

**The Episcopal Consecration
For
Bishop - Elect
Frederick Eugene Clarida, Sr.**



Held at
Mount Pisgah Harnett OFWB Church
145 Prospect Church Road
Erwin, North Carolina 28339

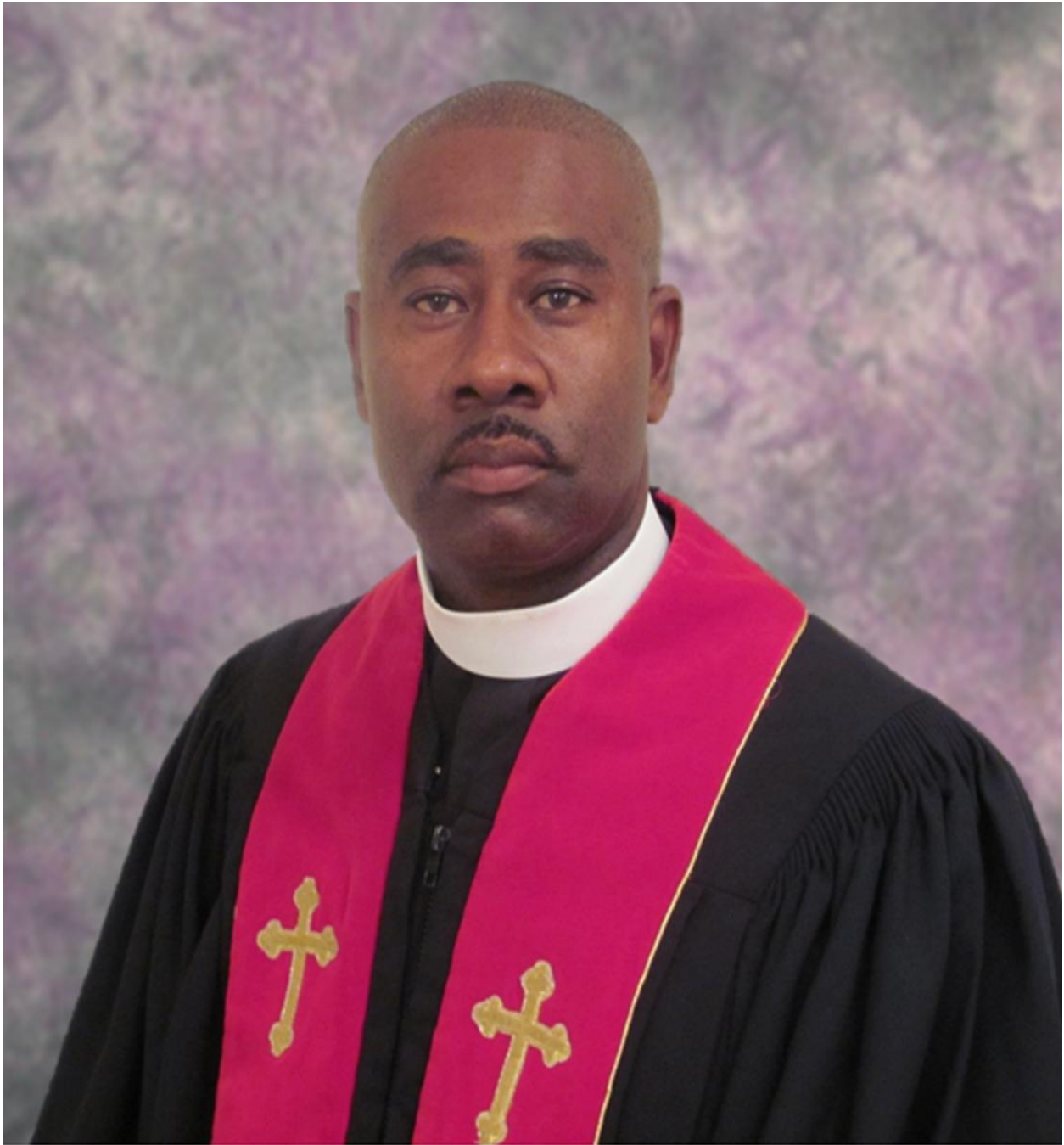
Sunday, November 7, 2010
At 5:00 p.m.

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Bishop-Elect Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.

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Bishop-Elect Frederick Eugene Clarida, Sr. was born December 16, 1965 in Whiteville, North Carolina to his parents, Joe Robert and Mary Clarida. He has six brothers (four older and two younger), and a very dear and special friend, Elder Sharon Gainey, whom he considers the sister he never had. He graduated from Nakina High School in 1985 and then attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro.

He graduated with a Bachelor's degree of Arts and Science in Agriculture Education with a minor in Economics in 1989. During his junior year in college, he married his high school sweet heart, First Lady Dora Clarida, who had been his girlfriend since the seventh grade.

He and First Lady Clarida have two children, Frederick Eugene Clarida, Jr. and Kristina Jocelyn Clarida. He is a National Board Certified teacher and has been employed by the Harnett County School System for the past twenty one years.

He joined Lillington Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Linwood Randolph, and he has remained a member for nineteen years. He answered the call to ministry in 2000 and preached his initial sermon on October 1, 2000 at Lillington Grove. He was approached by his *pastor, spiritual father, and special friend, the late Bishop Dr. Robert C. Murphy*, concerning the opportunity to pastor.

Bishop-Elect Clarida preached his first service at Smith Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, August 4, 2002 where he was stationed for ninety days. The ninety days has become eight years with his new family. He feels very fortunate to have the privilege of pastoring the membership of Smith Chapel; he truly feels that he is married to them.

Bishop-Elect Clarida's interests include studying the Bible and planning for ministry, beautifying the landscape, teaching, and playing basketball. His students refer to him as the teacher, preacher, and reacher. He is motivated by the words of the apostle found in I Peter 5:2-4 which read, "*2Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 4And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*"

Bishop-Elect Clarida is a family man and his life reflects his familial commitment. He lives his life under the conviction that **"whatever will be important at death should be a priority in life."** He feels very humbled and blessed by the privilege of having the opportunity to serve the members of The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference and pledges his full support and commitment to the members and our president, the Presiding Prelate, Bishop Dr. Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.

The Order of Consecration

+ (Where indicated please stand)

The Musical Prelude

The Call To Worship.....Elder Coleman Elliott
Pastor, Lillington Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church

+ Hymn of Praise....."The Solid Rock"

+ Opening PrayerDr. Johnnie Bruton
Pastor, New Hill Original Free Will Baptist Church

+ Scripture (1 Timothy 3:1-7)Dr. John McDowell
Administrative Assistant, Cape Fear A United American Free Will Baptist Conference

+ Affirmation of Faith ...(page 15).....Elder Jerry Murray
Pastor, Oakley Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church / President of Southwestern District Union

+ Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy"

+ The First Procession "Pomp and Circumstance"

- A. The Cross Bearer
- B. The Bible Bearer
- C. The Acolytes (with candelabra)
- D. Flag Bearers (Honor Guard)
- E. Mothers
- F. Deacons
- G. Conference Trustees, Conference Officers, Union and Convention Officers
- H. Ministers
- I. Elders
- J. The Pastors of the Conference
- K. Visiting Pastors and Ministers

+ The Second Procession "The Priest March"

- A. Cross Bearer
- B. The College of Bishops and Other Dignitaries
- C. Presiding General Bishop L.N. Forbes
- D. Presiding Prelate Bishop Dr. Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.
- E. Bishop-Elect Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.

The Call To Worship

(Please remain standing)

Presider: Blessed is God who forgives all our sins.

The People respond: His mercy endureth forever.

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The People respond: Amen.

(You may be seated)

The Holy Rite of Consecration and Installation

Ⲡresentation

Bishop Allan L. Smith D.D.

Pastor of the Star of Hope Original Free Will Baptist Church / Conference Theologian/ Adjutant

Bishop Hinton, Bishops, in the Church of God, The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Conference of the Free Will Baptist Church, the clergy, and people trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, support the election and ratify the College of Bishops, the appointment of Frederick E. Clarida, Sr. to the Bishops and chief Pastors. We therefore ask you to lay hands upon him (Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.) and the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate him as a Bishop in the one, Holy, Universal, and Free Will Baptist Church.

The testimonial is to be read by:

Sister Brenda H. Williams, Conference Secretary

All are **seated** for the reading of the following Scriptures:

A Lesson from the Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 61:1-3

Bishop Henry Brown

Pastor, Mt. Calvary FWB Church, Greenville, NC

Lector: "The word of the Lord."

The People Respond: "Thanks be to God."

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Peter 5:1-4

Bishop A. H. Hartsfield

1st Vice General Bishop, Original Free Will Baptist General Conference

Lector: "The Word of the Lord."

The People Respond: "Thanks be to God."

The People **stand** for the reading of the following Scriptures

A Reading from the Gospels St. Matthew 10:5-15

Bishop Ray Mott
Junior Bishop, Bible Church of God

Gospelor: "The Word of the Lord."

The People Respond: "Thanks be to God."

A Reading from the Gospels St. John 1:14-16

Bishop Charles Williams
Presiding Prelate, Western Assembly Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ

Gospelor: "The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to John."

The People Respond: "Praise to the Lord Jesus Christ."

*The People may be **seated** during the following hymn sung by the choir.*

Ministry of Music "The Great I Am"

The Sacred Greeting Sister Mattie Bryant

The Response from the People Brother Bryan Galbreath

The Offertory Appeal
Deacon Simmy Rivers
Deacon Chester McLendon
Deacon Frederick Williams
Deacon Eric Faison

Ministry of Music.....The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern
Conference Mass Choir

The Presentation of the Consecration Messenger Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.
Presiding Prelate of The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Conference

The Sermonic SelectionThe Original Cape Fear and Southwestern
Conference Mass Choir

The Consecration ProclamationThe Right Reverend Bishop James E. Tripp, Jr.
2nd Vice General Bishop of The Original Free Will
Baptist Church

Invitation to the Unsaved

The Hymn of Consecration”I Am Thine, O Lord”

The Holy Rite of Consecration and Installation.....Chief Consecrator & Adjutant in Charge
Presiding Prelate Bishop Dr. Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.
Bishop Dr. Allan LaMar Smith

(Doors will remain closed)

The Declaration

(The Bishop-Elect stands and makes the following declaration)

In the name of Jesus Christ, who is God Almighty, I, Frederick E. Clarida, Sr., appointed Bishop of this Conference, solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation. I do solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church and I do pledge myself to render due obedience to the canons of this Church so help me God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bishop Hinton: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you have heard the testimony given that Bishop-Elect Frederick E. Clarida, Sr. has been duly and lawfully designated as Bishop of The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference. You have been assured of his suitability for this sacred responsibility. Nevertheless, if any of you know any reason why we should not proceed, let this now be made known.

+All Members of the Conference stand+

Bishop Hinton: **Conference, Is it your will that we consecrate Frederick E. Clarida, Sr. a Bishop?**

People: This is our will.

Bishop Smith: **Officers and members of this Conference will you uphold Frederick E. Clarida, Sr. as a Bishop?**

People: We will.

The Examination

My brother, Frederick, a Bishop is called to lead in serving and caring for the people of God and to work with them in the overseeing of the Church; promoting its mission, proclaiming Christ's death and resurrection and working for justice and truth in the world.

As Bishop, you will share with your fellow Bishops a special responsibility to maintain and further the unity of the Church, to uphold its discipline and to guard its faith.

It will be your duty to watch over and pray for all those committed to your care, and to teach them, speaking in the name of Jesus and interpreting His gospel; to govern the Church after the example of the Apostles, to know your people and to be known by them; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the Ordinances of the New Covenant, to assist in the ordination of Elders and Deacons and to join in enabling them to fulfill their ministry; and to be in all things a faithful Pastor and Bishop and a wholesome example for the entire body of Christ.

Bishop Hinton: Do you believe that God has called you to the office of a Bishop in His Church?

Bishop-Elect: **I do believe that God has called me.**

Bishop Smith: Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?

Bishop-Elect: **I will obey Christ, and will serve in His name.**

Bishop Artis: Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as uniquely revealing the work of God and containing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

Bishop-Elect: **I do accept them.**

Bishop Hartsfield: Will you teach and proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus and declare its meaning to the world?

Bishop-Elect: **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Tripp: Will you devote yourself to prayer, to reading the Holy Scriptures, and to such studies as may deepen your faith and increase your love, reverence and service to God?

Bishop-Elect: **I will for the love of God.**

Bishop Mott: Will you accept the discipline of the Church and faithfully exercise authority within it?

Bishop-Elect: **I will by the help of God.**

Bishop Brown: Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your family and household according to the way of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all the people?

Bishop-Elect: **By the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Williams: Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?

Bishop-Elect: **I will for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

The Act of Consecration

The Bishop-Elect will lay prostrate before the Consecrator. All other Bishops stand to the right and to the left of the Consecrator. The Consecrator assisted by the adjutant will anoint his head, his right ear, his right thumb, and the sole of his feet. The Bishops assisting will lay their hands upon his head as they pray.)

The Prayer of Consecration

The Chief Consecrator then says:

Almighty Father, fill this servant with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles; that he may lead those committed to his charge in the proclaiming of the gospel of salvation. Through him increase your Church, renew this ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable him as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock; make him wise, a teacher, a steadfast guardian of the faith and ordinances. Guide and direct him in presiding at the worship of your people. Give him humility, that he may use this authority to heal, not hurt; to build up, not to destroy; and to stand before you blameless, and finally with all your servants enter your eternal joy.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom belongs all glory, honor, worship and praise, now and forever.

Frederick, receive authority for the office and work of a Bishop in the church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Remember to stir up the gift of God which is within you, for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

The Giving of the Bible

Bishop James E. Tripp, Jr.

Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr., receive the Holy Scriptures. Guard the faith of the church, and feed by word and ordinance the flock of Christ committed to your care.

The Charge of the Bishop

Bishop Hartsfield: Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr., as the newly consecrated Bishop of the Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference, the flock of God and the saints of our Lord Jesus Christ, do you promise to preach the Word of God rightly dividing it, live it, as an example before the saints?

Bishop Clarida: "I will, so help me God."

Bishop Brown: Do you, Bishop Clarida, promise to teach these saints who are under your instruction, the doctrine of The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference, its constitution and governing laws of the church?

Bishop Clarida: "I do, so help me God."

Bishop Mott: Are you, Bishop Clarida willing to serve faithfully, holding the trust of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost and the charter of the incorporated, to the best of your knowledge until such that kingdom promotion, divine providence or unforeseen events remove you?

Bishop Clarida: "I will, by the help of God."

Chief Consecrator: Then I, Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Chief Consecrator and Presiding Bishop of The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference, commend you to God's keeping, in the face of these witnesses, that you serve this church, love the people, preach the Gospel, feed the flock, and lead a godly life so that you may win many and in the end, gain eternal life through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Chief Consecrator then says:

The Bishops, Officers and Members of The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference, have the utmost confidence in your integrity and your devotion to Christ and His Church. Hence, we reverently trust your spiritual ability to assist in directing the affairs of the Church and the promotion of its divine mission.

Be fully aware, as Bishop, you now accept the challenge and responsibility to assist in the leadership of this organization in the fulfillment of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Therefore, as the Chief Consecrator, I charge you:

To uphold and obey the Word of God as an example to the flock which God has made you overseer.

To admonish and exhort the Saints to spiritual growth and personal development for the effective witness of Christ and the building of His kingdom.

To provide pastoral care and direction to pastors, fellow servants and Christian workers, ministering grace and support to those in need.

Signature of DocumentsAdjutant: Bishop Allan L. Smith D.D.
The Certification of Appointment
The Certification of Proclamation
The Affirmation of the College Of Bishops
The Credential of Consecration of Bishops

The Presentation of the Bishop's Robe

Elect Lady Dora Clarida, Fred E. Clarida, Jr. and Kristina Clarida

Presentation of the Bishop

The Chief Consecrator presents to the people the new Bishop saying:

"I present to the congregation - Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr."

The Presiding Bishop and other Bishops, greet Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr. along with other members of the clergy and the relatives of the Bishop.

Presentation of Monetary GiftsBishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.

Remarks and Words of Thanks Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.

The Closing Prayer and BenedictionBishop James E. Tripp, Jr.

**Presider: "May the Blessing of God be upon you."
"May the Blessing of God be upon you."**

The People Respond: "And Also You."

Recessional

(Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr. and First Lady Dora Clarida to lead)

*"Grace, Mercy and Peace from God, our Father, through
our Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you. AMEN".*

Postlude

Bishopric Reception Fellowship Hall

With Sincere Appreciation

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Words cannot adequately convey what I feel and how I feel in my heart. Perhaps the words the Apostle Paul wrote to the church best explain how I feel. ***Ephesians 3:7, “whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.”*** I thank God for seeing His best in me, for I am convinced that it is because of Him that I have the ability to be all He has called me to be.

It is a most humbling experience to know that, in spite of my human frailty, God has counted me worthy of being a servant. I feel blessed to be considered as a servant among this auspicious quorum of Bishops, men of labor and service, for whom I have such great respect and admiration. To my Presiding Prelate of The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference, Bishop Reginald S. Hinton and First Lady Janet Hinton and to all the pastors, ministers, officers, members and friends while I feel honored and privileged to serve, I can't help but feel like the Apostle Paul when he wrote in ***Ephesians 3:8 “Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given....”***

I am forever mindful of the charge and expectations pertaining to the office of Bishop. It is my greatest desire that I will occupy this office with the deepest regard for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and for our President, Bishop Hinton and all those whom I have a duty to serve. I am committed to the charge and confident that by the grace of God, the leadership of Bishop Hinton, the cooperation of those in conference leadership, and by the effectual prayers of the righteous, The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Annual Conference will continue to ***press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.***

To my family, my friends, my membership church Lillington Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church and Pastor Coleman and First Lady Elliott, to my beloved Smith Chapel, the church that I pastor, and to all Conferences that have shared with us on this momentous occasion, I thank you from the depth of my heart.

To my darling wife, Lady Dora Clarida and our children, Fred Jr. and Kristina; thank you dear for always encouraging me, always believing in me and for always standing by my side. I know you are truly a gift from God and I love you dearly. Fred and Kristina, I thank God for each of you and for all the support you have given in the service of the Lord.

And lastly, I want to acknowledge my spiritual father in the ministry that has transitioned from labor to reward, Bishop Dr. Robert C. Murphy. I thank God for him sowing into my life, for he was truly a friend indeed.

May the Lord bless you and keep you is my prayer.

In His Service,

Bishop Frederick Eugene Clarida, Sr.

*Bishop Fred, Lady Dora,
Fred Jr. & Kristina Clarida*





Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God is the Father Almighty and that He is maker of Heaven and earth as the scriptures have said.

We believe in Jesus, that He is the Christ and is the only begotten Son of the Father.

He is the way, the truth and the life. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

On the third day, He rose from the dead and declared victory over the grave, death and hell.

He has gone back to the Father to prepare a place for us in His kingdom. He will come back as He promised to judge the world and to deliver the righteous.

We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Christian Church, and the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and eternal life for all true believers.

AMEN

Acknowledgments

We do acknowledge and appreciate all of the efforts that have made this consecration service a success.

We thank all of the program participants for the services performed in this consecration.

We acknowledge all of our pastors and sister churches for your attendance and support.

We thank the members of the extended Clarida family for being a part of this very special time in Bishop Clarida's life.

We thank the Smith Chapel Church family for its willingness to take care of the Bishopric reception.

We thank Mount Pisgah Harnett for providing its facilities for this grand event.

Most importantly, we give glory to our Great God for allowing this consecration service to come to pass.

