

**THE NINTH MID-YEAR SESSION
OF
THE ORIGINAL CAPE FEAR & SOUTHWESTERN
FREE WILL BAPTIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

May 18 and 19, 2012



Theme: "SEEKING GOD'S FACE"

"O God, thou art My God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Psalm 63:1-2"

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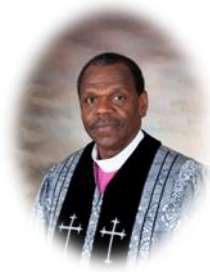
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SEEKING GOD'S FACE



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From the desk of **Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.**

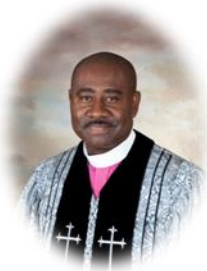
It is with the joy of the Lord that I greet and welcome you to the ninth Mid-Year Session. We thank our incomparable God for being beneficiaries of His wonderful grace since we gathered at the Annual Conference in November. Through the many challenges that life delivered to our front doors, God has demonstrated His awesome ability to continually supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory.

As we look forward to our time together in Ellerbe, I encourage each of you to consider our theme for this session, **Seeking God's Face**. We deal with a world that is increasingly hostile to the gospel of Jesus Christ, choosing in many instances to embrace the pleasures of sin for a season. There is an unrelenting assault on the core values that we have held dear as the people of God. Some Christian leaders have succumbed to the spirit of compromise, going along to get along, retreating from the place God has called the church to stand. Lest we forget, we are still the salt of the earth and the light of the world. God positions us to have a positive impact on the people around us. The question becomes, how do we make the difference that Jesus indicates that we should? I am convinced that we must adopt the mindset that David had when he wrote Psalm 63. It expresses his desire to seek God's face, to pursue Him with all of his being. Instead of this being a futile spiritual exercise, seeking God's face is about focused intent, being in the position to spend time in God's presence. It demands attention to our walk with the Lord with a concentration on ensuring that we fully embrace our faith in God and the resulting blessings that flow to us. Because of the redemptive work of Christ at Calvary, we have the wonderful privilege of entering the throne room of God and spending time in God's presence. As we linger before Him, our desire for Him increases and it is a perpetual pursuit that becomes our reality.

It is my prayer that our time together will stir each of us to seek God's face. There are souls that depend on it – family, friends, people that we don't know who don't know Jesus as their personal Savior. Would you join Bishop Clarida, Elect Lady Clarida, the Executive Board, my wife and me as we come together for our time of great fellowship and encouragement as we continue our personal and collective pursuits? Please pray for God's will to be done during our time together.

Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr., Presiding Prelate

From the Desk of **Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.**



It is with the love of Jesus that I greet each member of this annual conference. I pray you each had a wonderful Easter as we celebrated the victory of our Lord and Savior over the grave, death and hell. It has been almost a year and we find ourselves gathering again for the 2012 mid year conference. Many things have happened since the annual conference, but through it all God continues to prove His faithfulness to His children and to this annual conference.

God has given our leader, Bishop Hinton an excellent and timely theme, "Seeking God's Face". If there was ever a time for the Body of Christ to earnestly seek God, the time is now. Many of us are facing situations and problems that we have never had to deal with before, and it is only with God's guidance, comfort and grace that we can endure. David recognized the importance of seeking God, and not only that but he made it a priority. We cannot expect to see the power and the glory of God if there is no hunger nor thirst for Him. I believe God is ready willing and able to perform His word, and if we will seek Him with our whole heart soul and mind, I believe He will work in us, through us and on our behalf.

So as we gather in May, let us come seeking God and the things that He has purposed for us to do. I am waiting in anticipation of what God will do next, for I believe that as we seek God we are positioning ourselves to see God's power and glory even the more. Continue to pray for our pastors and their local congregations that we will continue to seek those things which help to promote the cause of Christ. Also as you pray, please call Bishop & First Lady Janet' Hinton's name. Pray for my family and I and we will do the same for you.

Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr., Vice President

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VISION

We are a Christian conference sharing fundamental beliefs with a focus on maximizing our collective impact in the world for the Kingdom of God.

MISSION

It is our mission to:

- Promote adherence to the sound biblical beliefs of Original Free Will Baptists
- Support member churches in advancing the cause of Christ
- Train, license and ordain ministers within our conference
- Assist member churches in leadership development
- Support vibrant Christian fellowship
- Utilize our collective strengths for the greater good

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The Mid-Year Session Budgets and Dues

Churches	\$3.00 per member
Bishops	\$200.00
Pastors	\$100.00

Budgets should be based on church membership on May 1, 2012. All budget amounts should be included in the church packet and turned in at the time the delegates register.



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MID-YEAR SESSION

**Friday Evening, May 18, 2012
7:30 p.m.**

Order of Service

Praise and Worship Piney Grove OFWB Church

8:00 p.m.

Presiding	Elder Coleman Elliott
Opening Song	New Hill OFWB Church Choir
Scripture	Minister Shirley King
Prayer	Elder Johnny Rhue
Song	New Hill OFWB Church Choir
Welcome	Elder Gloria McArthur
Introduction of the Preacher	Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.
Song	New Hill OFWB Church Choir
The Preached Word	Elder Johnny Bruton Pastor, New Hill OFWB Church

Text: _____

Subject: _____

Points to Remember: _____

Altar Call	Elder Johnny Bruton
Conference and Love Offerings	Conference Collectors
Remarks	Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.
Benediction	Elder Johnny Bruton

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**Saturday Morning
May 19, 2012**

Seeking God's Face

8:30 a.m.	Registration of Delegates
8:45 a.m.	Devotion
	Deacons of Conference Churches
Business Session	Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr. Presiding

- ❖ Open the House for Business
- ❖ Acceptance of Printed Programs

- ❖ Roll Call of Churches
- ❖ Conference Update
 1. Church Budgets
 2. Conventions
 3. National Convention of Free Will Baptists
 4. The Gathering

Seeking God's Face

9:45 a.m. Leading the Way	Elder Willie Hunter, Jr.
11: 00 a.m.	Break
11:10 a.m. Pursuing God	Elder Wilma Murray
12:25 p.m.	Wrap Up
12:30 p.m.	Lunch

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Saturday Afternoon

1:30 p.m.	Conference Youth Praise Team
1:40 p.m.	Greetings - Elder Jahmar Cobb President, YPCL
1:50 p.m.	The Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Pageant Scholarship Committee
3:00 p.m.	Conclude Business

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Saturday Evening

3:30 p.m.

Presiding	Elder Kevin Henry
Opening Song	Conference Mass Choir
Scripture	Elder Christine Norris
Prayer	Elder Glenn Bright
Song	Conference Mass Choir
Introduction of the Preacher	Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.
Song	Conference Mass Choir
The Preached Word	Elder Margaret Wilson

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Points to Remember: _____

Altar Call	Elder Margaret Wilson
Love Offering	Conference Collectors
Vote of Thanks	Sister Devora Murchison
Remarks	Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.
Benediction	Elder Margaret Wilson

