



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

Buying That Field

Riverbend Bible Church
Atchison, KS
November 5, 2022



Welcome to the second annual Agros conference! Agros is a ministry that exists to find, train, and support pastors for small-town churches in northeast Kansas and northwest Missouri. If you would like to learn about other aspects of our ministry, please visit our website: agrosfellowship.com. Your attendance today, knowing that you made significant sacrifices to be here, is already an encouragement to us. We have been praying for the Lord to use today's conference as an encouragement to our faithful, joyful sacrifices for the heavenly treasure hidden in the Lord's harvest fields.

When Jesus revealed how his kingdom comes to earth in Matthew 13:44, he said it would be hidden in a field. It would not be showcased in human wisdom and human strength. Rather, God has chosen to hide the grace of his kingdom in very ordinary places. Over the years, Christians have taken to calling these places the "ordinary means of grace." These are the means by which God ordinarily blesses us with his grace. What are they? They are ordinary things like preaching, prayer, fellowship, communion, and baptism. These means are like fields to which every true church, regardless of size or influence, has full access. And Jesus calls us in this parable to *buy that field*. We must not neglect it, take it for granted, or look anywhere else. We must be churches who deliberately and sacrificially buy that ordinary field in which God has hidden the treasure of his kingdom.

Our conference aims to stir up one another's faith to buy that field. We do not offer extraordinary resources, experts, or strategies for churches. Instead, we want to model and trust God to work through these same means in our conference today. We want to strengthen faith through biblical preaching, singing, prayers, and conversations aiming at this purpose. We want to build fellowship around joyful devotion to the ordinary fields of grace in which our churches are growing. May the Lord give you the love and strength to engage in this venture today. This is not a conference for professionals on a stage and spectators in seats. It's a conference for ordinary, fellow laborers to strengthen one another for faithful service to the Lord of the harvest.

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: "Buying That Field: Preaching"

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

10:30 11:30... Session 2: "Buying That Field: Fellowship"

11:30 1:00... Lunch Break

1:00 1:15... Regathering and singing

1:15 2:15... Session 3: "Buying That Field: Godliness"

2:15 3:15... Session 4: "Buying That Field: Prayer"

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

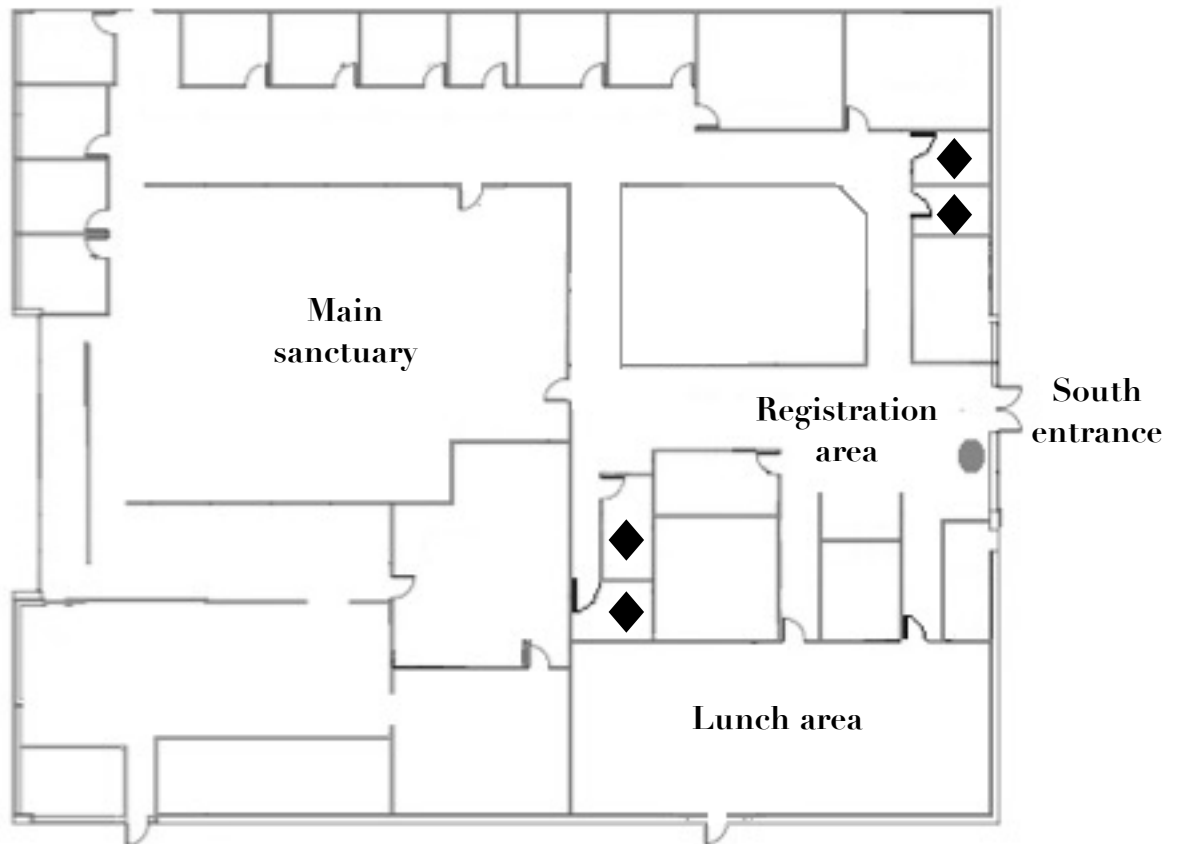
3:30 4:30... Session 5: "Buying That Field: Patience"

4:30... Closing announcements and concluding songs

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



Songs for Today

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

“Give Me Jesus”

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

“How Firm a Foundation”

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

“O Church of Christ, Invincible”

“Gloria Patri”

“Be Thou My Vision”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Session 1 Notes:
“Buying That Field: Preaching”
2 Timothy 4:1-5

Session 2 Notes:
“Buying That Field: Fellowship”

1 Thessalonians 2:7-13

Session 4 Notes:

“Buying That Field: Prayer”

List the churches represented in your group:

Pray for these churches’ **devotion** to God’s field of grace:

More single-minded dedication to the ordinary Acts 2:42; 6:4

More hunger for and obedience to God’s Word Jeremiah 42:1-6

More personal fellowship in and for the gospel Philippians 1:27-2:4

More frequent and earnest dependence on prayer Acts 4:23-31

Pray for these churches’ **fruit** from God’s field of grace:

More sincere priority of godliness Revelation 3:1-6

More determined growth in godliness 2 Peter 1:3-8

Pray for these churches’ **spread** of God’s field of grace:

More unswerving clarity with the lost 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

More Christ-like ambition for the lost Mark 1:35-38

More salvations of the lost Titus 3:3-7

Session 5 Notes:
“Buying That Field: Patience”
Luke 8:4-15

Continued Fellowship Opportunities

Take a new friend to dinner at a nearby restaurant

- Paolucci's 113 S 3rd Street
- Willie's 701 Commercial Street
- Pete's Steak House 618 Commercial Street
- Maria Mexican 801 Commercial Street
- Lopez De Mexico 112 S 6th Street
- Riverhouse 101 Commercial Street
- Multiple fast food options!

Enroll in an e-mail list

- Receive prayer updates for the Agros ministry
- Receive fellowship event reminders for the Agros ministry
- E-mail joeandbeccab@gmail.com to enroll

Express interest in the Agros “farm team” or an internship

- The “farm team” supports local pastors through preaching
- Internships adapt ministry training to your location and situation
- E-mail joeandbeccab@gmail.com if interested

Request pulpit supply

- Agros organizes pulpit supply for churches without pastors and for pastors in need of respite
- Email joeandbeccab@gmail.com if interested

Consider attending an upcoming Agros workshop

- 4-8-hour practical training events that focus on various aspects of gospel ministry
- Visit agrosfellowship.com/events to see past and upcoming events, or enroll in the fellowship event reminder e-mail list