

## **2013 WESTERN MARYLAND SWORD OF THE LORD CONFERENCE**

We are deeply grieved over the moral and spiritual condition of the United States of America. Humanly speaking, the future of our great nation looks bleak. Many of God's people around the world are earnestly praying for revival. **We are asking God to search our hearts and do what He needs to do in our own lives so that He can bring revival and restoration to our land.**

Nevertheless, God IS doing some great things in and through churches and ministries across our nation. We are consistently hearing of great numbers riding buses to church, attending revivals and outreach meetings in both urban and rural areas. We hear regularly of many, many souls being saved and baptized. **God is not dead nor is He inactive. God is working!!!**

We are asking God to work in a great way in our Sword of the Lord Conference here at MLIBC on September 23-24. **Our focus is simple: Revival and Soul Winning.** These are the two characteristics of a genuine moving of God in a church, region, and a nation.

Will you please join us this year. Sunday, September 22 marks my 20th year as pastor of Mountain Lake Independent Baptist Church and it would be a special blessing to me personally to have you join us for this meeting. I sincerely believe that this meeting will greatly help all those who attend. Pastor, bring your church leaders and as many members as you can. We will all benefit.

I believe the following features of this year's conference will be a blessing to you

- **This will be Dr. Shelton Smith's 19th year to be with us for this conference.** The Sword has been an important ingredient in my spiritual growth personally and as a pastor. Dr. Smith continues to provide strong, Biblical, and gracious leadership.
- **Dr. Lou Rossi returns to our pulpit for this conference.** Dr. Rossi has been used of God in revival meetings across our land for many, many years. He has preached in our pulpit many times and we are excited to have him back with us again.
- **Dr. Bryon Foxx will direct the music for our conference.** It is virtually impossible to leave a service with Dr. Byron Foxx and not be refreshed and encouraged in your spirit.
- **A very special session is being offered on "REVIVAL."** Dr. Rossi has made "revival" his life's study and has some practical insight as to what God

has done in revivals of yesteryear, and what God can do for us to day and in the coming years.

- **The dynamic preaching of God's Word will help our church families, staff members, and the various workers throughout our churches.**

Pastors, assistants, S.S. teachers, deacons, bus workers, choir members all need reinforcements in these challenging days.

All meals will be provided. There are local motels near by. Please check us out at [www.mlibc.org](http://www.mlibc.org) or call the church at 301-334-3234.

God bless you. I look forward to seeing you and your folks in just a couple weeks.

Sincerely, your friend,  
Dennis Leatherman, Pastor