

Patricia (Patt) Jackson was born and raised in Austin, Texas. She is the widow of the late Rev. Edward Jackson, has two sons (Don & Jason), and two twin grand-children (Gabriel & Glenda), 1 Sister (Mary) 2 brothers (Jerry, Ricci).

As a member of the **Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church**, where Rev. George V. Clark is Pastor, she serves in several capacities that include being a Missionary Servant with the Naomi Circle, an Honorary Fellowship Choir member/Musician, a member of the Minister's Wives/Widows Ministry, and she participates as a student in several Church Bible Studies.

As a Servant Leader of the Mt. Zion Church Criminal Justice Ministry, Patt leads others in Service in many Criminal Justice Initiatives that include: Angel Tree, AISD Initiatives, Pen Pal Correspondence, Legislative Affairs and Prison Ministry as it relates to Prevention, Incarceration and Re-Entry.

Patt is a graduate of Albert S. Johnston HS, studied at Houston-Tillotson University and has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Kaplan University. Patt retired from the Federal Government after working for 36 years and now volunteers with the Austin/Travis County Re-Entry Committee (Employment Committee), the Travis County Building Brick by Brick and the Entrepreneurship Initiative.

Patt's other volunteer services include:

- Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Certified Volunteer (1999-2011; 2013-current) Minister of Music, Teacher, Mentor
- Travis County Certified Volunteer – (2011-current) - Minister of Music, Bible Study Leader, and Assistant to Chaplain
- Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) Certified Volunteer (1997-current) - Minister of Music, Teacher, Bible Study Leader
- Organizer/Founder: Paid In Full Ministries- Ministry with formerly incarcerated individuals and their Families from across Texas (2008-current)
- Visionary/Leader: Christian Churches Collaborating For Change (4C's), Inc. – A coalition of 13 Churches in the Austin and surrounding area- Organized to Educate, Inform and Engage Church Congregants about the Criminal Justice System, sharing knowledge, assisting Families and highlighting opportunities for Service (2011-Current)
- Board Member & Advisor of Texas Inmate Families Association (current)
- AISD-Dropout Prevention Coordinator Assistant (current)

Patt's community awards include:

- Unsung Hero- State of Texas – 2001 Best Female Vocalist- KFIT Radio “Tony” Award- 2003
- Volunteer Church of the Year- TDCJ (Lockhart) – 2007
- Outstanding Service Award- 2011 (several other Awards/Recognitions) – Federal Government
- Volunteer of Year- FBOP- 2011
- Esther Award-Church- 2012
- 2014 Honoree-Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas