

## **Bishop James E. Tripp, Jr.**

Born and raised in Walstonburg, NC (Greene County), Bishop Tripp currently resides in Greenville, NC with his wife, Elect-Lady Dorothy Tripp. He is the proud parent of one daughter, Mrs. Delecia T. (Steve) Kimbrough and grandparent of two grandchildren, Master James Kimbrough and Little Ms. Miranda Janel Kimbrough. He is the former pastor of St. Peter OFWB church, Vanceboro, NC and the current pastor of Holly Hill OFWB Church, Inc. in Greenville, NC in the Belvoir community.

Bishop Tripp also holds the distinct honors of serving as the General Bishop of the Original Free Will Baptist Churches, Inc. general conference; Presiding Bishop of the Northeast OFWB conference, Inc.; and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice National President of The National Convention of FWB's, USA.

An advocate for education, both religious and academic, Bishop Tripp is the recipient of and honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Christian Love Bible Institute and a member and former president of the Pitt County Schools Board of Education. Prior to his election to the board, he served as Chief Judge of the Belvoir voting precinct 301.

A civically minded individual, his stellar law enforcement career includes the Farmville & Greenville police departments. After 30 years of overall service, he retired from the Pitt County Sheriff's office in 2011 as Chief Deputy.