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#### What is B.O.T.T.?

B.O.T.T. is an acronym that stands for Bearers of the Torch. This organization was originally known as P.A.T.T., Passing Along the Torch and operated under that name for nine years. It was then primarily addressing Christian women.

In 2018 the Lord spoke to our founder, O'Violet J. Oree to change the name of the organization to B.O.T.T. She wasn't expecting that, but she knew that it was the Lord who spoke to her and she wants to move with whatever the Lord is doing. In March of 2018 at our conference in Alpharetta, Georgia, Mrs. Oree announced the change that the Lord had given to her. As of March 2019 the organization has been transitioned with a new name, Bearers of the Torch, B.O.T.T.

In 2018 we started addressing teenage girls' issues and in 2019 both men and women, boys and girls, (13+), are now included in our programs and events. Our foundation of P.A.T.T. has paved the way to what we have become. Men and women, girls and boys alike need the opportunity to come to a program that addresses each of the sexes no matter what the age. It is our prayers that taking part of any B.O.T.T. function will offer you some of the narrative that you find to be rewarding and enriching to a life established and being established in the foundations of faith towards God and a stabilized Christian life.

In this life we are given a multitude of advice and instructions about what and how to do on a number of issues. That is absolutely fantastic, but is does not stop there. We actually have to do what we learn. We must bear up under the pressures and the challenges of being in the trenches of the work of God and everyday life in order to become successful at stripping the enemy of our soul of all his powers both mentally and physically. It takes strength to do it, to bear the torch and keep the lights burning in a world that is full of temptations, trials, and tribulations that aim to steal our peace of mind and rob us of a productive, healthy, and beneficial future for ourselves and our families. Yet, it can be done because he has made us to be bearers of the torch and we can do all things through Christ our Lord. Those that bear the torch save the future of the next generations. We want you to be one of those who stand in the gap and are as counted faithfully pushing forward. As a bearer of the torch let's unite our efforts and become motivated by sharing and receiving encouragement.

#### 2019 B.O.T.T. Greetings

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen,

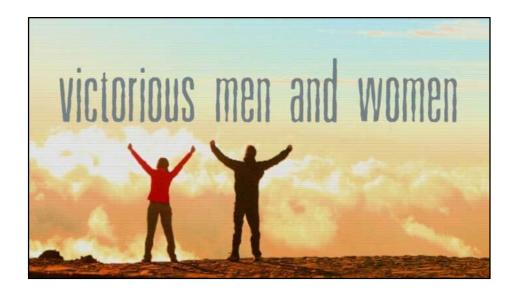
Welcome to our first BOTT Conference, but our tenth PATT Conference! Kind of strange to say that, isn't it? It has been ten years of conferences for the ladies but the first year for both genders. Since the Lord had spoken to me about making the change in our name about a year ago, I have been excited about seeing this come to pass. He had also spoken to me about addressing men, women, and children in our conferences a few years ago, and now this is becoming a reality. With the impending name change and the inclusion of men, women and teens, we are able to see God's concern for the well-being of family. We help bear one another's burdens and keep the torch lit for a better life and a better world. I want each of you to feel welcome and excited about this weekend to refresh yourself and to gain new perspectives.

God always meets us in each conference and this will be no different.

Enjoy yourself this weekend. You have time to fellowship, to be a part of some great workshops, hear some dynamic speakers, soak in the environment, be entertained, meet new people, sight see, and to pamper yourself. It helps to refresh you mentally, physically, and socially. Jesus took the disciples apart to rest and to rejuvenate. Everybody needs a day off and occasions to break from their normal routine. May you find that this weekend!

Please enjoy,

O'Violet J. Oree Founder



#### 2018 P.A.T.T. Conference Recap

Last year, we were in Alpharetta, Georgia and our theme was "Let This Mind Be in You." 2018 was the first year that teen girls participated in our conference. They had their own workshops, while we had ours. It was quite exciting for them because they got their own room and had a voice in the conference. The girls also performed for us by singing beautifully. This event marked a first for us and them; and that inclusion marked the beginning of our transition to men and boys. Our stay in Alpharetta was pleasant and the fellowship was awesome.

Teen workshops were titled as follows: The Obedient Mind: Choosing Wisely, Inside Out, Mastering Your Thoughts is Mastering Your Life, and Your Attitude Determines Your Altitude. Our women workshops were titled as follows: Mastering Your Thoughts is Mastering Your Life, Stinking Thinking, Why Not Change Your Mind, and Take a Mental Holiday. Each presenter did an awesome job and we had lots of literature to take home to remind us of what we had learned. Many thanks goes out to our marvelous presenters who knew their stuff. The list includes, Sharon Greer, Evangelist Deborah Dawson, Pastor Mary Everett, Pamela Waters, Lorraine Singleton, and Asst. Pastor O'Violet J. Oree. Our keynote speaker at our banquet was Apostle Barbara Mack. By the time all of this was over we couldn't help but have a renewed mind. So we left refreshed and ready for our next journey.



#### 2018 Recap Photos

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#### "Celebrating Life" Program

#### Friday, March 8, 2019

(Location- Event Room)

Registration 7:00 p.m. Welcome 7:15 p.m. Mistress of Ceremony Vanetta Webb **Deacon Simon Matthews** Invocation **Donna Samuels** Scripture Mistress of Ceremony Greetings Missionary Lorraine Singleton, et.al. Program The Occasion Co-Pastor O'Violet J. Oree Announcements **BOTT Team Fellowship** On site

#### Saturday, March 9, 2019

Breakfast (Provided onsite)
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Registration
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Pick up conference Packets & Information
Open throughout the day

#### **General Session**

In the Conference Room (For Everybody) 8:50am

#### **Workshops:** (Conference Rooms)

Please be on time!

#### 10:15-11:05 a.m.

#### Suicide: When Conflict Threatens Life (Teens) Presenter – Pastor Mary Everett

Suicide does not discriminate. People of all races, genders, ages, and ethnicities can be at risk. Most suicides happen in the lives of people between the ages of 15-24 and over 60. We will look at risk factors for suicide and learn how to cope with and eradicate them.

#### There is Strength in Celebrating Our New Life (Women) Presenter – Evangelist Joann Banks

This workshop is geared to open your mind to discover how it is possible to celebrate your life everyday as well as encouraging others to celebrate themselves.

#### Dominion (Men) Presenter – Gabriel W. Oree

In this workshop we will discover that true dominion is from a biblical perspective and you will be able to apply it to everyday life. We will uncover the purpose of dominion, why we need it to fulfill our purpose, how to properly apply it, and the effects of misused or abused dominion.

#### 11:15 am - 12:05 pm

#### Leadership Qualities for Teens (Teens) Presenter – John H. Oree

Leadership is a very important quality for all to acquire. While adults may be honoring and perfecting their leadership skills, it's important for teenagers to understand the benefits of gaining an early understanding of what makes a great leader and what challenges can hold them back.

#### Celebrations of Life (Women) Presenter - Asst. Pastor O'Violet J. Oree

We celebrate many milestones in our lives and they later become the memories that we hang on to. Let's reflect on some of these celebrations and discover the strengths, joys, and lessons we have learned from them.

#### Everyday is the Best Day: Living Your Dreams (Men) Presenter – Minister James Stallworth

This workshop focuses on the importance of developing your dreams. We will help you identify some simple planning techniques that will help identify your vision for your future. Our presentation will center on the daily habits which are necessary for your dreams to come into fruition.

#### 12:15 pm-1:05 pm

#### The Balancing Act! (Teens) Presenter – Megan Middleton

As a young person, we may find it hard to balance the ideas of what and who we want to become along with other's ideas of who we should be. We have goals and dreams and imagine what a "good life" looks like for us. But it is also important for us to know what God says about us and to understand that no matter how young or old we are, He wants us to live a good life! In this session, we will discuss the struggles of developing your own identity and living in a way that promises us a good life!

#### Celebrating Christ and Our life in Him (Women) Presenter – Evangelist Deborah Dawson

We have a lot to celebrate, but don't forget that the reason we can celebrate is because of Christ. As we walk down memory lane don't forget to give him glory because you are who you are and have become what you are because of him.

#### Men of Honor (Men) Presenter – Elder Isiah Choice

What does it take to be a man of honor? Who or what are some of the characteristics to adopt to become or to remain a man of honor? Let's explore this topic.

#### Sightseeing Savannah, Georgia

On your own

Enjoy your leisure time and soak up some of Savannah's southern hospitality.

#### **Banquet 7:00 pm** (Located in the conference room)

Mistress of Ceremony Invocation/Grace

Evangelist Deborah Dawson Elder Isaiah Choice Scripture
Song
Greetings
Dinner
Entertainment
Introduction of Speaker
Speaker
Remarks/Presentations
Announcements
Conference Closing Prayer
Dismissal

Minister James Stallworth
Youth Representation
Julietta Oree
Enjoy
Gabriel W. Oree
O'Violet J. Oree
Elder Larry Greene
O'Violet J. Oree/Lorraine Singleton
Mistress of Ceremony
Pastor Mary Everette
Speaker

#### **Sunday, March 10, 2019**

Breakfast
Traveling home

Provided on Site God Bless!

#### **Presenter's Biography**

#### Co-Pastor O'Violet J. Oree



O'Violet J. Oree grew up in Dale, SC. In 1973 she started college life at Baptist College at Charleston, SC. During her first year she received personal salvation, (April, 1974). While yet a college student, she met her husband through a friend at the College of Charleston. They met in a revival where she and a lot of other college girls were lifting up the name of Jesus. They were married in August of 1976 and have five children.

After receiving a Bachelors of Science Degree at Baptist College at Charleston, now Southern University, she obtained a Master Degree in the Art of Teaching from the College of Charleston. In 2009 she and her

husband received their Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Grace Hill Bible College. Shortly afterward her husband initiated the start of Grace Hill Bible College at the Adams Run Civic Center and in North Charleston, where she has been teaching for the last ten years.

It was in 2009 that the PATT organization became an inspiration. The first conference was held in 2010 called P.A.T.T., (Passing Along the Torch). For the past nine years she has headed a three days/two night's women's conferences in Savannah, Ga, Charlotte, N.C., Charleston, SC, Beaufort, SC, and Alpharetta, Ga. where many women came together attending workshops on women's issues while taking a moment to rejuvenate. In this year of 2019 answering the

inspiration of the Lord, P.A.T.T. has now become B.O.T.T., Bearers of the Torch, and includes men, women, and teens in our conferences.

In June 2011, after 21 years of teaching, she let the job go as the Lord instructed. She ran her own daycare for a while, still helps run the daycare in Adams Run, SC., and continues to teach for Grace Hill Bible College, while co-pastoring House of God, Miracle Temple. Her future is still wide open.

#### Minister JoAnn Banks



Minister Joanne Banks is the co-founder of On-Time Gospel Fellowship (OTGF) Ministries, a ministry birthed to encourage and promote unity among the Body of Christ.

In 1974, she was birthed into the kingdom of God and served under the leaderships of the late Apostle Helen Smith of Cainhoy Miracle Revival Center and Elder Ronald K. Anderson of Rock of Truth Deliverance Ministries.

She has been married for 38 years to Min. Jethro Banks, the founder of OTGF. They have two daughters (Evang. Crystal Banks-Holston and SSTG Tracy Banks); three grandchildren (Arianna, Kristen and Trinity Holston). She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Limestone College; Master of Science Degree in Business from Webster

University; and an Associate Degree from Grace Hill Bible College, Adams Run, SC.

She is a retired Civil Servant who also supported the US war fighters in Herat and Kabul, Afghanistan, by performing contractor service as a Contracts Specialist as well as serving as a Religious Service Leader and Lay Minister for the Combined Protestant Services at Thomas Chapel, Camp Stone, Herat, Afghanistan. She currently teaches at Baptist Hill Middle/High School and continues to minister wherever the Lord will open a door.

#### **Elder Choice**



bring it to pass.

Elder Isiah Choice, Sr. is the Pastor of Word of Truth Christian Fellowship Ministry on Johns Island, SC. He served his country as a marine and a reservist and is presently a CSO at the Federal Court House in downtown Charleston. Elder Choice is married to the former Sharon Glendora Brown. God has richly blessed them with 3 college educated children and 4 grandsons and a beautiful daughter-in-law.

The True and Living God has given Elder Choice much to celebrate. Sit back and let him tell you what the Good Lord has done in his life. God is good yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The work He has started in you; He will

#### **Evangelist Deborah Dawson**



Deborah Brockington Dawson, is a native of South Carolina. She is the CEO and founder of DBD Performing ARTS Company. A literary artist for the state of South Carolina ~ She is poetically known as Deb De' Poet, she writes, produces and directs stage plays and dramatic monologues.

Deborah is the Host of DePoet's Place It is a program designed to educate, motivate and inspire you to excellence with the poetic spoken word coupled with the Word of God. The show is currently out of production but is still aired on the Christian Television Network.

Deborah is an ordained Minister of the Gospel, she is an Inspirational and Motivational Conference Speaker. Her sole objective in all that she does is that the people are blessed and God is glorified. Her life ~ for His Glory!

Deborah mottos her life with this scripture: Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

#### **Pastor Mary Washington Everett**



Pastor Mary Washington-Everette, founder of Word of Truth Christian Training Center, has been called, appointed, and anointed by God to serve His people. She's the wife of Deacon Willie Lee Everette, and the mother of (5) sons. After answering the call from God in 2004, Pastor Everette was blessed with Divine Skills in Christian Counseling and Spiritual Instruction. In addition to teaching the Word, she has acquired counseling skills to build, restore, and mend the broken-

hearted while teaching God's people to rightly divide the Word of Truth.

Pastor Everette, is a former Major in the US Army, where she specialized in administration as Adjutant General Officer. After graduating Baptist Hill High School in 1974, she acquired a BS in Business Education from St. Augustine College in Raleigh NC and later went on to receive a Master's of Community Counseling from The Citadel and Webster University. Having over 20 years of experience with the Department of Mental Health, she has trained extensively in the areas of substance abuse, mental health, depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD, anxiety, grief, and marriage counseling.

After attending Rhema Bible College in 2009, under Apostle Dr. George Hamilton and acquiring her Master of Divinity degree, she accepted her previous positions as Assistant Pastor and Youth Pastor under the leadership of Dr. Elijah McTeer at First Zion Baptist Church in Hollywood, SC. Since 2004, Pastor Everette has kept a steady pace. She is a trainer and cofounder of the Women of War Life Line Ministry, Women Outreach Ministry, Low Country Bible College, and Circle of My Sisters Healing Ministry of which she's named in honor of her sister Kathleen Washington. As Jesus Christ is the love of her life, she enjoys teaching and preaching

the Gospel, Christian Counseling, developing the Youth Ministry, and serving God's people. Pastor Everette has a tremendous amount of aspirations for unifying God's people and works hard at making a difference in communities both near and far, which lead to the founding purpose of Word of Truth Christian Training Center. The Grace of God has seen her through many accomplishments and will continue to do so as she continues to carry out the tasks the Lord has laid out for her.

#### **Pastor Larry Greene**



Elder Larry S. Greene Sr. was born in Beaufort SC to the late Shirley Greene. At the age of 18, he joined the United States Army and served for 22 years on active duty. He retired in Columbus, Ga. In March of 2000.

In 1982, he married a wonderful woman named "Mary" to whom he is still married. To this union, two wonderful children were born, Chemelle L. Greene and Larry S. Greene Jr. (Jennifer). They have three grandsons, Lorenzo Williams Jr., Larry S. Greene III, Elijah Greene and one granddaughter, Elymilen C. Greene.

In June 1986, Pastor Greene gave his life to Christ and was a member of New Life Holiness Church in Dixon, MO. He was called to preach the

gospel in 1987. He received his Local Minister's license in 1988 and his Evangelist license in 1994 with House of God Saints in Christ Ministries.

Pastor Greene studied under Church of God in Christ for his Elders license; however; he was ordained as an Elder in February 2000 under House of God Saints in Christ. As a servant of the Lord he served in the following areas:

Pastor in Korea, Associate Pastor, Cleaning Team, Usher Board, Choir, and Pastor's Adjutant, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Counselor, Conducted Marriage Seminar and worked with the Chaplain Staff in Germany.

In 2012 The Lord laid on Pastor Larry S. Greene and his wife First Lady Mary L. Greene heart to start "Look and Live Ministries" located in Columbus Ga. His favorite saying is "YES LORD".

He is currently enrolled in "School of the Great Commission Bible College" to receive his Master Degree in Pastoral Studies. He evangelizes the gospel all over the world as the Lord leads him.





Megan Middleton is a native of Hollywood (Charleston), SC. Raised in a strong Christian household with faith-teaching parents, Megan has always been passionate about her love for God and spends most of her time serving in her church.

Upon graduating from the University of South Carolina- Aiken (Aiken, SC) with a Bachelors of Arts in Music Education in 2012, Megan became an elementary Music teacher and now serves as the Chorus teacher at Hopkins Middle School in Hopkins South Carolina.

Even at a young age, Megan knew and was taught that the Lord called her to be a leader. She serves in many leadership roles, which includes Choir Director at Right Direction Church International in Columbia, SC.

Megan enjoys being creative in music, as well as crafting, and is the owner/operator of Meg's Makings, LLC., a predominantly online-based shop for custom-made gifts. She balances entrepreneurship along with her graduate studies to obtain a Masters in School Counseling, and wishes to counsel adolescents and adults.

#### **Gabriel W. Oree**



Gabriel Oree was born in Charleston SC, and grew up in a small town called Adams Run. Growing up in his father's church, he discovered his gift in music at the age of 7. By the late 90's Gabriel signed with an independent record label out of Newark NJ. New Jersey is where he learned how to become a "producer" and it opened him up to a world of

talented artist, producers, and songwriters. This influence from top professionals in the music industry helped set a standard that would define him, his sound, and his capabilities in music today.

Gabriel is married to the lovely, the beautiful, the radiant Robin Y. Oree and they have a son, Markell Oree, who is Gabriel's greatest gift and greatest challenge at the same time.

Gabriel has a Bachelor's degree in Bible Theology and Christian Education at Grace Hill Bible College and is currently a life-time student in ELOHIM University INC., by way of the Holy Spirit. He also has an Associate Degree in Computer Networking and continues to learn in all aspects of life.

Gabriel is the co-founder of a music production company called Timeless Sounds, LLC. Being coowner of his own company, *Timeless Sounds*, *LLC*, he not only produces music, but he also mix & masters, writes, negotiate deals and every other facet that involves the music industry.

#### John H. Oree



John Oree is a South Carolina Native, educated in the Charleston (Yonges Island) school system. He enlisted into the United States Navy in 1999 and has since attended St Leo University, Texas College, and Columbia of Missouri. After completing basic training in Great Lakes, IL he preceded to Pensacola, FL for Navy "A" School Training.

His duty assignments included USS Harry S. Truman in Norfolk, VA where he became an Operation Specialist, USS Mitscher in Norfolk, VA, Training Support Center Hampton Roads for Instructor Duty in Damneck, VA, USS Carney in Mayport, FL as a watch supervisor, Navy Recruiting District Jacksonville as a Leading Petty Officer, and Navy Recruiting District Raleigh as an Officer Recruiter. He has served a total of four deployments overseas traveling to various countries for peace keeping operations.

John Oree's personal awards include Commendation Medal (1), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5), Good Conduct Medal (4), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and various unit and service awards.

John Oree has been supported by his family and kids throughout the years. He is continuing in his career and will be pursuing his college degree in Business in the summer.





Minister James "Jamie" Stallworth is a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He is the youngest son, born to Mr. James Foster and Mrs. Charlene Stallworth. Minister Stallworth was educated in the Tuscaloosa Public School system where he graduated in 2004 from Bryant High School. As a young child James was introduced to Christ and committed his life to Him based on his understanding. Upon graduation from High School, Minister Stallworth enlisted in the United States Navy where he served as a Cryptologic Technician Technical, (CTT), where sailors are trained to rapidly evaluate classified information and intelligence. He served for

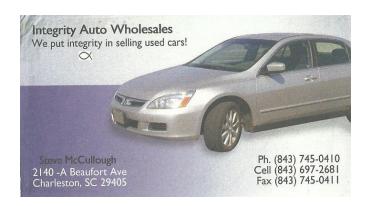
9 years, where his late station of duty was Naval Station Mayport, Jacksonville, Florida.

It was in Jacksonville, Florida where he met and married the love of his life, Elder Rhonda Nesbitt Stallworth. The two served in the local church, The Heart of Jacksonville Institutional Church, working in the Multimedia Outreach Ministry. He served the church in numerous capacities; also answering the call of Ministry and was Licensed as a Minister in 2017.

Inspired by God, he founded American Equity Group, a diverse group of real estate investors, brokers, sellers, and wholesalers. Over the years this company has grown into one of Jacksonville's Leading networks.

A Navy Veteran, a successful businessman, a loving husband, a life coach, and a Minister of the Gospel, Minister Stallworth is a living example, that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. And He delights in them".

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