Dear Brethren;

John Wesley said, "Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God; such alone will shake the gates of hell." This is exactly what we need in this day and hour. We are asking God to use the Western Maryland Sword of the Lord Conference (Sept. 26-27) to stir up pastors and churches desire God, fear sin and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ with power and boldness

Over the past 22 years, we have had some of America's great preachers and this year is no exception. **Dr. Shelton Smith**, editor of the Sword of the Lord, is back for his  $22^{nd}$  year, and is joined for this year's conference by **Dr. Norris Belcher**, pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Westminster, MD. Dr. Smith and Dr. Belcher are powerful preachers whom I believe God will use to have a lasting (and potential life-changing) impact on our hearts and ministries.

With us again this year will be our good friend, **Brother Byron Foxx** of Bible Truth Music. God is using Brother Foxx across our country to promote revival and soul winning, along with godly, soul stirring music. As a special treat, our dear friend, **Dr. Dan Hummel** of Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries will be preaching Tuesday evening along with Dr. Belcher.

Everything kicks off Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. and continues Tuesday at 10:00 am and 7:00 p.m. Please join us for the Pastor's Luncheon after the Tuesday morning session!

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at 301-334-3234 or 301-616-0038, or check out our web site at <a href="www.mlibc.org">www.mlibc.org</a>. I am looking forward to seeing you. May the Lord richly bless you and your ministry!

Sincerely your friend,

Dennis Leatherman

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