



Sword of the Spirit

Youth & Young Adult Bible Conference 2018

(For ages 16+) **23-25 February**

Ephesians 6:10-20 (v.17)

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of god.”

**Being Aware of Our Advantage;
Allowing the Lord to Fight Our Battles!
(1 Samuel 17)**

Pastor/Evangelist Brian Beaver (Bethel Baptist Church, Riegelwood, NC, USA)

Evangelist Dave Kistler (Hope Ministries International, Connelly Springs, NC, USA)

Special Singing by: Nathan Kistler

Friday (23rd) 7:30pm through Sunday (25th) 9:00pm

(12 sessions)

Friday 7:30pm & 10:30pm / Saturday 9am, 10am, 11:30am, 5pm, 7:30pm, 10pm
Sunday 9:45am, 11am, 2:30pm, 6pm

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We invite you to join us for our sixteenth annual 'Sword of the Spirit' Bible Conference for Youth age 16+ and Young Adults, whether single or married.

The theme for our conference this year is **'Being Aware of Our Advantage; Allowing the Lord to Fight Our Battles!' (1 Samuel 17)** We're sort of going back to our roots this year and the basis and burden upon which this conference was born. Spiritual Battles are very much a part of all our lives regardless of our relationship with God. However, as Believers you have distinct advantages and do not have to fight these battles on your own. Our prayer is that the teaching and preaching during this conference will first of all point you to Christ and a personal relationship with Him. Secondly, if you already know Christ as your personal Saviour, we trust the ministry will truly lift and build you up in the Faith as well as be practical and helpful in your walk with Christ. SOS is the international distress call. Do you need help? Does someone around you need help? Will you need help in the days ahead? In fact, there are times when we all need help and the source of that help is found in God, through the Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit. It is through and with God's Word (the Sword of the Spirit) that we will defeat the enemy! That's what this conference is all about... the Sword of the Spirit (God's Word) and YOU!

This is our 16th Annual Conference. We are blessed to have two great preachers with us. Pastor & Evangelist Brian Beaver and Evangelist Dave Kistler come to us from North Carolina, USA. Brother Beaver is pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Riegelwood, NC and also travels around the USA and the world as an evangelist. It was through a burden and vision that was shared by Brother Beaver, Pastor Curtis and the young people here at Bethel Free Baptist Church that this conference was born and has continued for these 16 years. Brother Kistler is a full time evangelist, Director of H.O.P.E. Ministries International, Hope on the Hill, and President of the NC Pastors Network. He is no stranger to us here at Bethel as he and his family have been travelling across the Atlantic to minister to us since taking part in the re-dedication of this church to the Lord's work back in 1990.

These men are passionate in their love for the Lord, their desire to minister to the Saints and burden to evangelize the lost. They will minister to your soul through anointed teaching and preaching throughout these days in a very clear, concise and exciting manner. There will be a total of twelve sessions from Friday night until Sunday night, including some fun times, time to enjoy fellowship with friends and time to make new ones. We will also be blessed with the very gifted voice of Nathan Kistler as he sings throughout these days.

The church family at Bethel considers it a great privilege to be able to minister to you through this conference. We want you to experience a warm welcome; great teaching and preaching; genuine, loving fellowship; lots of laughs along the way, and plenty of food (both natural & spiritual). Please come along and allow us to be a blessing to you!

DON'T FORGET YOUR SLEEPING BAG and pillow!!! Camping mats or air mattresses can be a real blessing if you happen to have one. We'll try to keep you warm and fed but most of the other comforts will be up to you.

We pray earnestly that this special weekend will be a source of great blessing and encouragement. This conference was born out of a burden for wanting to see youth and young adults saved, built up in the faith, and better equipped to STAND... to stand against the enemy and to stand up and be counted for the Lord Jesus Christ. We love you in the Lord and consider it an honour to have this privilege to serve and minister to you. This weekend is about YOU being ministered to!

*Your servant for Jesus' sake,
Pastor Larry*

IMPORTANT DETAILS, COST & CONTACTS

AGE REQUIREMENT:

The Young Adult Conference is only available to those aged 16+. (Sorry, but there can be no exceptions on the age!) Anyone may attend the evenings and Sunday services but the other sessions are tailored to those 16 and over and we cannot have under 16's sleeping over in the church for insurance purposes. Please do not ask for this rule to be bent. It can't! We offer other ministries and camps for under 16's at other times of the year. We also ask that children not be brought to the day sessions as there are no crèche attendants and unfortunately they can be a distraction to those here for ministry. If you are a parent with particular needs in this area, please contact us.



COST:

We do not charge for ministry. We do however ask that you make a nominal contribution to the cost of the weekend, which will go to offset the cost of food, heating, etc. We try to keep this to an absolute minimum. The registration cost this year is:

£25.00



REGISTRATION:

We ask everyone to please register for the event, even if you are not planning to sleep over at the church. The simplest means of registering is to do so **online** at www.bethelfreebaptist.com where you can also pay via PayPal. Alternatively, a printed registration form can be downloaded from our website or if you send your request to info@bethelfreebaptist.com we will send you one by return post. Please help us out by registering as soon as possible. After 16 February, please contact us prior to registering.



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DIRECTIONS

From M6 – Heading North

- Leave motorway at **Junction 5**.
- At roundabout go right on **A452** toward Sutton Coldfield / Brownhills.
- Left at first roundabout (between B&Q and Jaguar) toward City Centre.
- At third roundabout (just after Fort Shopping Centre) take first exit on **A4040** toward Ward End.
- Second right on **Drews Lane**.
- Fourth left on **Wardend Road**.
- Church is approx. 100 metres on the left.

From M6 – Heading South

- Leave motorway at **Junction 6** (Spaghetti Junction) following signs for **A38 to Lichfield** and stay to left all the way to bottom at roundabout.
- Take third exit out of roundabout (**A38 Lichfield**).
- Right at second turning onto **Wheelright Road**.
- Bear right at traffic light to large roundabout (sitting beneath the M6).
- Second exit out of roundabout on **A4040** toward Ward End.
- Second right on **Drews Lane**.
- Fourth left on **Wardend Road**.
- Church is approx. 100 metres on the left.