

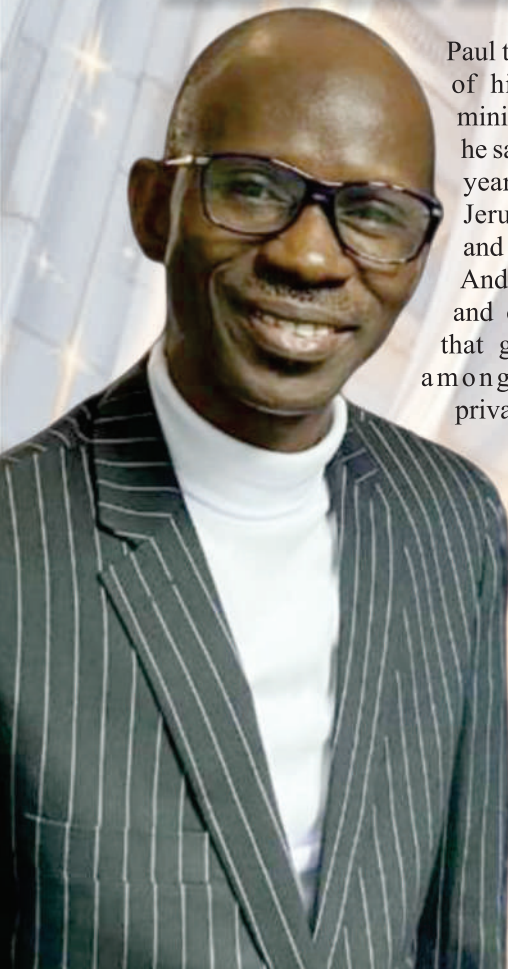


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Who is your **DISCIPLER?**



**Dr. Ezekiel A. Ajibade,
Rector**

Paul told us one of the secrets of his success in life and ministry in Gal 2:1-4. There he said, "Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain." Saul (later Paul), was a new convert burning for the Lord and growing by day. It did not take him too long, in fact, almost immediately after his conversion that he began to preach the gospel. Soon, he was commissioned specifically to be an Apostle to the Gentiles. But Paul was wise. He did three

things here. One, he sought for men of reputation. Paul did not look for mere men who had nothing to offer, men who cannot take care of themselves or their homes, or their church or their business but want to take care of others. He sought for men of honour and spiritual authority and integrity.

Secondly, Paul met these people privately. He knew that discipleship is not a hypocritical thing. Though there are some elements of instruction that take place outside, majority and the most valuable ones take place indoors,

when no one is there – between you and your mentor/discipler. That was Jesus' pattern. Most of the great lessons he taught the disciples were done after the crowd had dispersed. Thirdly, Paul laid before these great mentors the gospel he is preaching. He did not hide anything from them. Discipleship becomes meaningful when you have nothing to hide from your discipler, however odd or dirty it is. Let him see it and correct you, rebuke you and sharpen you. Now, why did Paul do all these? He said, "lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain." That is serious! Paul did not want to get to the end of the road and discover that he was on a wrong road after all the running. He wanted to be properly guided from the beginning. No wonder he ended well.

So, who is discipling you? You need one. But you must make your choice well. Look for honourable men and women whose life is worth emulating. When you get such, spend adequate time with him or her understudying and learning from such a person. Lay your life bare before your discipler and have nothing to hide from him or her. This will help you to run safely the race and journey of life. I cannot count how many mistakes I have made in life. Thank God for men and women God used to correct and shape me. And I am still in the learning process. The more I know, the more I discover I do not know. Many of the things we know now are really complete ignorance. Some of the people we are following now may lead us nowhere. I have had an unwise Christian who said "if my discipler misleads me, he is the one that God will hold responsible and not me." I think that is a foolish talk. If you end the journey on a bad note because you followed a wrong person or towed a wrong path, Paul will poke your nose and ask; did you not read my testimony? Let us do it right. You can be a great Christian if you follow the right leaders, disciplers and mentors.

2025 THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT DAY

The theme of the Theology Day 2025 for Agbowo campus was Global Crises and End-Time Prophecies. At Agbowo Campus, the programme was held on the 9th April 2025. The Rector, Baptist College of Theology Lagos, Revd Dr Ezekiel Ajibade, was the guest speaker. The scripture texts used were Isaiah 13:4-5 and Matthew 24:4-7. The Isolo Campus also held their Theology Day on the 12th April 2025. The guest minister was Revd Dr Israel Abolade. As part of the Theology Day programme, donation of Solar lamps was made to the school. The Rector appreciated the Theology Department students for their love for the College as demonstrated through the gifts.

ANNUAL RECITAL OF THE CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The annual recital of the department is a mandatory requirement for the award of a Bachelor Degree in Church Music. Two candidates were presented, Pastor Joel Adebisi and Pastor Miss Oluwabusayomi Ogundiran- one piano major and one voice major. The Dean of the Faculty of Church Music of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, Dr Onimisi Auda, was the Chief Examiner, while the Rector of the Institution, Rev Dr Ezekiel Ajibade chaired the occasion. Other principal officers of the College like the Registrar, DAA, and HODs were on the ground for the programme. The Rector of the College also commended the students and lecturers and said the closing Prayer and benediction.

Rev Babawale Jonathan Gbenga, PhD.
Head, Department of Church Music

OPEN-AIR CRUSADE

A three-day open-air crusade organised by the Student Body in collaboration with Street Praise Altar which was held between 25-27th of March, 2025 was first of its kind in the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos. The guest ministers were Rev. Dr. Solomon Oladejo Olafimihan. Rev. Dr. Steve Olafimihan, Rev. Dr. Jude Aremu, the music minister, Pastor Emmanuel Olatunji and several other gospel ministers that God used during the programme. The theme was "The Light" with the text from Luke 1:78-79. The revival was held at Ita-Agbowa facing the market. Many souls were saved, healed and delivered.

Pastor Alexander Eruatar
Religious Affairs Officer



MUSIC DAY 2025

It was a great day for music students during the Church Music Department Day. The theme was "The Role of Music Ministers in the Contemporary Times." The text was taken from Nehemiah 12:27-30, and the guest speaker for the day was Rev. Salem Okanlawon from New Heritage Baptist Church, Somolu, Lagos. Certificates of meritorious service were given that same day to all the outgoing officers. New officers were also introduced.

Pastor Joel Adebisi
President Church Music Fellowship

EASTER CANTATA



Up from the grave He arose. Hallelujah! The year 2025 Easter Cantata was celebrated in a grand style. The atmosphere was colourful, and the mood was high, celebrating the risen Saviour. The Levites celebrated the risen Lord and other invited guest ministers also praised God with songs. HRM Olori Abimbola Momson, the Olori Agbowa of Agbowa graced the occasion in grand style with her Ekiti dialect rendition. It was a mixture of Africanised tunes, songs, hymns, and English anthems. Rev Dr Moyos Oluwa Sunday Adeniyi delivered a message that was centred on Christ's Redemptive Provision for Humanity. The Rector of the College, Rev Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade closed the occasion with prayers for the College, the king and queen of Agbowa, and Agbowa land.

Rev Babawale Jonathan Gbenga, PhD
HOD, Church Music



FOOTBALL MATCH AT BICC

It was a great privilege for us to receive an invitation from the Convention to play a football match at the Baptist International Convention Center (BICC) ground on April 25, 2025, with Amazing Grace Football Club, Lufuwape. The Rector of Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, Rev'd Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade, and his wife were present, along with the Chaplain of BICC, Dr. Gabriel Adebayo, and the

ANBTS President, Pastor Adeleke Adeshola Ariyo. After Dr. Gabriel Adebayo's introduction, Rev'd Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade, representing the Nigerian Baptist Convention President, Rev'd Dr. Israel Akanji, kicked off the match, which ended in a draw 2:2.

Elegbede Oluwaseun Ezekiel
Sport Director

2025 NBC CONVENTION-IN-SESSION

We give all glory to God for the successful completion of the 112th Annual Convention-in-Session of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, held at the Baptist International Conference Centre (BICC), Lufuwape, from April 26 to May 1, 2025. This year's convention was graciously co-hosted by Aniona, Ethiopie, and Providence Delta Baptist Conferences. The theme is *Entering into Newness through Fasting and Prayer*, **Text:** Ezra 8:23 and **Convention Hymn:** Baptist Hymnal 327. Several programmes were held from the angle of all the departments of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. 2026 Convention-in-Session's theme was announced as *Entering into Newness Through the Fruit and Gifts of the Spirit*. The text is Acts 1:8, the date will be April 18-23, 2026, and the Venue will be the Convention Center, FCT, Abuja.

Rev. Dr. Ajibade Adeniran
Registrar

ROYAL AMBASSADORS DAY

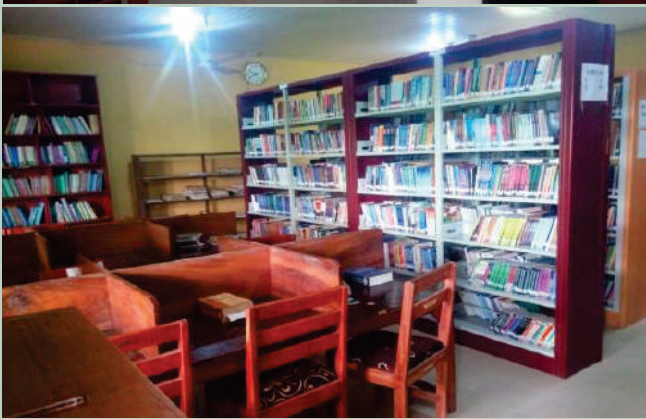
Royal Ambassador Companion Day 2025 of Baptist College of Theology, Lagos was held at Chapel by 10am on 11th March, 2025. The guest minister was Pastor Tobiloluwa Oyelakin. The theme was "The Pastor: An Ambassador to the Boys" with the text from 2 Corinthians 5:19-20. Ten pastors were able to sit for the ranking examination and were promoted, including two National Rank (Plenipotentiary). The day was glorious.



LIBRARY REPORT

The library weeded out some materials that are outdated from the collection. We received donations of books from different individuals and bodies. The library holdings presently are 11,923 after the weeding. The library is also planning to convert the traditional setting to an electronic library. We have invited a resource person who gave us the quotation of N1,500,000.00. We are trusting God for provision to install the system. Some alumni visited and registered with the library. Below are the list of those who donated books to the library recently:

1. John David McGee
2. Rev. Joseph Akanji
3. WMU First Baptist Church Garki, Abuja
4. Amuwo Odofin Baptist Church
5. Rev, Dr, J, A Aroyehun
6. Rev. Dr, Kayode Ayinde
7. Rev, Prof, Helen Esan Ishola
8. Rev, Timothy Sonde
9. Rev. Dr, MoyosOluwa Adeniyi
10. Rev. D.J.O. Morakinyo
11. Pastors Children Fellowship, Nigerian Baptist Convention
12. Rev. Dr. Sunday Adeleke



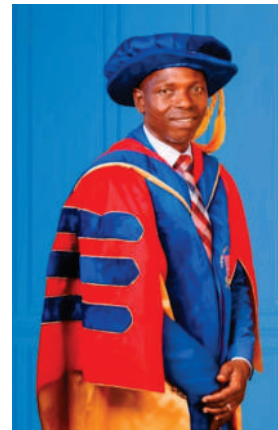
Social NEWS

GRADUATION CEREMONY OF REV. MOYOSOLUWA ADENIYI



Rev. Adeniyi MoyosOluwa Sunday had his PhD graduation ceremony from Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary, Abeokuta, on the 4th of April, 2025. He is a major in Philosophy of Religion and minor in Systematic Theology/Pastoral Care and Counseling. The graduation was attended by friends and families. Glory to God for the success of his study.

GRADUATION CEREMONY OF F REV. SOLOMON ADEDAYO OJO



Rev Solomon Adedayo Ojo, had his PhD graduation ceremony from Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary, Abeokuta, and was appreciated for his pastoral leadership on the 4th of April and 12th of April 2025, respectively. His areas of specialisation are Religious Ethics, Christian Philosophy and Theological Studies. To God be the glory for His faithfulness.

BURIAL CEREMONY OF PRINCE OYEDIRAN OLANISEBE

The final burial ceremony of the biological father of Mrs. Funmilayo Adurosakin was held on May 2-3, 2025. The Christian wake-keep and the burial were on May 3rd, 2025. The funeral took place at First Baptist Church, Alagbado. Prince Joseph Oyediran Olanisebe was interred in his residence at Alagbado. Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, was well represented. Those in



attendance included the Rector's wife, Pastor Mrs Olajoke Ajibade, Mrs. Bisi Adekoya, Mrs. Blessing Onwuzama, Rev. Gabriel Abiola, Mr. Ogunlaran and Pst. Lanre Oshodi. We thank God for the success of the programme.

WEDDING CEREMONY

The family of Rev. & Mrs. Uchechukwu Onwuzama and Elder & Mrs. Humphrey Uhegwu gave their son and daughter Chigozie Joan and Promise Daerechi out in marriage at the Assemblies of God Church, Ajasa 1. This was held on Saturday, 26th April, 2025. It was attended by some staff of the college including Mrs. Adeloje, Mrs. Nike Ibikunle, Mrs. Omodele Owolabi, Rev. Mrs. F. O. Ojo, and others. The Lord will bless the union in Jesus name.



60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF REVD. DR. MRS. O. B. BABARINDE

Rev. Dr. Mrs. O. B. Babarinde celebrated her 60th birthday on the 2nd of February, 2025. It was celebrated using the Zoom platform. Friends and family joined the Zoom platform to celebrate with her on that day. There were good testimonies about her from friends, colleagues, children, and family members. The husband Rev. Dr. Kehinde Babarinde, with the support of the children organised the programme to honour her. The celebration was later brought to the school, where staff and students rejoiced with her.



50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF REVD. MRS. MARY OLUBUNMI ADEBAYO

Revd. Mrs. Mary Olubunmi Adebayo clocked 50 on the April 18, 2025. It was a surprise birthday organised to celebrate her by her husband, Rev. Dr. Paul T.E Adebayo. Families, friends and some Church members were in attendance, and the college staff were also represented at the celebration. The Rector of the College preached at the birthday celebration. Other staff of the college present were Pastor Mrs. Ajibade (Rector's wife), Rev. Dr. Mrs O. B. Babarinde, Rev. Dr. Joseph Olagunju, Pastor Olatunde Abraham, and Mrs. Christiana Abraham. To God indeed be the glory.



NAMING CEREMONY

The family of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Aderoju was blessed with a baby girl on the 27th of April 2025, and the naming took place on the 4th of May 2025. First Baptist Church, Agbowo-Ikosi led by its pastor, Rev Bisi Ogunniyi came to conduct the naming ceremony. The Rector of the College, Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade, and his wife, along with other staff of the College, were present at the naming ceremony. The names given to the baby girl are Abidemi, Abosede, and others.



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.

Donors	Purpose of Donation
➤ Nigerian Baptist Convention	Monthly subvention
➤ Lagos Central Baptist Conference	Monthly subvention/Donation to Projects
➤ Lagos East Baptist Conference	Monthly subvention/Donation to Projects
➤ Lagos West Baptist Conference	Monthly subvention/Donation to Projects
➤ Goodnews Baptist Church Surulere	Monthly Support to the college
➤ Rev Victor & Dr. Mrs. Modupe Olaiya	Donation toward Broad band Internet service
➤ Rev O I Adeleke	General Donation
➤ Pst Mrs. Usman Oluwatoyin	Donation towards the development of the college
➤ Revd. Lawore Ezekiel	Award Endowment
➤ New Fountain Baptist Church	Donation towards Fencing of the college
➤ Revd. Prof & Mrs. Simon Mariam Ishola	Donation towards the development of college/ staff Building
➤ Baptist Mission of Nigeria	Donation towards the Women Training Center
➤ Weekend Year 3	Support for the Land acquisition at Eriyo, Ogijo.
➤ Ogun Baptist Conference	Support to the development of the College
➤ Revd, Dr. I.O. Falade	Donation to the development of the College.
• First Baptist Church, New Bussa	College promotion Sunday offering
• New Treasure Baptist Church	College promotion Sunday offering
• Revd. Thomas Oloyede	College promotion Sunday offering
• Praise Baptist Church, Kaduna.	College promotion Sunday offering
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• First Baptist Church, Illemba Awori	College promotion Sunday offering
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• Rhema Baptist Church, Port Harcourt	College promotion Sunday offering
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• Mr Samuel Toba	College promotion Sunday offering
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• New Life Baptist Church, Oko –Oba	College promotion Sunday offering
• Antioch Baptist Church, Imude	College promotion Sunday offering
• Pst Mrs Usman Oluwatoyin	College promotion Sunday offering
• Ifako First Baptist Church, Ifako	College promotion Sunday offering
• Rev Akinlolu Samuel	College promotion Sunday offering
• Iranlowo Oluwa Baptist Church,Ogbomosho	College promotion Sunday offering
• Alaaifa Oluwa B C, Gambari, Ogbomosho	College promotion Sunday offering
• GCBC Apapa	College promotion Sunday offering
• First Baptist Church Iegun	College promotion Sunday offering
• Grace Baptist Church Apete	College promotion Sunday offering
• Unity Baptist Church	College promotion Sunday offering
• First Baptist Church Mowe	College promotion Sunday offering
• Mr. Rasheed Taiwo	College promotion Sunday offering
• Federal Estate B C Ipaja	College promotion Sunday offering
• Mr. Boyede Olaleye	College promotion Sunday offering
• New Creation Baptist Church	College promotion Sunday offering
• Ikoyi Baptist Church, Ikoyi, Lagos	College promotion Sunday offering
• Antioch Baptist Church Alagbado	College promotion Sunday offering
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• Shepherdhill Baptist Church, Lagos	Towards the Building of Four Classrooms
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• Mr Ayoola Olufemi	College promotion Sunday offering
• Mr Adesokan Adeyemi	Donation towards the development of the College
• Mr Oduwole Kayode	Donation towards the development of the College

Mr C.O Oyekola - Bursar

CALENDAR UPDATES

September 2025	Faculty Meeting	3rd September, 2025
September	Administrative Council Meeting	2nd September, 2025
September	NBTS Minister's Conference	8-11th September, 2025
September	Matriculation Ceremony	19th September, 2025
September	General Assembly	24th September, 2025
September	Independence Day Service/Long Weekend	24th September, 2025
September	Community Prayer Retreat	25th September, 2025
September	Classes Resumes After Long Weekend	29th September, 2025
October 2025	Academic Workshop	4th October 2025
October	Administrative Council Meeting	7th October, 2025
October	Faculty Meeting	8th October, 2025
October	Serving the Lord in Truth Seminar	8th October, 2025
October	Christian Religious Education Excursion	16th October, 2025
October	Rector's Cup (Final)	21st October, 2025
October	General Assembly	29th October, 2025
October	Community Prayer Retreat	30th October, 2025
November 2025	Administrative Council Meeting	4th November, 2025
November	Faculty Meeting	5th November, 2025
November	Practical Theology Conference	5th-6th November, 2025
November	First Proficiency Examinations (Diploma & Degree)	11th – 12th Nov, 2025
November	Board of Governors' Meeting	13th November, 2025
November	Christian Religious Education Excursion	16th November, 2025
November	Christmas Carol Service	26th November, 2025
November	General Assembly	26th November, 2025
November	Community Prayer Retreat	27th November, 2025
November	First Semester Examinations (Weekend)	(28-29; 5-6 Nov.) & (12-13 Dec)
December 2025	First Semester Examinations (Weekday)	1st – 12th Dec, 2025
December	Administrative Council Meeting	2nd December, 2025
December	Faculty Meeting	3rd December, 2025
December	Portal Closes for BCTL Admissions	12th December, 2025
December	End of Year Get-Together/College Closes for Christmas	19th December, 2025

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Olanike Ibikunle - Chairperson, Publicity Committee	

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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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.



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





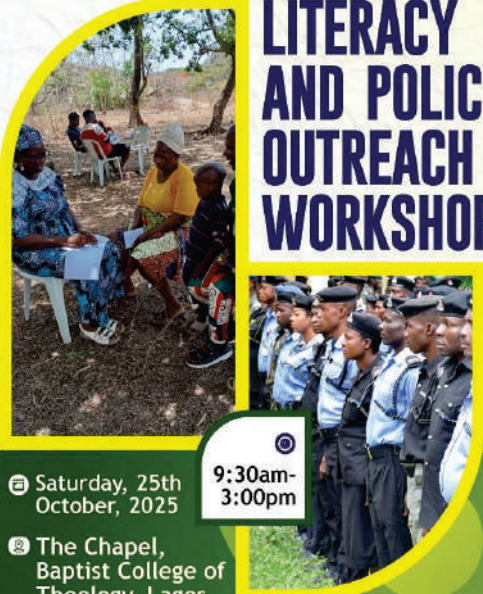
3-Bedroom flat under construction by the three Lagos Baptist Conferences



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

FLYERS FOR COMING PROGRAMMES




LITERACY AND POLICE OUTREACH WORKSHOP


9:30am-3:00pm

Saturday, 25th October, 2025

The Chapel, Baptist College of Theology, Lagos.



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