

Apostle J. Patten Says:

"Coming Into The House Of Prayer Was Best Move I Made"

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Apostle J. Patten is pastor of Gastonia House of Prayer. He states, "Coming into the House of Prayer was one of the best moves that I have ever made." He came into the House of Prayer from the Baptist Church. He says it was the music that got his attention. He commented, "I was in the band all through school and I have a great interest in music." Apostle Patten has been in the House of Prayer for 35 years and he has been an Apostle now for one year.

His wife, Mrs. Mattie Patten, has been in the House of Prayer all of her life, they have five children who are all members, also. Apostle Patten is from Concord but he lives in Charlotte.

He enjoys being an Apostle and part of such a great religious organization. The Gastonia House of Prayer is working on such community projects as Gaston action line, a church service that provides clothes, food, and funds for those in need. There is also a Flowers Club that provides flowers



Apostle Jay Patten
.....Gastonia HOP pastor

for the funerals of church members. Patten is a full-time warehouse supervisor for John Bayne Company. He has been with the company for 26 years.

Apostle Patten says that convocation at the House of Prayer is one of the most

exciting times of his life. "It's a happy time when a lot of people meet, it's a time for everyone to rejoice, a very spiritually fulfilling time." He continued, "I've heard many myths about the House of Prayer and Bishop McCol-

lough, I've been saved for 26 years and Bishop McCollough to me is a spiritual leader. People say we worship the Bishop instead of God, but that is not true. "Daddy" is our leader, not our God. God has messengers, disciples, and prophets to spread his almighty word, and now he has blessed the United

House of Prayer with the Bishop to lead his people and spread His word."

The House of Prayer is the most traveling religious organization there is; they own their own means of transportation.

Apostle Patten has done a lot of traveling with the convocation; he has been blessed to travel to Cali-

fornia each year, from 1959 to 1984. He has visited every major House of Prayer in almost every state, along with participating in a number of other church events around the world.

Apostle Patten says that he finds rewarding happiness in the House of Prayer.



John Davis, Daryl Meadows, and Kenneth Parker take a moment to reflect on this week's convocation activities and the

future of the House of Prayer. (Photo by Bernard Reeves)

House Of Prayer Creed

We believe in the Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten son

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost

and crucified for the redemption of the sins of the people

so that all men would have a right to the tree of life.

We believe in water baptism for the repentance of sin.

We believe that you must be born again of the Holy Ghost.

We believe in one leader as the ruler of the Kingdom of God.