

The best workshop takeaway for me is a quote from the leader of a session: "Most of our spaces [in churches] are made for education and not conversation."

I chose to attend the 2018 Annual Gathering because it is a time of connection. A time to catch up with old friends, and make new friends. A time to be challenged, affirmed, and encouraged as a CBFer, minister, and student. A time to be the Fellowship.

Michael Sizemore, CBFNC Collegiate Ministry Intern

# Reflections: CBFNC's 2018 Annual Gathering

March 15-17, 2018 Knollwood, Winston-Salem

Best moments: Connections with old and new friends from all around the state that warmed us; Tunes and Tales that lifted our spirits with laughter and song; workshops that equipped us with specific information to use in our churches; worship services that inspired us to pursue our ministry opportunities; and the strong ties of the Fellowship that hold us together!

Carolyn Dickens, Laity, First, Raleigh

I was deeply moved by Richard Joyner's account of the work in Conetoe. A touching and hilarious story of God bringing hundreds of children into a church that was once inwardly focused but became an oasis of health and hope for its community.

And I was moved by Suzii Paynter's passion in the CBF Global workshop. Amid strong disagreements, she helped us see that CBF is one of the best movements in U.S. Christianity today.

Doug Murray, CBFNC Moderator

Leigh Curl from Duke Divinity led us in a Divinity Student Experience activity which helped us understand our callings and why we do what we do. It is special to see Divinity Students gather together, all in the same space, to contemplate our same sacred callings.

Emily Davis, Divinity Student

The theme exceeded my expectations — all parts of the Gathering really spoke to holistic healthiness. I came home refreshed and hopeful.

I loved getting to hear and meet Rev. Richard Joyner.

Lou Ann Gilliam, Chowan University

