

Hartselle, Alabama Spiritual Encounter Weekend  
March 24-26, 2017

We want to thank Melissa Cooper for giving us the following eyewitness report on the Alabama Encounter.”

*The theme of the retreat was “Dust to Diamonds”. It began on Friday night with dynamic worship music. The children danced joyfully (as did some of the adults). Everyone was on their feet, singing and clapping. It set the tone for the rest of the retreat. The guest ministers, Jane & Eddie Faircloth, shared a little bit of their vision for the weekend and asked these questions: “Why are you here this weekend? Are you where you want to be in your spiritual life”? Jane told us that it was to be an inward journey this weekend, and invited us to go deeper, that this weekend was an opportunity to renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits.*

*Saturday morning brought more praise, followed by Eddie & Jane teaching on renewing our mind. Saturday afternoon class was about the Trinity of God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit) and the trinity of man (spirit, soul, body). Interspersed throughout the day were periods of worship, prayer, discussion, and of course, food. Everywhere you looked, you could see disciples sharing with each other in various ways, from helping to wash the dishes to praying with each other. There was music, joy and healing.*

*The Encounter concluded on Sunday morning with a Communion service. I looked at the faces of those who were there, and I saw that they looked different. On Friday evening I had seen faces of people who were worn out, tired, and struggling with different issues in their lives. On Sunday morning, those same faces were filled with light and peace. Joy shone through their eyes and their steps seemed lighter. Their encounter with the Divine had restored their faith and hope, and gave new purpose to their work in building God’s Kingdom.*

Melissa Cooper

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