

Therefore, as you go, disciple people in all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19 (ISV)

CBFNC Annual Meeting moments

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Our Fellowship told us wholeheartedly that our annual “family reunion” was most valuable and that they wanted even more, and that was certainly reflected in the expanded format and diverse opportunities for new learnings, meaningful worship, and warm fellowship in Hickory. This new model offers something for everyone and is a springboard for “going deeper” in multiple ways as we continue to bring Baptists in North Carolina together in mission and ministry.

-Lisa Rust, CBFNC Moderator



My favorite 2017 Annual Gathering moment was when Susan Sparks spoke and you truly learned laughter is a part of worship.

-Gretchen Overby, first-time attendee



My favorite moment from the Annual Gathering was the opening session Friday morning. The sound of the voices filling the sacred space in song proclaiming “we are called to be God’s people,” and the laughter and reactions to the stories and experience of Rev. Sparks filled my heart with joy and excitement.

-Jeremy Poplin, Minister of Music, Clemmons First, Clemmons

My favorite moment of CBFNC’s Annual Gathering was when Suzii Paynter walked into the Divinity Student Experience and shared in our activity discussing our visions of ministry.

-Breana van Velzen, Divinity Student



I loved the personal and local church illustrations everyone brought to the “equipping of the saints for the work of ministry”!! The topic is at the core of my call and ministry practice and has been for decades. Much of my writing has been driven by our shared passion. My heart continues to leap with joy that CBFNC is bringing this to the forefront for pastors/ staff and congregations!!!

-Eddie Hammett, CBFNC Church and Clergy Coach

I always look forward to the Annual Gathering. It has become like family reunion for me! Just being in the presence of CBFNC people inspires me and gives me great hope for our future. Though I have come to expect excellence from CBFNC, this year was the best ever. Susan Sparks was amazing, the workshops I attended were all superb, and the Laity Conference was “icing on the cake”!

-Nancy Baxley, laity



My favorite moment was the Divinity School Experience exercise orchestrated by Duke Divinity School students, creating a “patchwork” of drawings, verses, and meaningful words that provided context for the ministries and passions of all of the people in the room. It was a beautiful moment to see all of the different areas of the Church that people are being called to participation.

-Jordan Tripp, Divinity Student