OFFICIALLY LADYJ BIO 2019

First Lady Jennifer Wilson, endearingly referred to as LadyJ, served as our Minister of Music and Choir Director before God called her forward to minister as Contemporary Gospel Artist, Officially LadyJ. As a wife and stay-at-home Mom, Officially LadyJ is totally devoted to her family.  In this new season, God is moving her from the background into the foreground.  LadyJ wrote, arranged and produced two projects.  The first, a Christmas single entitled, Wishing You Merry CHRIST-mas, released 2018.  The second is her 2019 debut album, Tales of a Congregation.  As a Christian recording artist, songwriter/ producer, Officially LadyJ's music is laden with the Word of God.  Her smooth tone floats over heavy bass lines to create a very unique sound accompanied by a melting pot of eclectic fusion (techno, funk, R&B and pop).  A style that is far from Christian Comtemporary mainstream. Nevertheless, make no mistake, it's Christian music. God’s Word can be clearly heard throughout its heartfelt testimonial lyrics.

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In the early years, she wrote as a contributing columnist for the Call & Post Newspaper (America’s oldest black owned publication).  Her column entitled, Real Gospel, allowed her the opportunity to interview local and national recording artists.  As the column grew in popularity, Officially LadyJ set her sights on television. She pitched, produced and hosted the gospel video show, Real Gospel.  Hosting Real Gospel gave LadyJ the platform to support and promote established and up and coming contemporary gospel artists.  Kirk Franklin, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Commissioned, Donald Lawrence & the Tri-City Singers, BeBe & CeCe Winans,  Dawkins & Dawkins, The Winans Brothers, A1- Swift, Yolanda Adams, Clark Sister (Jackie Clark) and the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Minister Jimmie Bell and Cleveland’s Rhythm and Gospel top her list of  most memorable artists.

Raised in the church, Officially LadyJ accepted Christ and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues at age six while attending a small Pentecostal church with her grandmother.  A PK (Preacher’s Kid) then Jennifer Bell, is the daughter of Gospel Psalmist and Recording Artist, Minister Jimmie Bell of Alabama.  As a teen and young adult, she toured as a background singer for her dad where she appeared with him on the Bobby Jones Gospel Show.  Officially LadyJ sang in Second Mount Carmel's Children's Choir under the tutelage of Sister Queener and musician Elaine Glass.  Then went on to sing with Second Mount Carmel's Celestial Choir.  Tony Phelps, Director & Minister of Music, arranged for the Second Mount Carmel Mass Choir to be one of the first choirs in the City of Cleveland to record an album.  Officially LadyJ had come full circle when she returned to Second Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church with her husband and three children and served as the Children’s Choir Director.  They remained at Second Mount Carmel until husband, Pastor Tracy Wilson left with Pastor Charles D. Gant’s blessing and founded Real Gospel Missionary Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio.