## Dear Pastor Friend;

We are excited about Western Maryland's Annual Sword of the Lord Conference on September 29-30, 2014. The mountains of Western Maryland are absolutely beautiful this time of year. The preaching and music at this conference will be both, refreshing and challenging.

We understand that coming to a meeting like this here in the mountains of Western Maryland requires some time, effort and, of course, finances. We are working and praying hard to make this meeting well worth the effort it takes to get here.

I believe this meeting will help you and your church for the following reasons:

- 1. Pastors will be encouraged and challenged by the powerful preaching of Dr. Shelton Smith and Dr. R.B. Ouellette. As pastors, we need the conviction and cleansing of the preached Word in our own personal lives so we can be effective spiritual leaders in our churches.
- 2. Assistant Pastors will be helped to share the vision of their Pastor and will be challenged to give their "all" to the Lord and the gospel. These men are vital to the health and growth of the local church and need to be nurtured in their own spiritual development.
- 3. Choir directors, song leaders, musicians, and choir members will be helped in their ministries by Dr. Bryon Foxx. It is virtually impossible to leave a service with Dr. Byron Foxx and not be refreshed and encouraged in your spirit.
- 4. Sunday school teachers, bus workers, and children's ministry workers will be challenged to renew their vision for growing ministries through the preaching, fellowship, and resources available at this meeting.
- 5. Church families, staff members, and various church workers will be blessed by the preaching of God's Word, the fellowship with folks of "like faith," and the spirit of revival that fills these meetings.

The world is on "fire!" From the wholesale slaughter of "Christians" in the Middle East to the open hostility to Bible believers in the Western World, we see a world in desperate need of the Gospel. Christians are in desperate need of genuine revival.

Will you join us for this meeting? Let's pray and anticipate that God will get a hold

of our hearts and stir our souls, renew our vision, and revive our hearts for the truth of God's Word and the great commission He has given us.

We are doing all we can to make this as affordable as possible for all who attend, including provided meals and special rates at local motels. Please check us out at <a href="https://www.mlibc.org">www.mlibc.org</a> 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

P.S. This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sword of the Lord. In honor of this milestone, we are giving a copy of the very first Sword of the Lord to everyone in attendance Monday evening. Please help us be a blessing to Dr. Smith and recognize the many years God has blessed the Sword Ministry.

