



The Agros Conference

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up.
Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” – Matthew 13:44*

The Mediator of the Kingdom

*“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”
– 1 Timothy 2:5*

Riverbend Bible Church
Atchison, KS
October 11, 2025



Welcome to the 5th annual Agros conference! We have been praying for the Lord to use today's conference to stir up our joyful sacrifices for the heavenly treasure hidden in the Lord's harvest fields. Thank you for embracing the sacrifice to fellowship with us today!

This conference is a ministry of the Agros Fellowship. In our theme verse, Matthew 13:44, Jesus teaches that his extraordinary kingdom is hidden in what appears to be very ordinary: a field, an *agros*. This drives our fellowship of pastors and apprentices to seek the extraordinary *aims* of God's grace by devotion to the ordinary *means* of God's grace. We believe the extraordinary aims of his grace are to multiply and to mature churches into every nook and cranny of NE Kansas and NW Missouri. But we seek such extraordinary aims in a counterintuitive way. It is not by the invention of extraordinary means: a new message or new methods. We seek it by bolder devotion to the ordinary means of his grace: Scripture, prayer, fellowship, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. You can learn more at our website: agrosfellowship.com.

We do not only believe this is an effective way to seek God's grace for our region. We believe it is the *only* way. Why? *Because of who Christ is*. Christ alone is the mediator of that kingdom. That means God's grace, heaven's kingdom comes to earth only through Christ. And how does this mediator relate to us? As a Prophet, a Priest, and a King. The sign that there is an extraordinary Prophet among us is our attention to his Word. The proof that there is an extraordinary Priest among us is our boldness in prayer. The evidence that there is an extraordinary King among us is our advance of his gospel in fellowship and evangelism.

Our conference aims to claim our allegiance to these ordinary means of grace by proclaiming who Christ is: The Mediator of the Kingdom. Our Prophet, Priest, and King has always been building churches devoted to his ordinary means of grace (see Acts 2:42). May he do that in our churches through this conference today!

Today's Schedule

Bold items are located in the main sanctuary

8:00 9:00... Registration, breakfast, and fellowship

9:00 9:15... Welcome and singing

9:15 10:15... Session 1: "The Ordinary Means to Our Extraordinary Prophet"

10:15 10:30... Break w/ singing

10:30 11:30... Session 2: "The Ordinary Means to Our Extraordinary Priest"

11:30 1:00... Lunch Break

1:00 2:00... Breakout sessions (see page 5)

2:00 2:15... Regathering and singing

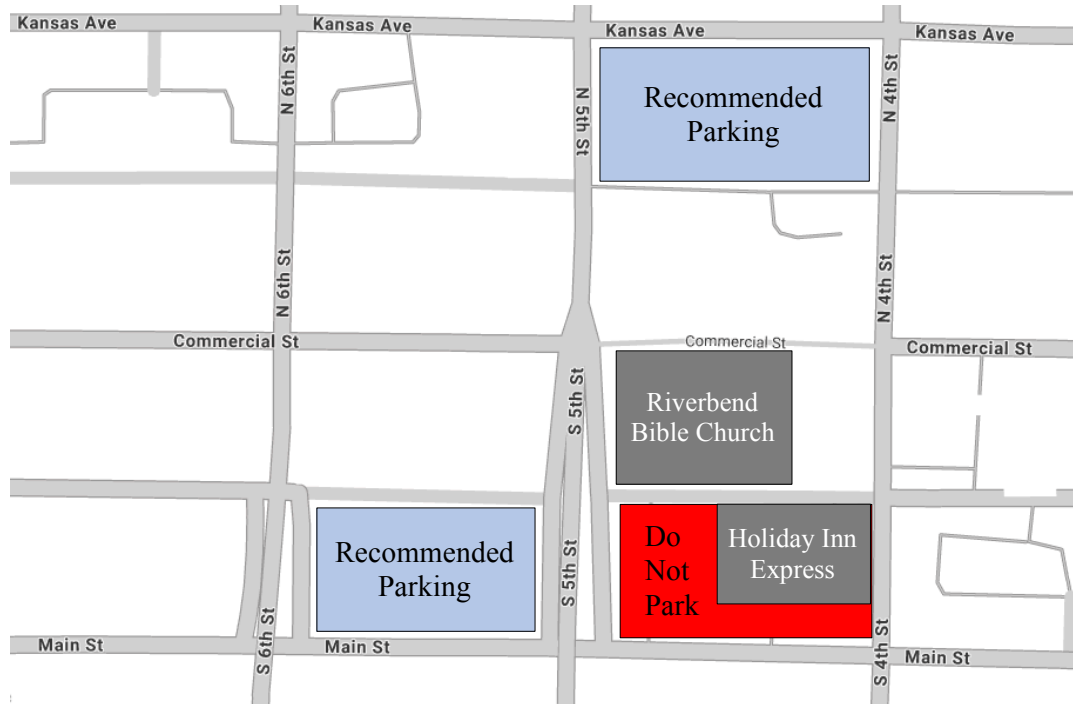
2:15 3:15... Session 3: "The Ordinary Prayers of Our Extraordinary Kingdom"

3:15 3:30... Regathering and singing

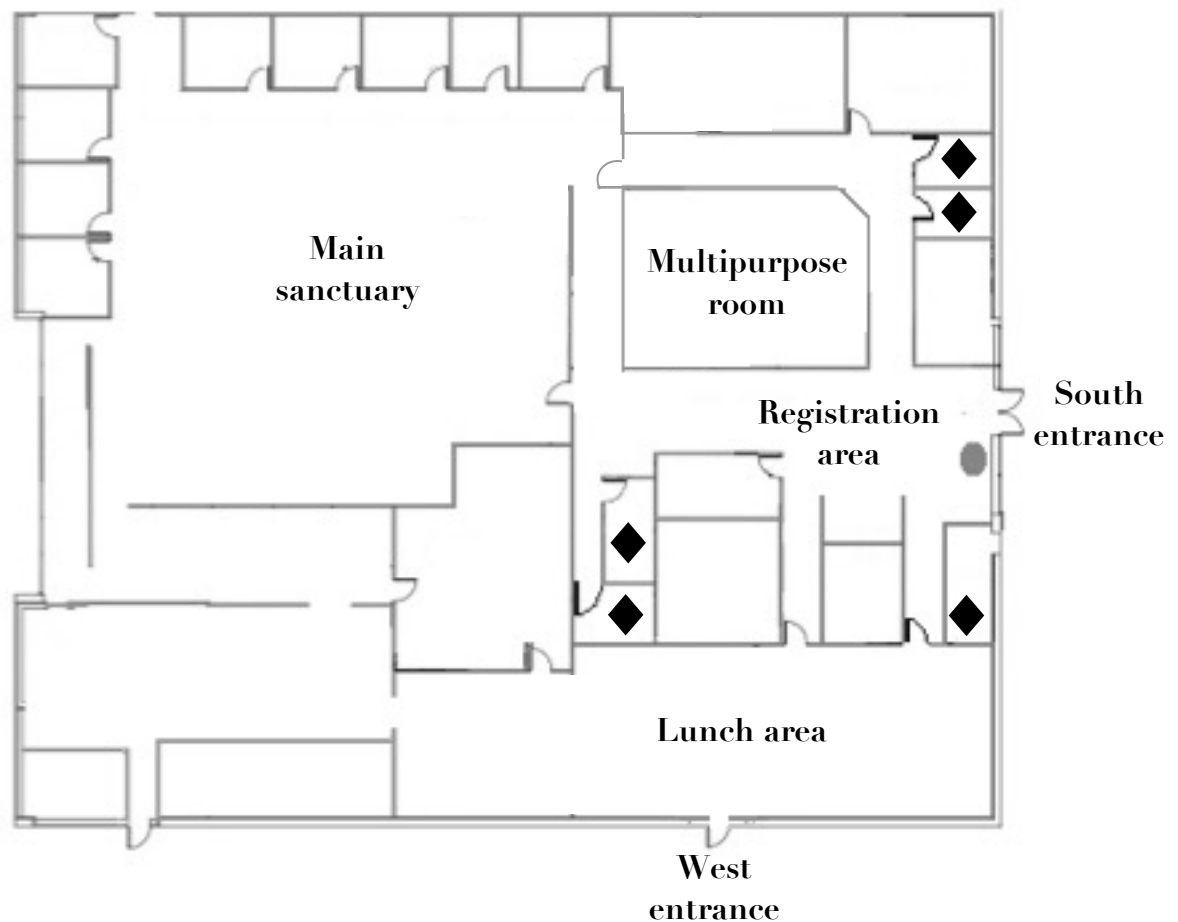
3:30 4:30... Session 4: "The Ordinary Means to Our Extraordinary King"

4:30... Closing announcements and concluding songs

Please do not park in the Holiday Inn Express parking lot marked below.



Note the building map and restrooms indicated by black diamonds below.



About today's book: *Prophet, Priest, and King*

May this excerpt encourage you to read!

“Today, we experience the tensions of the post-Christian, secular environment framing the world around us. Yet, when our faith remains grounded in Christ and thoroughly informed by his prophetic, priestly, and kingly offices, we need not be shaken by the subversions of the modern world.

Because of Christ's work, we need not lose our firm footing or our meditation. When we consider these truths, our confidence and conviction grow, fueled by what Christ accomplished in his fulfillment of these offices. The tumult of the world drives us to a further understanding of Christ's work, and an understanding of Christ's work helps us withstand amid the storms of an increasingly secular age—an age that threatens to subvert the church's obedience to Christ. We might ask ourselves, What consequential realities now exist for the Christian since Christ is our prophet, priest, and king? Not only that, but how ought we to apply these truths in order to live more faithfully to God in our contemporary moment? The answer to these questions requires our careful attention.”

Scan this code to listen to an
interview with the author



Breakout Sessions

The Community of the Prophet: Bible Reading

w/ Caleb Herbel Multipurpose Room

As our Prophet, Jesus is God's Word to us (Hebrews 1:2; John 1:1). This Word comes to us through the written revelation of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17), which means that the primary way we listen to our Prophet is through careful study of the Scriptures (2 Peter 1:19). Although we know this, far too often our times of study simply become times to discuss Bible topics rather than meditating on a specific passage. Come to be encouraged to stay devoted to learning from the Bible and to be equipped with some practical tools for studying it yourself and leading group studies with your church.

The Service of the Priest: Prayer

w/ Jeff Parks Main Sanctuary

As members of Christ's royal priesthood, believers are called to the sacred ministry of prayer—the greatest exercise of faith. Drawing from John 15:7, this session will explore how abiding in Christ fuels powerful, kingdom-advancing prayer. We will see that prayer is not merely a personal act of devotion but the primary means through which Christ builds His church and extends His reign to make His name great among the nations. Come explore how the believer's priestly service finds its highest calling at the throne of grace.

The Army of the King: Evangelism

w/ Joe Bridgman Lunch Area

When an army enters combat, almost nothing goes according to plan. To achieve victory, the army must be ready for thousands of wise and courageous improvisations. Planning is valuable, but an army ready for combat is essential. The same is true for the Church, the army of King Jesus. Too often, our evangelistic battles rely exclusively on carefully planned and organized events. Outside of these plans, our army is not ready to battle for men's souls. Our King sounds the charge, and we are wearing spiritual flip-flops. That's why it is our daily duty to take up "shoes for your feet, having put on the *readiness* given by the gospel of peace." (Eph. 6:15) What gives our army this *readiness* for combat? It is given by the King's "gospel of peace." My aim is to equip our army with a tool to recall his gospel, and so be ready for the thousands of wise and courageous improvisations that the battle calls for.

Session 1 Notes:
“The Ordinary Means to Our Extraordinary Prophet”
Deuteronomy 18:15-22

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Session 2 Notes:
 “The Ordinary Means to Our Extraordinary Priest”
 Leviticus 16; Hebrews 4:14-16

Leviticus 16; Hebrews 4:14-16

[illegible]

[illegible]

Session 3 Notes:

“The Ordinary Prayers of Our Extraordinary Kingdom”

List the churches represented in your group:

1. Pray for devotion to Christ our *Prophet*:

- By rejecting competing words of the world's prophets 1 John 4:1-6
- By sacrificing other pastimes to know Christ's Word Deut. 6:4-9
- By obeying Christ's Word, no matter the cost Jer. 42:1-6

2. Pray for devotion to Christ our *Priest*:

- By stirring desire to be in Christ's sanctuary Psa. 27:4
- By purifying our consciences in Christ's sacrifice alone Heb. 9:11-14
- By decluttering the church's agenda for more prayer Matt. 21:12-13

3. Pray for devotion to Christ our *King*:

- By relinquishing the weapons of the world's kingdoms Matt. 26:51-53
- By fighting our spiritual enemies instead of each other Phil. 1:27-30
- By witnessing of his kingdom in our region and world Acts 1:6-8

Isaiah 2:2-4; Colossians 1:18

[illegible]

Continued Fellowship Opportunities

Take a new friend to dinner at a nearby restaurant

- La Maria Mexican 801 Commercial Street
- Lopez De Mexico 112 S 6th Street
- Paolucci's 113 S 3rd Street
- Pete's Steak House 618 Commercial Street
- Willie's Sports Bar 701 Commercial Street
- Multiple fast food options!

Enroll in an e-mail list

- Receive prayer and support updates for the Agros Fellowship
- Receive event reminders for the Agros Fellowship
- E-mail director@agrosfellowship.com to enroll

Express interest in the Agros Fellowship or an internship

- The Agros Fellowship meets quarterly for fellowship and supports local churches with pulpit supply
- Internships adapt ministry training to your location and situation
- Visit agrosfellowship.com/events to learn more

Request pulpit supply

- The Agros Fellowship organizes pulpit supply for churches without pastors and for pastors in need of respite
- Email director@agrosfellowship.com with requests