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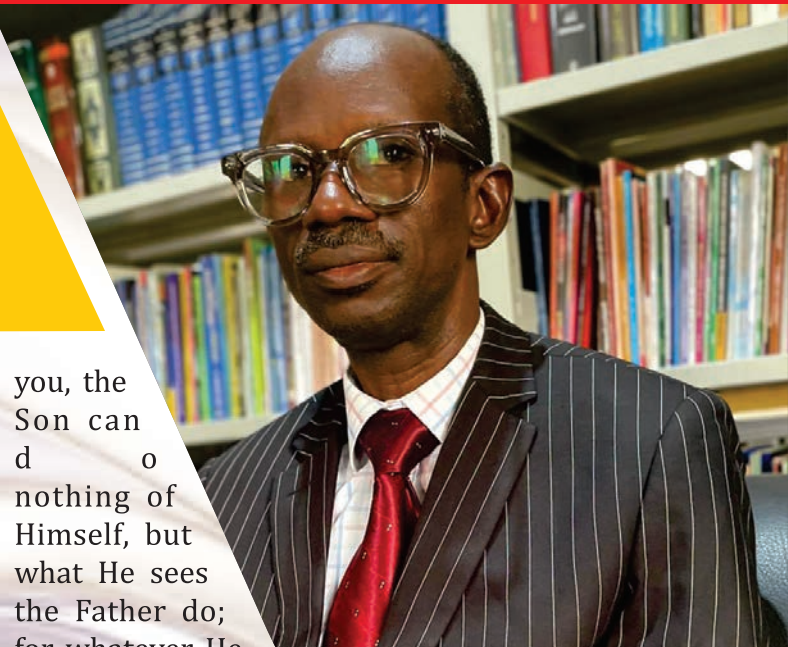
God told Moses in Exodus 25:8-9, "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." He re-emphasised this again in verse 40, "And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain." When the work was finished, Ex 39:42-43 says, "According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. Then Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them." What followed was 40:33-35: "So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle."

What a beautiful story of obedience! God wanted a tabernacle where he could dwell among his people and fellowship with them. He gave Moses a heavenly pattern of what he wanted. Moses constructed the tabernacle according to that pattern and God confirmed his satisfaction with the work by filling the house with his glory. The pattern has not changed. Jesus said in Matt 6:10 that we should pray "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." God's will must be done on earth. But this will is first done in heaven. Jesus gave a personal example in John 5:19-20 when he said, "Most assuredly, I say to

you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel."

The question for us today is, do we care if there is a way God wants us to do things in his church? Do we care if there is a heavenly pattern we must follow? Do we care if there is something called, "God's will" and that we must do that will on earth as it is done in heaven? The church has become so loose and careless today. Look at the way we do things like fund raising, our music, choice of songs, dancing styles, dressing patterns, miracle and anointing services, just to mention few. Is this the heavenly pattern? The heavenly pattern is not difficult to discern. The Bible is sufficient for doctrine, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. Once we continue to prefer the way of the world and adopt its pattern, we will be far from that kind of "Shekinah" glory that manifested in the tabernacle of Moses. Church, it is time to have a rethink. Let us build according to pattern.



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

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DEDICATION OF THE MASTER OF DIVINITY CLASSROOMS

History was made on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, when a block of four classrooms was dedicated at the College's Agbowo campus by the leadership of Shepherdhill Baptist Church, Obanikoro, Lagos. The multi-million-naira project was constructed to mark the church's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The church was fully represented by the leaders of the various missionary organizations, departments and units of the church. Dn. Engr. (Dr.) John Abiola gave the narratives on the conception, funding, and supervision of the project. The lead Pastor, Rev'd Dr. Israel Kristilere, performed the ribbon-cutting, delivered the message, and led the prayer of dedication. The building is designated to be used for the College's Master of Divinity programmes.

- Rev Adegbola E. Ojo



ROYAL AMBASSADOR COMPANION DAY

It was a wonderful time in God's presence on March 10, 2026, as the Royal Ambassador Companion celebrated her day. The Royal Ambassador Companion is an organization approved within the school that permits pastors who were members or are interested in the Royal Ambassador organization to learn, understand, practice, and be trained within it. The program, which began at 10am, started with the unique colour party entrance, followed by other programs. The day was marked by the presence of the Director of Lagos East Baptist Conference Royal Ambassador, Amb Pleni Micheal Areo, who served as the Guest Speaker and spoke on the role of pastors in curbing social vices among the boys around us. Other programs that highlighted the day were the promotion of members of the organization from one rank to a higher one and the handover of the

Amb Oluwadiran Joel executive team to the Amb Adeleke Olatunde executive team. Other dignitaries on the program are Rev. Dr. Moyosoluwa and Rev. Asso. Prof Gabriel Adeloje, Rev. Mrs. Ojo and Rev Dr. Babawale. The program concluded with the closing prayer from

Pastor Mrs. Ajibade.

- Amb Joel Oluwadiran



WTC CONTACT SESSION

The pastors' wives' training for the second contact session for the final-year students took place from January 5-9, 2026. The training was a success, with 35 final-year students in attendance. The courses taught were Christian Family Living, Introduction to the New Testament, Christian Ethics, Baptist History/Doctrine, Introduction to Women's Ministry, WMU Method 11 (Lydia & GA), and Entrepreneurship. We appreciate all our facilitators for the job well done. The next contact session is by August 2-7, 2026.

- Pastor Mrs Olajoke Ajibade



2026 MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The 23rd Ministers' Conference, held from February 16–18, 2026, registered 96 participants. The theme was "Ministering in the Age of Advanced Technology." Day 1 featured arrival, registration, and a welcome address by the Rector. Sessions included lectures on youth-friendly technology in church and syndicate discussions on Artificial Intelligence, live streaming, and tech-driven worship. A revival sermon concluded the first day. Day 2 began with a Bible Study on Sustaining a Glorious Ministry in a Technological Era. Health talks and medical screenings were conducted alongside recreational sports. Another revival session followed in the evening. Day 3 included Bible study, promotion hour, and appreciation of

retiring staff members. The conference ended with a final revival and closing benediction by the Rector.

- Rev. Mrs Mary Adebayo



2025/2026 MINIMESTER SESSION

The 2025/2026 Minimester was held from January 6-25, 2026. The session featured a range of courses facilitated by experienced lecturers. Courses offered included: Entrepreneurship Skills (Rev Dr Nike Victor-Tade); Mission in Lagos Metropolis (Dr Nancy Wanjiku Njagi, with Rev Dr E. A. Ajibade and Rev Dr Jude Aremu as co-facilitators); Intertestamental Period (Rev Dr G. O. Adeloye); and Leading Praise in Worship (Rev Dr J. B. Babawale). Rev. Dr. Nike Victor-Tade, a guest facilitator, provided hands-on training in producing Greek yogurt and hair & body cream,

scented candles, and cultivating *ewedu*, skills some students have begun using for personal consumption and commercial purposes. Dr. Nancy Njagi, taught virtually from Kenya, inspiring practical ministry engagement within urban communities. Overall, the minimester was impactful and enriching. Students gained valuable knowledge and practical skills – a learning opportunity future participants will not want to miss as the programme continues to expand.

- Revd Dr Mrs O.B. Babarinde



2026 LANGHAM WORKSHOP

The 2026 edition of the Langham workshop marks 10 years of Langham's presence at the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos. The workshop seminar was scheduled from February 23 to March 1, 2026. We had Rev. Samuel Gafera (the National Coordinator for *Ushirika*) and Pastor Uyi Osagie (the *Ushirika* Coordinator for the newly created Lagos Preaching Movement) as external facilitators, complementing the College facilitators' team. The workshop's weekday session took place from February 24-26, with 16 students in Level 1, 23 in Level 2, and 18 in Level 3. While the weekend workshop was from February 27-March 1, 2026, there were 30 participants in Level 1, 23 in Level 2, and 38 in

Level 3.

- Pastor Lanre Oshodi



VISIT OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

On December 17, 2025, the College received some visitors from the Bible Society of Nigeria, Lagos Chapter. The team was led by the General Secretary and CEO, Pastor Samuel Sanusi. The team members were welcomed at the Chapel, where some members of staff and Faculty were present. The Deputy Registrar, Rev. Ezekiel Ojo, introduced the Faculty and staff present, and the SCN team leader likewise gave his team introduction. He then gave a short exhortation on how to spread the Gospel using the Bible and the purpose of their visit. Eighty-Five (85) copies of books and the Bible, mainly on the Hebrew and Greek languages, were presented to the College. A Bible was also presented to the Rector of the College, who was unavoidably absent. The College in turn presented the team with the 2026 College Calendar. The meeting was then closed with prayers said by Rev. Dr. Joseph Olagunju.

- Mrs. Owolabi Omodele

Librarian



2026 FOUNDERS' DAY LECTURE

This year's 2026 Founders' Day Lecture was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at the Chapel, Agbowo Campus of the College. The theme was, "Re-engineering a Glorious BCT Lagos: Putting the Past Behind and Looking at What Lies Ahead." The Lecture was competently delivered by the Chairman, the Nigerian Baptist Convention Deacons' Fellowship, Deacon Sam N. Ohwerhoye. He counseled to continue striving for excellence, as captured in Phil. 3:13 to attain a Glorious BCT Lagos. Dn. Sam did not come alone, but with a powerful team comprising Dn. Lawrence Enite Agofure (National Chairman, Fundraising Committee), Dn. Don Afam (National Chairman, Project Committee), and Dn. Reuben Oyedokun

(National Chairman, Accommodation Committee).

- Rev Adegbola E. Ojo



2026 ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

The first batch of the 2026/2027 entrance examination into all academic programmes of the College was held at the main campus on Saturday, March 7, 2026. Candidates who obtained admission forms for the Diploma, Degree, and Master of Divinity programmes in Theology, Religious Education, Missiology, and Church Music, respectively, came for the entrance examination. It covers tests in English

Language, Knowledge of the Bible, and General Knowledge. The examination featured especially candidates who would be admitted into the newly approved Master of Divinity in Theology (sandwich mode) programme, which would resume in June 2026 for its first contact session. Another batch of entrance examinations will be announced soon.

- Rev Adegbola E. Ojo

CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT DAY 2026

The church music department day of Baptist College of Theology, Lagos took place on the 12th March, 2026 with the Theme: The future of Music Pastor in the Nigerian Baptist Convention, the special guest for the day was Rev. Dr. Samson Ayantoyinbo under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Babawale who is the HOD of the department. It a great occasion. Glory be to God.



SECOND SEMESTER SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The 2026 Baptist College of Theology Spiritual Retreat for 2nd Semester, themed “A Glorious Ministry” (2 Corinthians 3:7–18), was held on March 5–6, 2026 and led by Rev. Dr. Fola Olu Irewale. It was a refreshing time of spiritual growth as God's Word was powerfully delivered. The retreat featured two main sessions. Day one examined three dispensations: the Ministry of Life and Death, where humanity's broken relationship with God led to death (Genesis 2–3); the Ministry of Condemnation, which offers no second chance; and the Ministry of Righteousness and Justification, where God restores humanity through Christ, granting life and righteousness (Acts 9). Day two focused on the meaning and conditions of a glorious ministry, emphasizing that ministry is God-centered and divinely assigned (Hebrews 5:4). Key principles include seeking God's direction, maintaining intimacy with Him, practicing patience, exercising discipline, documenting God's dealings, and sustaining constant communication with Him. Prayers were offered for grace to remain obedient.



■ URBAN MISSION GRANT PROJECT ■

The Urban Mission Grant project is still underway. Over 150 students of the College did their January minimester on Mission in Lagos Metropolis dovetailing into Urban Missions. The course was facilitated by Dr. Nancy Njagi (from Kenya), assisted Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade and Dr. S. A. Jude Aremu. Additionally, 20 Christian professionals were equipped through an online Marketplace Ministry training to support church planting and social ministries in slum communities. There was also a one-day Mission

Summit for churches reaching northern Nigerian migrants in Lagos, held on March 24, 2026. Under this project, the College also successfully planted Lifelink Baptist Church at General Paint in Ajah and is revitalising First Baptist Church, Makoko. Overall, the project reflects significant growth, practical engagement, and effective collaboration among stakeholders. Plans are underway to train 50 pastors in July 2026 who would become flagship leaders in championing ministry to the urban slums.



BREAKFAST WITH THE KING OF AGBOWA

On Monday, 16th February 2026, at 6:30 a.m., the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos (BCTL), joined the regular chaplaincy representatives for a breakfast visit to the palace of Abowa of Agbowa, Oba Saheed Owolabi Momson. The meeting was attended by prominent members of the college community, including: the Rector and his wife, Revd Ezekiel and Mrs. Adejoke Ajibade; the Registrar, Dr. Ajibade Adeniran; the Dean of Academic Affairs (DAA), Revd Mrs. O. B. Babarinde; Revd Dr. Gabriel Adeloye and S. A. Jude Aremu; Revd. G. Abiola, M. Olugoroye, Mrs. Ojo, and Revd Julius Oluleye, and several other students of the college. We were hosted to a sumptuous breakfast by Olori of Abowa of Agbowa after a time of word, prayers and felicitations.



WEDDING OF THE RECTOR'S DAUGHTER

The Rector, Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade and Pastor Mrs Olajoke Seye Ajibade gave their daughter, former Miss Sharon Ajibade, to her sweetheart, Mr Joseph Aderounmu, as his wedded wife. The engagement was held onsite (but streamed live) at Agbowa College Chapel, while the solemnization in the church, which was streamed live from the USA, took place on Saturday evening, December 27, 2025. Both families exchanged various kinds of gifts. Dignitaries from home and abroad were present onsite and online and were served a variety of food and drinks. What a unique wedding ceremony!

- Rev Adegbola E. Ojo

