

September 8, 2012

Dear Pastor Friend;

As always, we are looking forward to **Western Maryland's Annual Sword of the Lord Conference on September 24-25, 2012.** Coming to a meeting like this here in the mountains of Western Maryland requires some time, effort and, of course, finances, but if our churches are going to experience the blessings and power of God, we must put in time and effort. I believe this meeting will be well worth the effort it takes to get here.

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. Sam Davison.** 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 challenge 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.**

We are living in challenging days for Bible believers. The fear of God and respect for His Word this nation once possessed is no longer there and this opens the doors for, not only ridicule of the Gospel, but of open hostility. Unless some drastic repentance takes place, the next generation of believers will face a hostile society and must be prepared and trained to put on the whole armor of God and to have the courage and

conviction to stand for the Word of God.

Will you please join us for this meeting up here in the mountains of Maryland? Please pray with me that God will get a hold of at least a few of us preachers and a few of our church members and shake the apathy from our souls, open our eyes to the great spiritual need of our world, and set our hearts on fire for the truth of God's Word and the great commission He has given us.

God gave great victory to Israel with just 300 of Gideon's soldiers. Surely, He can do great things with a few of us preachers and a few of our church folks who will give Him our "all!"

We are doing all we can to make this as affordable as possible for all who attend. All meals will be provided. We have a special rate at the local motel. Please check us out at 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Leatherman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

Dennis Leatherman, Pastor