

2018 Ohio Men's Retreat Report

On January 18-20th, 300 men came to the Heartland Retreat Center to experience what God had in store for them at the annual Ohio Men's Retreat.

Thursday, January 18th

The first service was held in the afternoon with Ohio Promotional Secretary **Edwin Hayes** greeting the men. Bro. **Bryon Justice** of Canaan FWB in Creston led the music for the services with Bro. **David Crank** playing the keyboard. Bro. **Don Chadwick**, accompanied by Rev. **Kyle Chadwick** from the North FWB Church in Columbus provided the special music. Rev. **Jason Meade**, pastor of the Rosedale FWB Church brought the message, "Not a Fair Fight" from I Samuel 17:12. In this sermon, Bro. Jason used the challenge that David gave to Israel about confronting the enemy. He told that many times as we battle Satan that we should "Throw the first punch!" After the service, Missionaries **Tom Jones (PA)**, **Scott Wisniewski (Bellfontaine, Oh)**, and **Nathan Snow (Japan)** and gave reports on their ministries, Bro. **Sam McVay** gave greetings from the International Mission Department and Ohio Missionary **Travis McKenzie** gave an update on the new work in Ashland, Ohio.

That evening, the men assembled for the second service. The special singing was provided by Bro. **John Castle** and the Rittman Community FWB Church. Director of the Ohio Legislative Watch **Dan Whisner** began a series of messages concerning, "Imparting Spiritual Gifts" from Romans 1:8-

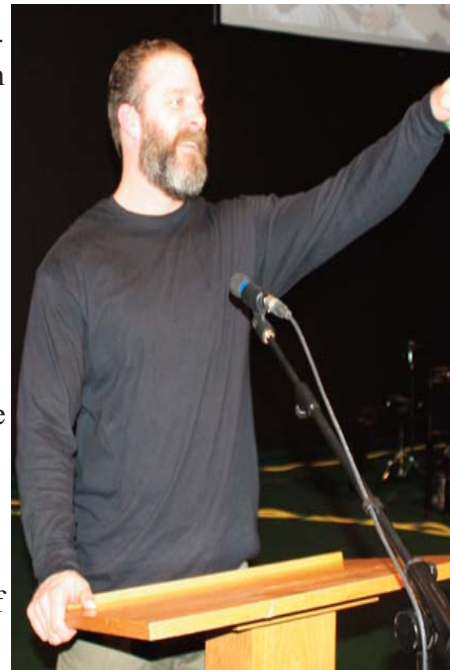
13. In this series Pastor Dan let us know the value and importance of the gifts we can impart to other believers.

After the service, Missionaries **J.D. Webb (Brazil)**, **Tyler Penn (IL)** and **Darrell Grimes (Eric, PA)** gave updates on their works.

When we dismissed the service, the Ohio Men's Choir under the direction of Bro. **Bryon Justice** formed and practiced. The men enjoyed fellowship, recreation and music throughout the retreat center.



Rev. Dan Whisner



Rev Jason Meade



The Men in the Worship Service

The men enjoyed recreation after the evening services!





Rev. Curtis Booth

Friday, January 19th

In the first service on Friday morning, Harrison Pastor **Mike Mounts**, and New Road Pastor **Tom Dooley** provided the special music and Gahanna Pastor **Curtis Booth** preached the message, "What is Wrong With God?" from Jeremiah 2:5 which challenged the men to trust and believe in God's

goodness even in difficult situations. The second service that morning began with **Luke Grimes** from the Flagship Church providing the special music. Bro. **Dan Whisner** then preached on the subject, "Established Platforms" from Philippians 3. He made the point that we must build our lives and ministries on the platforms God has established.

Attendance Awards

We gave attendance awards Friday afternoon. The first category, "Most First Time Attendees" the Faith Chapel Church pastored by **Bruce Copley** won first place by bringing nine new attendees! The Rosedale Church, pastored by **Jason Meade** came in second place with seven new attendees and the Southwest Church pastored



Former Georgia All-American and NFL Football Player Troy Sadowski gave his inspiring testimony on Friday afternoon with a question and answer period afterwards

by **John Meade** came in third place with four new attendees. In the second category, "Most Men Attending in Relation to Church Membership" the Rosedale Church pastored by **Jason Meade** won first place with 33% of their membership in attendance. The Antioch Church pastored by **Rick Henderson** came in second place with 27.2% and the Hi Point Church pastored by **Scott Wisniewski** came in third place with 23.5%.

In the final category, "Most Men in Attendance", the Rosedale Church pastored by **Jason Meade** won with 25 men in attendance. The Canaan Church pastored by **Mike Gladson** came in second place with 24 men in attendance. Third place was won by the Southwest Church pastored by **John Meade** with 20 men in attendance.

Pastor Jason Meade and the Rosedale FWB Church won the trophy for the “Most Men Present” (25) and “Most Men Attending the Retreat in Relation to Church Membership” with 33%



Pastor Bruce Copley and the Faith Chapel Church won the trophy for “Most First Time Attendees” (9)



In the afternoon service the **Ohio Men's Choir** under the direction of Bro. **Bryon Justice** provided the special music. This was the largest choir we have had and they did a wonderful job! Former Georgia All American and 10 Year NFL player **Troy Sadowski** gave his testimony of how God had changed his life. We had a question and answer period afterwards.

The Representatives from Canaan FWB in Creston provided a concert before the evening service. They also provided the special music for the service.

Dan Whisner then preached a message on, "The Power of Praise." He showed the men the importance of praising and depending on God and not ourselves.

Ohio Moderator **Mark Price** dismissed the men to their individual meetings in the dorm rooms. These services are a very special time of sharing and bonding the men enjoy yearly at the retreat. There was sharing to-

The Representatives



The Friday evening services in the rooms are a great blessing to the men!

gether, singing, preaching and praying in the rooms.

Saturday, January 20th

In the first morning service, **Bryon Justice** led the music and Mansfield Pastor **Mark Bailey** sang. **Unity Pastor Eugene Crouch** preached the message, “Follow Me and I will Make You” from Mark 1:16-18. This message showed us how that if we follow Christ’s leadership we will be better men, fathers and husbands.

In the last service, **Jimmy Swank** from Canaan FWB provided the special music and **Dan Whisner** preached the last message of the retreat. In his message “Change” from Romans 1:8, he challenged the men to be in a place that would allow God to use them.

We thank the Lord for once again making His presence felt throughout the retreat. He truly answered our prayer! We are thankful of what He is doing for our men through this ministry!



There was much praying during the altar calls

The dates for the 2019
retreat are,

January 24-26th.

Mark those dates down and
plan to attend!



Rev. Eugene
Crouch



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