

August 16, 2018

Dear Pastor and friends;

Our **2018 Sword of the Lord Conference** is less than two months away and this year's conference is promising to be one of our best ever!! I trust you already have **September 24-25, 2018** marked on your calendar! Our lineup this year is power packed and I believe it will be a blessing and a great help to you, your church, and your workers!

Dr. Shelton Smith has been coming up here on the mountain since 1995 and is always such a great blessing. Our folks love Dr. Smith like he is one of our own. The Sword has been a very positive influence in my life personally and here at Mtn. Lake in so many ways for many years.

Dr. Mike Allison pastor of the Madison Baptist Church in Madison, AL will be joining us this year. Dr. Allison is a powerful preacher and has always been an encouragement to me personally. God is using Brother Allison in churches and conferences like ours all across our country and I sincerely believe you will find him to be a great help to you in your ministry.

Dr. Dan Hummel with Beacon of Truth Baptist Ministries will also be joining us and preaching on Tuesday morning. Dr. Hummel is a very dear friend and is being used of God mightily to get the printed Word of God around the world. He will be a blessing and a challenge to you.

Sunday, September 23 marks the 25th year that Kathy & I have been here at Mountain Lake Independent Baptist Church. It has been a great blessing to see GOD take a struggling church and transform it back into a vibrant, happy church with a significant Gospel influence locally and around the world. If possible, please join us on this Sunday, September 23 for a special day of celebration and rejoicing. There will be gifts for all, dinner on the grounds, special music and Dr. Shelton Smith, will be speaking in all services.

Please bring your family and staff members and make this more than just a meeting, make it a time to get away and refresh and recharge. September in

Garrett County is absolutely beautiful with the leaves at full color, the active wildlife, and the cool evenings. There is so much to do and see. We sincerely hope that you will make the effort to be a part of this exciting event!

Along with the great preaching and fellowship, you can take a tour-boat ride on Deep Creek Lake on Tuesday afternoon. This is very popular and I believe you would very much enjoy this.

To help make this meeting worth your drive up here in the mountains of Western Maryland, our Church will be providing all the meals beginning Monday evening with an after service fellowship with plenty of good food. Tuesday morning begins with a continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m., we have a delicious lunch planned, soup & sandwiches before the evening service and then another fellowship after the Tuesday evening service. Reasonable motels rates are available. You can call the "OAK-MAR" motel (301-334-3965) or the Garrett Inn (301-387-6696) for reservations.

The conference begins Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., continues Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. 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 www.mlibc.org. I am looking forward to seeing you. May the Lord richly bless you and your ministry!

Sincerely, your friend,
Dennis Leatherman
Dennis Leatherman, Pastor