somewhere

It's not nowhere because people God loves are there

#### Featured speakers

Lee Eclov



Senior Pastor, Village Church, Lincolnshire, Illinois; grew up in a rural South Dakota church; prolific author of books and articles for pastors

Duane Litfin



President Emeritus, Wheaton College; former rural pastor; conference speaker

Ed Stetzer



Executive Director, Billy Graham Center for Evangelism; author, including many articles about rural and small-church ministry

Stephen Witmer



Pastor, Pepperell Christian Fellowship, Pepperell, Massachusetts; helps lead The Gospel Coalition's Small-Town Summits in New England

Over 15 specialized seminars focused on small-town ministry

April 8-10

Morton, Illinois



Planting & Strengthening Churches in Small Towns

## Information

### REGISTRATION COSTS

#### POSTMARKED BY MARCH 25:

Pastor ONLY:	\$110
Pastor & Wife:	\$150
Full-time Student:	\$50
Full-time Student & Wife:	\$90

After March 25: ADD \$20 per person to the total registration cost.

Registration costs are non-refundable after March 25.

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 and Suites

Phone: 309-266-8888  
\$60.99 - King  
\$69.99 - Two Queens  
(rates expire 3/25)

#### Days Inn

Phone: 309-266-1600  
\$74.99 - Two Queens  
(rates expire 3/22)

#### Holiday Inn Express and Suites

Phone: 309-263-4400  
\$113.00 - King/Two Queens  
(rate expires 3/9)

#### Park Inn by Radisson

Phone: 309-263-5116  
\$87.00 - Two Queens  
(rate expires 3/15)

#### Quality Inn

Phone: 309-266-8310  
\$89.99 - \$94.99 - Two Queens  
(rates expire 3/22)

All hotels provide a complimentary breakfast. The Holiday Inn, Park Inn, and Baymont 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 8

3:00-5:00 p.m.	Check-in at RHMA's Home Office 310 E. Courtland, Morton
5:30 p.m.	Supper at Grace Church 1325 E. Jefferson, Morton
7:00 p.m.	Plenary Session with Duane Litfin
8:30 p.m.	Dessert and Fellowship

### Tuesday, April 9

8:45 a.m.	Seminars
10:45 a.m.	Plenary Session with Ed Stetzer
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Plenary Seminar with Ed Stetzer
2:30-3:45 p.m.	Seminars/Free-time Options
5:30 p.m.	Supper
7:00 p.m.	Plenary Session with Ed Stetzer

### Wednesday, April 10

8:45 a.m.	Plenary Session with Lee Eclov
10:30 a.m.	Seminars
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
12:00 noon	Abraham Lincoln Museum Lincoln's New Salem Historic Site
12:45-1:45 p.m.	Seminars
2:00 p.m.	Men's and Women's Dessert Forums
5:30 p.m.	Supper
7:00 p.m.	Plenary Session with Stephen Witmer

### Continuing Education Credit

You can receive 1.0 CEU credit 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 \$10.00 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.

# Seminar Leaders

More detailed bios are online at [www.rhma.org/conferences](http://www.rhma.org/conferences)

## Kurt and Denna Busenitz



Longtime RHMA church planters in the Sandhills of Nebraska who are using a one-church-with-two-locations model

## Jonathan Chadbourn



RHMA Assistant Director of Mission Ministries; former small-town pastor and missionary church planter

## Glenn Daman



Longtime pastor, River Christian Church, a small-town church in Washington state; prolific author of books and articles for rural pastors

## Mark Danielson



Executive Director, Grace Children's Home, Henderson, Nebraska; longtime town and country church planter; former RHMA Director of Mission Ministries

## Keith Miller



Recently retired Bible and Theology Department Chair, Calvary University; longtime country church pastor

## Pat Miller



Recently retired Biblical Counseling Program Chair, Calvary University; longtime country church pastor's wife; women's ministry leader

## Chris Moles



Pastor of Grace Community Chapel, a small-town church in West Virginia; certified biblical counselor in domestic violence intervention and prevention

## Barney Wells



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

## Emma Witmer



Small-town pastor's wife; former student ministries worker in England

# Seminars

## Tuesday Morning Seminars

### Kurt and Denna Busenitz

#### *But God Made It Grow*

In this seminar, we will tell our story of rural church planting and share some of the discoveries God has shown us along the way.

### Jonathan Chadbourn

#### *When the Sheep Are Older Than the Shepherd*

This seminar aims to give younger pastors the confidence to embrace their roles with wisdom, tact, and humility.

### Glenn Daman

#### *Rural America in Crisis*

Rural America is plagued by poverty, community decline, loss of youth, and joblessness. We will look at how the church can effectively minister the gospel in these troubling times.

### Duane Litfin

#### *No Longer the Home Team: Pastoring Vertical Christians in a Horizontal America*

In the difficult transition from King Saul to David, it was said of the tribe of Issachar that "they understood the times." How can we help believers make better sense of their times, so as to reinforce their faithfulness in the midst of our increasingly secular generation?

### Keith Miller

#### *Back to the Basics – The Value of Structure in Preaching*

A sermon carefully constructed is a great asset to the preacher and his audience! We will analyze and apply the essential steps in constructing expository sermons.

### Pat Miller

(Women)

#### *Biblical Foundations for Ministering to Women*

This seminar will help you gain confidence in conveying God's truth and wisdom when ministering to women who are in difficult and challenging situations – Biblical Counseling 101.

### Chris Moles

#### *Isolated and Insulated*

We will look together at what the Bible says about the unique realities of domestic violence within a rural context.

## Tuesday Afternoon Seminars

### Glenn Daman

#### *Opportunities for Rural Churches*

We will look at how the rural church can engage its community in addressing local problems. We will also explore the possibility of forming mutually beneficial partnerships with urban churches.

### Mark Danielson

#### *Pastoral Burnout and Servant Leadership: Tilling Hard Soil in Rural Places*

Church leaders perform a critical role by serving others. This work puts pastors at risk for burnout. We will explore ways to stay vibrant and healthy in the rural context.

### Pat Miller

(Women)

#### *Teaching God's Grace for the Past*

How do we apply God's truth for the baggage we carry from our past? This seminar will offer practical and biblical solutions for resolving past pain.

### Chris Moles

#### *All Hands on Deck*

We will discuss how coordinated responses reduce violence against women and hold perpetrators accountable.

## Wednesday Seminars (repeated in the afternoon)

### Mark Danielson

#### *Orphan Care: Exploring Ministry Options to Vulnerable Children in Your Small-Town Community*

Orphans have a special place in God's heart. We will explore practical ways in which your church can reflect God's heart in your community.

### Lee Eclow

#### *Feels Like Home: Rediscovering the Church as Family*

There's a subtle way of thinking of the church as an organization when it is much better described as a family. We'll discuss how this change of perspective affects the ways we shepherd the church.

### Keith and Pat Miller

#### *Marriages Thriving in Ministry*

This seminar will offer practical steps for nurturing flourishing relationships within the pressures and stresses of ministry.

### 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!

### Emma Witmer

(Women)

#### *Fruit That Lasts: Encouragement for the Small-Town Pastor's Wife*

Being a pastor's wife is a God-given calling. What does it mean to minister well in that role, and how do you build a ministry that is rooted and grounded in the Word to produce lasting fruit?

### Stephen Witmer

#### *A Big Gospel in Small Places*

We're to take the gospel to places, but the gospel also takes us to places. Come to this seminar to consider what a gospel-shaped ministry in small places will look like.

# Registration

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife's name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church/Ministry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 Optional Additional Costs  **New Salem fee** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Lincoln Museum fee** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Tuesday Morning Seminars

### Pastor Wife Title

Choose ONE per person

- But God Made It Grow*  
  *When the Sheep Are Older Than the Shepherd*  
  *Rural America in Crisis*  
  *No Longer the Home Team*  
  *Back to the Basics: The Value of Structure in Preaching*  
  *Isolated and Insulated*  
  *Biblical Foundations for Ministering to Women*

## 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

- Opportunities for Rural Churches*  
  *Pastoral Burnout and Servant Leadership*  
  *All Hands on Deck*  
  *Teaching God's Grace for the Past*

## Wednesday Seminars

Note: The Wednesday afternoon activities listed on the back side of this page coincide with these afternoon seminars and the Men's and Women's Dessert Forums.

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

- Feels Like Home*  
  *Orphan Care*  
  *Marriages Thriving in Ministry*  
  *Rural Ministry 101*  
  *A Big Gospel in Small Places*  
  *Fruit That Lasts*

Women's Dessert Forum     Men's Dessert Forum

**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.**

For more information about RHMA, go to [www.rhma.org](http://www.rhma.org).



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