A Call to Prayer

Martin Luther identified our opponents as the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts. The enemies of the gospel have not changed in the many centuries later. Are you willing to pray regularly for God’s work through the Montana Bible College? We email a monthly list of ministry needs to those who desire to lift us before the Lord in prayer. Last year, Jim Culp sent President@montanabiblecollege.com and let us know you’d like to be included. Thanks sincerely for your eternal support!

A Rural Pastor’s Perspective

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As a pastor, I’ve attended a number of conferences over the years, and it’s always nice to get away and be encouraged and challenged. My experience at the recent church leaders conference at Montana Bible College was unique in several ways. In fact, it was the combination of a number of things that really made it a special time.

The emphasis on discipleship with an understanding of rural ministry by the speakers was certainly a welcome focus. There aren’t many conferences available that offer a perspective that fits my situation and the situation of so many pastors in our part of the country. The speakers who were invited were well suited for a church leaders conference in the heart of Montana.

They were down to earth, experienced, and saturated with God’s Word.

What helped make these two days so beneficial was the fact that I could attend with so many people from the church who are active in ministry. Because the cost was so low and the distance to get to the conference was reasonable, I was able to attend with elders and deacons from our church body. Also, we were all able to bring our wives with us, which made the learning and encouragement that much more effective since we are partners together in our body. We had the opportunity to hear a variety of speakers, share what we learned, and talk over some of the sessions we attended together. Highlighting various ideas presented and discussing ways to apply what we heard. We are also hoping to have the audio and notes from the conference for those who were not able to go. Therefore, the impact has been multiplied compared to just having the church send me off to a conference by myself. The interaction with other church leaders from the region was another bonus to attending the conference. Being in church ministry makes it difficult to have time to connect with others who are serving in a similar way. That was a treat and a drawing card to encourage future attendance.

I’m looking forward to next year’s conference with Jerry Bridges. I know the Lord will continue to use these annual MBC church leadership conferences to strengthen the churches in our area and across the northwest region.

If you are interested in a “dino-dig” contact the MBC office to register!