



# Baptist College of Theology, Lagos

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## Balancing ZEAL WITH KNOWLEDGE

It was a powerful Jehu we saw in 2 Kings 10 as he went ahead fulfilling his mission of destroying the wicked house of Ahab. On one of his journeys, he met one of those respected men in the history of Israel called Jehonadab, the son of Rechab and as he gave him his hand, Jehu told him, "Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD." So they had him ride in his chariot." (15-16). From there, they proceeded to where he killed all the remnants of the family of wicked Ahab, lured the prophets of Baal into a feast and destroyed all of them and their paraphernalia of worship. In fact, by the time we get to verse 18, the scriptures say, "Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel." What a great man in action for the Lord. He was a real man of zeal.

Unfortunately, it was another Jehu we saw immediately after that. Verses 29-32 say, "However Jehu did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin, that is, from the golden calves that were at Bethel and Dan... But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart... In those days the LORD began to cut off parts of Israel; and Hazael conquered them in all the territory of Israel."

What is the gap between the Jehu we saw earlier and the one we saw later? It was his foundation. Jehu was never rooted in God. He was a product of circumstances. Elijah voluntarily retired from ministry when nobody was ready to stake his life for God and his word. In fact, he thought he was the only one left when God told him there were 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal. Jehu may have been one of these 7,000 hiding in the midst of apostasy. We never saw anything about the private life of Jehu as one who loved the word of God or



■ **Rev. Ezekiel A. Ajibade, PhD**  
Rector, Baptist College of Theology, Lagos

prayer, or sacrifice or bringing the people together, calling them to repentance and urging them to serve God. He was only full of activities and revenge. He could not sustain the light of revival which he sparked.

It is good to be zealous for God. But zeal without knowledge is dangerous. You end up dissipating your energy without a commensurate result. You end up working for God without walking with him. Everyone may applaud you; even God may appreciate you. But your life will lack the root that can sustain you in the time of trials and temptation. That was what made Mary wiser than Martha. Mary sat at the feet of Christ to deepen her root. Martha was full of kitchen zeal for the master. When Lazarus died, we saw the reaction of the two of them.

I encourage you to be like Jehu, serving the Lord and loving him with all zeal but don't be like Jehu in demonstrating zeal alone. Settle down and learn. Settle down and deepen your root. Be a man or woman of balance. That is what can make you last in the ministry that God has called you to and qualify you for your reward both on earth and in heaven to come.

## ALABASTER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



History was made on November 19, 2024 when the college community received the President of Alabaster Foundation Inc., Dr Simon Olatunji and his entourage. Alabaster Foundation is a United States of America-based non-profit organisation that involves in charity works and the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In furtherance of the objectives of the foundation and to support the training of the ministers of God, the foundation awarded scholarships to ten indigent students of the College at

various levels of studies. The scholarship is for a period of one academic session, and it is worth N2.7 million, covering full school fees for the period mentioned.

The Rector on behalf of the Board of Governors and Management of the College, expressed his sincere appreciation to the president of Alabaster Foundation, and prayed for those who contributed to the scholarship fund, especially Mrs. Bose Adegoke, who made the most

significant donation to the fund in commemoration of her birthday. The occasion was historic and unprecedented in the history of the College, as a scholarship of this magnitude had not come from a single donor at any time.

**Mr C.O.Oyekola**  
Bursar

## 2024/2025 RECTOR'S CUP TOURNAMENT



The Rector's Cup tournament for the 2024/2025 academic year kicked off on September 17, 2024, at the Baptist College of Theology Lagos football field. The competition featured four teams, comprising of Year

One, Year two, Year three, and Year four. The opening ceremony was grand, with the Rector, Rev'd Dr Ezekiel Ajibade, declaring the competition open. The first match was between Year three and Year one, and other teams came up in the following days. The year's Rector's Cup Tournament winner was the Year four class which had been winning the competition since their first year on campus. Year two class got the second place and Year three got the third place. Trophies were presented accordingly and it was an exciting moment for the entire community.

**Pastor Seun Elegbede**  
Sports Director.

## Faculty AND Staff JOINT RETREAT

A 2-Day Annual Joint Faculty and Staff Retreat for 2025 was held on January 16-17, 2025 at Agbowo Campus of the College with the Theme, "The Spirit of Excellence." Each day began with an opening prayer, praise and devotion. The first day featured discussions on the Staff/Employee Handbook of the College. The Rector, Dr. Ezekiel A. Ajibade walked the staff through the "Introduction and Purpose of Staff/Employee Handbook." Other areas competently handled by the respective facilitators were Employment Policies, Staff Performance and Development, Workplace Conduct and Ethics, Compensation and Benefits, Welfare and Facilities, Operational Procedures as well as Termination of Employment. There was a Bible Study on the second day on Teamwork. The text considered was Gen. 11:1-8. It was interactive, practical lessons were drawn, and applications were made to the performance of individuals, teams, and the College. In the spirit of excellence and teamwork, all were encouraged to work in upscaling theological education in the College in all their roles and functions. The Rector finally gave briefs on progress made in the College, development needs, challenges, aspirations, and the retreat rounded off with a session of prayer led by the Chaplain.

**Rev Ojo, Adegbola Ezekiel**  
Principal Assistant Registrar



## THE 22ND Annual Ministers' Conference (2025)

Glory be to God for the success of the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual ministers' conference of the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos at Agbowo Campus. The alumni were in attendance more than the previous ministers' conferences. The programme started on February 17 and ended on February 19, 2025. The Theme for the Ministers' Conference was "Excellence in Life and Ministry" and the text was Daniel 6:3. The conference featured Bible studies, revival services, lectures, symposium, sports, health talk and tests. The facilitators were Rev. Ben Tella, the Oyo Baptist Conference

President, Rev. Taiwo Opajobi from University Baptist Church, Ogbomosho and Rev. Bisi Ikotun from New Heritage Baptist Church, Somolu. Others were Dr Adekunbi Popoola from Baptist Medical Centre, Obanikoro, Rev Mrs. Grace Oladosu, the NBC Pastors wives' president and Rev. Julius Oluleye from New Heritage Baptist Church, Agbowo. Three sets (2006, 2011 and 2016) were recognised and honoured among the alumni and they gave cash gifts to the College. For

the first time, a session was held for the drivers. There was a football match between the alumni and the students. A total of 116 alumni registered, and some came who did not register. It was a successful conference to the glory of God.

**Rev. Mrs. Mary Adebayo**  
Chairman, Ministers' Conference Committee

## INTERNET CONNECTION FOR THE COLLEGE



The family of Rev. Victor Olaiya sponsored a Glo Business Class Tier 1 Internet access that is placing the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos on a 100 mbps on its campus. This is the first of its kind. The project was dedicated by the Lagos Central Conference President, Dr. Victor Akerele, during the annual Ministers' Conference on February 18, 2025. The internet has gone alive and the entire campus can now connect via WiFi, making our teaching, learning and administration processes more efficient. We are so grateful to God and to this family. We also solicit further support to keep up with the annual subscription of N7 million.

**Lanre Oshodi**  
ICT Officer

## ODBM AND BARCLAY *College Collaboration*



We are exploring a partnership with Our Daily Bread Ministries (ODBM) and Barclay College. In preparation for this, there was a two-day Workshop held on 27-28<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, in the College chapel at Agbowo. The Workshop focused on ODBM Literacy programme, Bible Translation and Police Outreach. We are still discussing the potential of establishing a Training Institute in the College from where there could be a coordination of the three areas of ministry (Literacy, Translation and Police Outreach). We are also looking at the possibility of partnering to begin some academic programmes (at the Postgraduate level) that will be accredited by Barclay College.

**Dr. Ezekiel A. Ajibade**  
Rector

## Other Partnership NEWS

### *The Shepherd Academy*

We are now a Study Center for the Shepherd's Academy of the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life based in the UK. We had a Tutor's training session for our faculty members in preparation for the take-off of the programme. Rev Dr. Mrs Ojo has been appointed to coordinate the Centre, and the admission process has commenced. Please see the flyer on page 8 for details.

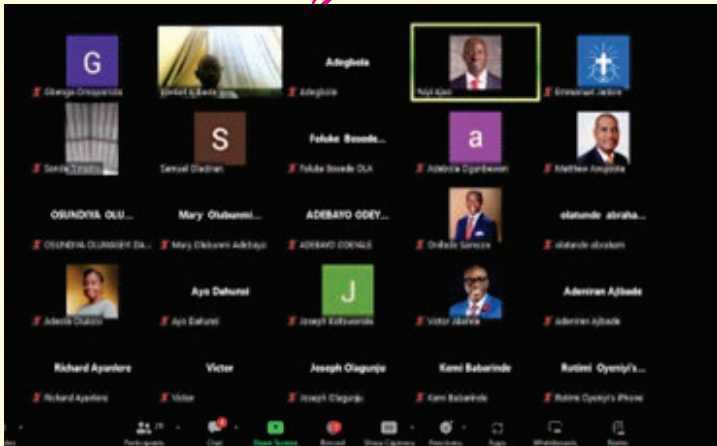
### *Learning Management System*

We have procured the HISMoodle Learning Management System from the Horizon Education Network, USA. Training has been completed for the Moodle and Category Managers and faculty members have gone through the Orientation Course. They are currently going through a Course Designing training. Students will also begin their training soon. With this, Baptist College of Theology is set to operate with cutting edge technology in terms of its teaching and learning processes.

### *TrustBridge Global Foundation*

We have fully subscribed to and are registered with TrustBridge Global Foundation. With this, we can publicise the College's needs and attract donors from around the world. You can also give to the college projects from anywhere in the world by clicking the link: <https://givingspace.trustbridgeglobal.com/app/details/organisation/fbb73655-97f5-496e-ae20-d168c77b7f71/eng/summary>

## LAUNCH OF BCTL EXECUTIVE TRAINING Programmes



There was a virtual launch of BCTL Consult executive training programmes on March 31, 2025. Present that night were the three Presidents of the Lagos Baptist Conferences, Rev Dr. Victor Akerele, Rev Dr. Matthew Awujoola, and Rev Dr. Samuel Oladiran. Board members (current and past), faculty, and staff members of the Baptist College of Theology were in attendance. So were members of the BCTL Alumni, led by the President, Dr. Richard Ayanlere. Other pastors, deacons, association and conference leaders graced the occasion. The meeting began with a background of the project as narrated by the Rector, Dr Ezekiel Ajibade, after which Dn Niyi Ajao, chairman of the Finance committee of the board, made a presentation on the vision, structure and prospects of the training programmes. There were great commendations for the initiative and endorsements for the training. The first training on Church Finance Management is slated for May 28-29, 2025, at the Lagos East Conference Secretariat, Obanikoro. See details on the flyer on page 8

## 2024 CHRISTMAS Carol



The College's Christmas Carol was held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. It was themed, "King of kings," with the text taken from Revelation 19:16. It was a privilege for the College community to have Olori Momson as our special guest of honor. Rev Dr. Solomon A. Ojo delivered the message based on the theme. Six churches from Agbowa community and the Baptist Model High School graced the occasion along with the College Choir (The Levites), as we rendered Carol songs and praises to celebrate the King of kings. Rev. Dr. Babawale Jonathan directed and conducted the choir, and the Chaplain, Rev Dr. Jude Aremu coordinated the programme. Our chief host, the Rector of the College, Rev Dr. Ezekiel A. Ajibade closed the meeting with prayer and benediction. It was a very successful programme.

**Rev Dr. Jonathan Gbenga Babawale**  
HOD, Church Music

## BEREA FOUNDATION BOOK Matching Grant Award

The Berea Foundation has approved a Book Matching Grant award of Five Hundred dollars (\$500) for the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, to purchase current and relevant books worth One Thousand Dollar (\$1000) for 2025/2026 academic session. This came after the College had a virtual meeting with the representatives

of the foundation and met the criteria for the award. The grant is meant to purchase textbooks recommended by faculty members teaching different courses. The College appreciates the Berea Foundation for its magnanimity.

**Dr. Gabriel O Adeloye**

## LIBRARY REPORT

With the help of God and support of individuals and organisations, the library is making a notable and remarkable progress in its collections. Individuals and organisations are generously donating to the library. Among others are the following contributors.

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| 1. Rev. Dr. Israel Akanji    | 2. Rev. Dr. (Mrs.) Foluke Ola           |
| 3. Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade  | 4. Rev. Dr. Olufemi Olagunju            |
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| 11. John David McGee         | 12. Rev. Eytayo Adewale Adelakun, Ph.D  |

The College appreciates individuals and organisations who have generously donated to the library this 2024/2025 academic session. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to prosper you in life and ministry. The College looks forward to more donations in the area of books, but they must be recent (e.g published not more than 10-20 years). We also trust God for a stand-alone library complex.

**Mrs. Omodele Owolabi**  
College Librarian

## APPRECIATION TO DONORS

We want to express our profound appreciation to the following individuals, families, churches, associations, conferences, and the Nigerian Baptist Convention for their continuous support and donation to the College.

**Mr.C.O.Oyekola**  
Bursar

Donors	Purpose of Donation
Nigerian Baptist Convention	Monthly subvention
Lagos Central Baptist Conference	Monthly subvention/Donation to the Project
Lagos East Baptist Conference	Monthly subvention/Donation to the Project
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Goodnews Baptist Church	Monthly Support to the College
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Dr. Simon Olatunji and Dns Bose Adegoke (Alabaster Foundation, USA)	Scholarship for indigent students/School fees support
Pastor Mrs. Elizabeth Ishola	Donation towards the purchase of a lawn mower
Mrs. Dolapo Tope-Agboola	Donation towards the purchase of a lawn mower
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New Heritage Baptist Church	General Donation
Revd. Olaiya Victor	Donation
Baptist Church, Badore, Lekki	Donation towards the college fencing
Peace way Baptist Church, Ikotun	Donation towards the college fencing
First Baptist Church Lagos	Annual Grant to the College

## College Needs

- Hall of Residence
- Library Complex
- Multipurpose Hall
- Administrative Building
- Solar Power
- Perimeter Fencing
- Completion of 21 Flats Project
- Multimedia Equipment
- Official Car
- Computers/Laptops
- Sports Pavilion
- Scholarship for Students

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## CALENDAR UPDATES

<b>April 2025</b>	Faculty Meeting	April 2, 2025
April	BCTL Admission Interview	April 5, 2025
April	Theology Department Day	April 8, 2025
April	Recitals (Diploma/Degree Final Year)	8th - 9th April, 2025
April	Administrative Council Meeting	April 1, 2025
April	College's Operational Report Meeting	April 15, 2025
April	<b>Easter Cantata</b>	April 16, 2025
April	Good Friday	April 18, 2025
April	Easter Sunday	April 20, 2025
April	<b>112th NBC Annual Convention-in-Session</b>	19th-24th April, 2025
April	Easter Monday	April 21, 2025
April	Community Prayer Retreat	April 24, 2025
April	Senior Seminar Excursion	April 29, 2025
April	General Assembly	April 30, 2025
<b>May 2025</b>	Administrative Council Meeting	May 6, 2025
May	Faculty Meeting	May 7, 2025
May	Board of Governors' Meeting	May 8, 2025
May	Second Semester Examinations (Weekend)	(9-10th);(16-17th) & (23rd-24th May, 2025)
May	Second Semester Examinations (Weekday)	14th - 23rd May, 2025
May	General Assembly	May 28, 2025
May	Submission of Grades (Graduating Students)	May 29, 2025
May	Community Prayer Retreat	May 29, 2025

**Olanike Ibikunle**  
Chairperson Publicity

## ONGOING PROJECTS



Twin two-bedroom flat constructed through donations from faculty and staff, and grants from Goodnews Baptist Church, Lagos



21-Flat project. 11 more needed.



Rector's Lodge under construction by Yaba Baptist Church, Lagos.




Block of four classrooms for Master of Divinity students under construction by Shepherdhill Baptist Church, Lagos.




3-Bedroom flat under construction by the three Lagos Baptist Conferences

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<p><b>Bachelor Degree Programmes</b> (4/5 year Weekend option is available depending on prequalification requirements)</p>	<p><b>Bachelor of Theology:</b> A four-year degree programme incorporating studies in Biblical interpretation, systematic and applied theology, church administration and leadership, and basic courses in worship leadership.</p>	<p><b>Bachelor of Theology in Missiology:</b> A four-year degree programme designed for candidates who desire a comprehensive theological education aimed at a balanced Christian ministry with relevant missiological exposures in the principles and practices of Christian missions and evangelism.</p>	<p><b>Bachelor of Christian Religious Education:</b> A four-year degree programme which prepares candidates for the educational ministries of the church, organizations, and institutions of learning.</p>	<p><b>Bachelor of Church Music:</b> A four-year degree programme which prepares candidates for the music ministries of the church, organizations, and institutions of learning.</p>
<p><b>Diploma Programmes</b> (Special Diploma is also available)</p>	<p><b>Diploma in Theology:</b> A three-year programme incorporating studies in Biblical interpretation, systematic and applied theology, church administration and leadership, and basic courses in worship leadership.</p>	<p><b>Diploma in Missiology:</b> A three-year programme designed for candidates who desire a comprehensive theological education aimed at a balanced Christian ministry with relevant missiological exposures in the principles and practices of Christian missions and evangelism.</p>	<p><b>Diploma in Christian Religious Education:</b> A three-year programme which prepares candidates for the educational ministries of the church, organizations, and institutions of learning.</p>	<p><b>Diploma in Church Music:</b> A three-year programme which prepares candidates for the music ministries of the church, organizations, and institutions of learning.</p>

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**2025 CALENDER**


<p><b>MAY</b></p> <p><b>Managing Church Finance</b> May 28-29</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Leadership</b> June 18-19</p>	<p><b>JULY</b></p> <p><b>Deacons and the Pulpit Ministry</b> July 30-31</p>
<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> <p><b>Building a Youth-Friendly Church</b> Aug. 27-28</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Contextual Multi-Staff Ministry</b> Sept. 24-25</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <p><b>Information Technology and the Church Mandate</b> Oct. 29-30</p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p><b>Choral Techniques</b> Nov. 26-27</p>		

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