

August 19, 2019

Dear Friends;

In Mark 6:31 our Lord called His disciples to “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while...” The Lord pointed out to us the necessity of getting away on occasion to be refreshed and recharged. **Though Western Maryland is not a “desert place,” nevertheless, our Sword conference up here in the mountains is a wonderful opportunity to get refreshed physically and recharged spiritually.**

Over the years we have had some great preaching and this year is no exception. **Dr. Shelton Smith**, is back for his 25<sup>th</sup> year, and will be joined by **Brother Justin Cooper**, a young, dynamic evangelist who is travelling the nation as well as internationally holding revival meetings and preaching in Bible conferences

Dr. Smith and Brother Cooper are powerful preachers whom I believe God will use to have a lasting (and potential life-changing) impact on our hearts, homes, and ministries.

There are a number of enjoyable activities available for you, your family, and staff during the off hours – hiking, boating, sightseeing, etc. We are planning a pontoon boat ride on Deep Creek Lake Tuesday afternoon for anyone interested. Also, all meals, Monday evening through Tuesday evening are provided by the church and there is a limited amount of free housing available. Of course, there are nice motels available, so we hope you’ll come and spend a few days with us.

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 check out our web site at [www.mlibc.org](http://www.mlibc.org). I am looking forward to seeing you. May the Lord richly bless you and your ministry!

Sincerely your friend,

Dennis Leatherman, Pastor