

September 8, 2011

Dear Pastor Friend;

Sept. 26-27, hosting Western Maryland's Annual Sword of the Lord conference. We have a unique line up of speakers and sessions that are designed to encourage and inspire churches like ours to stay after God's call and command to us as the people of God.

Dr. Shelton Smith (editor of the Sword of the Lord) and **Dr. Byron Foxx** (of Bible Truth Music) will be with us again. Joining us this year is **Dr. John Bishop**. Bro. Bishop is being used of God to "help the broken-hearted and hurting people of this world to see God's goodness and righteousness, helping others find as Paul found, '*My grace is sufficient for thee...*' (2 Corinthians 12:9), in every trial or suffering!" I believe God will strengthen our faith and challenge our hearts to reach out to those around us who are hurting. Brother Bishop is a blessing! (<http://godissogood.net>)

We are asking each Pastor to be prepared to share a particular outreach or special event (either evangelistic or discipleship) that has been successfully used of God to impact your church and/or community. We'll do this during our Pastor's Luncheon. Our desire is that every pastor will leave this meeting with a renewed heart and ideas to better reach our world with the Gospel and help our church folks to grow in the Lord.

God has blessed our annual "Tract Month" outreach for the last 15 years. I have put together a simple manual on how to get everyone in your church involved in tract distribution and how to effectively saturate your town (and surrounding towns) with gospel tracts in one month. In a Tuesday session, we will give to each pastor attending a free manual. Our goal is to have 50 churches commit to distribute at least 10,000 tracts in one month next Spring. This can easily be done with the program we're presenting. Dr. Foxx is teaching a session on "Effective Church Music" also.

All meals will be provided. 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,

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