

THE 15th
MID-YEAR SESSION
Of



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed,
because his compassions fail not. They are new every
morning: great is thy faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

May 19 And 20, 2017

Convening At
Sidney Grove Church of Deliverance
401 McIntyre Road
Ellerbe, North Carolina 28338
Bishop Arlester Simpson, Pastor



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

Gracious greetings to all of my brothers and sisters in Christ. It is always a joy to have the opportunity to engage the saints as we continue in faithful service to our glorious God. It is in that spirit that I welcome each of you to our **15th Mid-Year Session**, which is a part of our Sesquicentennial Celebration all year.

God in His infinite wisdom inspired our spiritual forefathers to convene the first Annual Conference almost 150 years ago and as we look back in retrospect, we are compelled to celebrate our God who has been in the forefront as well as in the background of our experience. He has demonstrated our theme for the entire year, **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness.”**

It is in the spirit of celebration that I encourage each of you to make plans to join us on May 19 and 20, 2017 at Sidney Grove Deliverance Church to make an installment payment on the worship and adoration that our God deserves. We live in such a busy time, as we try to balance family, church, work and civic responsibilities. There never seems to be enough time in the day to get the things done that need to be done. But, one of the lessons that I have learned over the years is the power of prioritizing our lives. We need to make God a priority as we gather with the saints in Ellerbe.

I am excited about our program and sincerely believe it provides the platform upon which to appreciate just how faithful God has been to us. We will be taken back into history to reflect upon the great things God has done. We will also be blessed by the preached word that will inspire us as God continues to use us to write indelible marks on the pages of history.

Pray for our weekend together, that as Pastor Robert McArthur often says, “God will be glorified, the saints will be edified and the devil will be horrified.” Pray that God’s awesome presence will be on display in the business session, the scholarship pageant, and the worship experience. Pray for our Conference officers, pastors, and everyone who will attend. We will see you there!!

Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr., Presiding Prelate



From the desk of
Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.

Greetings to All of my Father's Children,

I pray that each of you have been enjoying the blessings of the Lord since we last met. Many things have happened since the Annual Conference, some good and some not so good. But through it all, **God**

continues to show His faithfulness to the children of men.

As we prepare to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of our great conference, we relish in knowing just how great our God has been. As a conference and as a people we are not perfect; we are yet becoming what God would have us to be. But in spite of our deficiencies, in spite of our unfaithfulness at times, **God has continued to be faithful to us and to this conference.** For one hundred and fifty years, the Lord has sustained the Original Cape Fear and Southwestern Free Will Baptist Conference, and for that we say **"THANK YOU."** In Lamentation 3:-22-23, the writer speaks concerning the mercies, compassion and **faithfulness of God.** He makes it clear that it is not because of our greatness that we are not consumed, but rather it is because of God's mercy and His faithfulness toward that mercy that we as a people and as a conference are still standing. **God is great and greatly to be praised** for all the wonderful things that He has done on behalf of His people.

As we prepare to meet in Ellerbe, let us come with excitement, with expectation that God will meet us there and that we will experience His presence like never before. Pray for our leader Bishop Hinton, His companion First Lady Hinton, all our pastors and conference leadership.

Until we meet, God bless you and God keep you is my prayer.

Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr., Vice President

THE ORIGINAL CAPE FEAR AND SOUTHWESTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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:

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

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, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and eternal life for all true believers. Amen

**THE ORIGINAL CAPE FEAR & SOUTHWESTERN
FREE WILL BAPTIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

MID-YEAR SESSION

**Friday Evening, May 19, 2017
7:30 p.m.**

Order of Service

Praise and Worship Conference Praise Team

8:00 p.m.

Presiding..... Elder Wayne McKoy

Opening Song Sidney Grove Church Choir

Scripture Elder JoAnn Yates

Prayer Elder Chester Little

Song..... Sidney Grove Church Choir

Welcome Deacon Chester McLendon

Affirmation of Faith All

Introduction of the Preacher..... Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.

Song..... Sidney Grove Church Choir

The Preached Word..... Bishop Arlester Simpson, Sr.
Pastor, Sidney Grove Church of Deliverance

Text:_____

Subject:_____

Points to Remember:_____

Altar Call Bishop Arlester Simpson, Sr.
Conference and Love Offerings Conference Collectors
Remarks Bishop Frederick E. Clarida, Sr.
Benediction Bishop Arlester Simpson, Sr.

**Saturday Morning
May 20, 2017**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Mid-Year Youth Session 2017

Minister Quintin J. Johnson and the YPCL

8:30 a.m..... Registration of Delegates

8:45 a.m..... **Praise and Worship**
Conference Praise Team

Business Session Bishop Reginald S. Hinton
Presiding

Open the House for Business
Acceptance of Printed Programs
Roll Call of Churches
Conference Update

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

9:45 a.m..... “I Remember When”
Sister Georgia Robinson-Williams

10:30 a.m.....Break

10:45 a.m.....Sesquicentennial Quiz
Sister Elonda Hicks

11:10 a.m.....“I Remember Them”
Sister Joan Quick

11:55 p.m. Wrap Up

12:00 p.m.Lunch

Saturday Afternoon
1:00 p.m.

Praise and Worship Conference Praise Team

Presiding.....Elder Margaret Wilson

Opening Song Conference Mass Choir

Scripture Elder Christine Norris

Prayer Elder George McIver

Song..... Conference Mass Choir

Announcements Mother Brenda Williams

Introduction of the Preacher..... Bishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.

Song..... Conference Mass Choir

The Preached Word..... Elder Johnnie Bruton
Pastor, Kingdom Institute OFWB Church

Text: _____

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Points to Remember: _____

Altar Call Elder Johnnie Bruton

Conference and Love Offering..... Conference Collectors



**The Original Cape Fear and
Southwestern Conference Pageant**

2:30 p.m.Conference Youth Praise Team

2:40 p.m. Greetings - Sister Elsie Gilmore
Chairperson

2:50 p.m. **The Original Cape Fear and
Southwestern Conference Pageant**
Scholarship Committee



4:00 p.m. Conclude Business

Vote of ThanksDeacon George Malone

RemarksBishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.

BenedictionBishop Reginald S. Hinton, Sr.

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, 2017. All budget amounts should be included in the church packet and turned in at the time the delegates register.



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