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Join This Story

When you share your story with someone, it becomes a part of their story too.

- Marty Rubin

We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling.

- Jimmy Neil Smith

In Numbers 10:29-32, Moses extended a powerful invitation to Hobab son of Reuel, the Midianite. He told him, "We are setting out for the place about which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us and we will treat you well, for the LORD has promised good things to Israel." Habab first rejected the offer. Perhaps the reasons were not convincing enough - "we will treat you well, for the LORD has promised good things to Israel." Then Moses said in verse 31 "Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes." That seem to make more sense to him and with verse 33 saying, "So they set out from the mountain of the Lord and traveled for three days," it is believed that he agreed to go with them.

What exactly happened in this passage? Moses invited Hobab to join their story. Moses and Israel were writing a story that we are reading today. But they were about entering another chapter (verse 33). It was a great privilege being offered to Hobab. The first reason was not convincing to him as a person of accomplishment and vision. He cannot follow them - just to enjoy what the Lord has promised them. He needs a purpose and it is a contributory and perhaps sacrificial purposes.

So when Moses changed the invitation from enjoying to giving, the narrative changed. The moment he heard "You know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes," Hobab joined the story. What a great man, willing to give and not get, wanting to make a contribution to a story rather than being an addendum. The rest is history. It is a story we read till eternity.

BCT Lagos is a story-one that began in 1997 when the then Lagos Baptist Conference approved the establishment of a theological institution that will *train and equip mission-minded gospel ministers (pastors, educators, musicians, evangelists, missionaries) and other church workers that are spiritually dynamic, biblically sound, ministerially competent, academically excellent, morally robust and denominationally responsible.* People have been part of this story - proprietors, Local Churches, Associations, Conferences (and their component units), Board members, faculty, staff, students, and other donors. People have donated classrooms, hostels, furniture, scholarships, monthly subventions, solar power, lawn mower and other equipment, books and journals, internet facility and so much more! They have become part of our story.



But the story has not ended. Like Moses, we are inviting more Hobabs. God has promised BCT Lagos great things but we need helpers through our wilderness. The College has suffered so much infrastructural deficit that makes people ask, "Is this school in Lagos – the commercial capital of Nigeria?" We do not have a modern student hostel, our library sits in a classroom (not a building of its own), we spend a bulk of our money on fuel and diesel and the school still reels in darkness. We need solar power for the entire campus. Our campus is not fenced, there is no residence for the Rector and he continues to use his personal car for official businesses after two years of assuming duty.

So, who will join this story? Some are doing so right now. The Worship Centre that has been abandoned for more than a decade is picking up. Our amiable Board Chairman has championed the mobilisation of funds for this project (after dividing it into four phases). Having raised N30 Million, we still need N16 Million Naira to roof this first phase. Then we will continue with the second and third phases. Join this story. Yaba Baptist Church is working on the Rectors Lodge and the Lagos Baptist Conferences are constructing a 3-bedroom flat. Join this story.

How may you join? You can sponsor any of this projects below. You can mobilise your friends, your church, Association or Conference to carry out a project. Here is a breakdown of our major needs.

1.	Worship Centre (Phase 2)	N70 Million
2.	Solar Power for entire campus	N71 Million
3.	Male Hostel	N200 Million
4.	Stand Alone Library	N100 million
5.	Fencing	N30 million
6.	Scholarship	N450,000/student
7.	Official Car	N30 Million

Please join this story. God has promised us well. But we need his human instrument to provide resources for the journey.

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Rev Dr Ezekiel Ajibade



ACTEA
50th Anniversary
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ETHIOPIA

The Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa (ACTEA) held its 50th Anniversary and General Assembly in Bishoftu, Ethiopia from March 4-12, 2026 under the theme "Future-Ready, Mission-Faithful." The event brought together theological educators and institutional leaders from across the continent and the globe. The Baptist College of Theology, Lagos was ably represented by the Rector, Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade, Dr. Mrs. O. B. Babarinde, and Pastor Olatunde Abraham. The conference provided a valuable platform for engagement on contemporary issues in theological education, with particular emphases on quality assurance, leadership development, ICT integration, library advancement, women in theological education and wholistic communication, to mention a few. Insights gained from the sessions are expected to contribute significantly to academic and administrative development at the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, thereby enhancing its mission of training effective Christian leaders.

Pastor Olatunde Abraham

MEETING WITH BCTL WEEKEND GRADUATES



The Rector, Rev. Dr Ezekiel A. Ajibade held a roundtable discussion about the College with the weekend graduates on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at the Deaconate Chambers, Shepherdhill Baptist Church, Obanikoro, Lagos. The state of the college, his vision, and efforts made thus far in bringing development to the

college took the centre stage. Strategies and the strategic role of the weekend graduates in realising the vision as stakeholders were discussed. The Chairman, Board of Governors of the College, Dr. Olufemi Okunade, was present. He passionately challenged the graduates to rise to the occasion in building their alma mata, connect the college to donors and lovers of theological education, and make room for the College to visit their churches to raise fund for development. The graduates were encouraged to create or revive any existing social media platforms (Facebook, WhatsApp etc) set by set for the purposes of connecting, socialising, organising themselves into fellowship groups and sharing ministry concerns. This will also help to discuss issues pertaining to the growth and development of the College. Seventeen (17) participants were in attendance.

Rev. Adegbola E. Ojo
Acting Registrar

THEOLOGY DAY 2026 REPORT



The Theology Department's Day was held at the Agbowo Campus on 9th April 2026 and at the Isolo Campus on 25th April 2026 with the theme, "Theological Responses to LGBTQ+ Issues." Rev'd. Mrs. Adenike Babatunde, the guest minister, taught from Genesis 1:27 and Leviticus 20:10-21, emphasising that God created humans as male and female according to His divine design. She explained biblical condemnations of incest, homosexuality, bestiality, and other immoral practices while also clarifying the meaning of the LGBTQ+ acronym. The speaker encouraged Christians to uphold biblical truth, show love to affected individuals, pray for their deliverance, and provide discipleship for repentant persons. At Agbowo Campus, new executives were announced, while the Rector appreciated the department and encouraged proper dressing during official programmes. Both campuses also presented gifts to the school, including chair foams, a signpost, and a street solar light valued at ₦210,000.

Rev. Dr. Gabriel Adeloye
HOD, Theology

WORD WEEK



The Word Week for this Semester took place on 27th - 29th April. Usually anchored by the Rector, he yielded the pulpit this time to a guest teacher in the person of Rev. Toluwalogo Agboola. The man of God ministered powerfully on the theme "The Secrets of the Anointing" for three consecutive days. Members of the community - both staff and students were greatly blessed under the unction of the Holy Spirit that manifested in the teaching and prayer ministrations of the anointed servant of God.

Rev. M. Olugoroye
Assistant Chaplain





CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS *Education* DEPARTMENT DAY

The Christian Religious Education Department Day of the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, was held on 16th and 21st March, 2026, at the Agbowo and Isolo Campuses respectively. The programme was organised under the theme, "Raising Digitally Savvy and

Spiritually Grounded Youth." The guest speaker, Rev'd. Ayodeji Jegede, delivered an impactful lecture on the importance of mentorship, early Christian upbringing, and responsible use of social media. The event aimed emphasised the need for youths to balance technological advancement with sound spiritual values. Aside from other activities, there was an exhibitions by Year 3 students, who displayed instructional materials used in teaching children. Students also presented gifts to both campuses, including a wall fan and a first aid box. The programme successfully reinforced the department's commitment to nurturing spiritually grounded and digitally informed youths.

Rev. Mrs. Mary Adebayo
HOD, Christian Religious Education Dept.

EASTER CANTATA



This year's Easter Cantata was celebrated in a grand style, with a colourful atmosphere extolling the risen Saviour. The Levites celebrated the Cantata with a mixture of Africanised tunes, songs, hymns and English anthems, such as *Jesus Has Done So Much For Us*, *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*, *The Risen Lord Gives Hope*, *His Word Gives Hope*, *Emi Fun Emi*, *Living Hope*, and *Burdens Are Lifted*. Rev Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade delivered a powerful message that was

titled "The Debt We Owe." It was an expository message on the sinful woman who displayed an unusual appreciation of the Saviour of the world in Luke 7:36-50. Jesus paid our debt and our lives are indebted to him. Rev Dr Mrs O.B Babarinde prayed specially for the congregation before the programme was drawn to close.

Dr Jonathan Babawale
HOD, Church Music

2026/2027 ADMISSION

Following a successful interview held on April 15, 2026, Forty-four (44) candidates were offered provisional admission into the various academic programmes of the College. Collection of admission letters upon payment of the stipulated acceptance fee is ongoing. New admission forms are on sale for another batch of admission exercise till resumption for the 2026/2027 academic session in August.

Rev. Adegbola E. Ojo
Acting Registrar

BTCL WORSHIP CENTRE IS *Rising Again!*



The Board of Governors of the College, led by the chairman, Dn. Dr Olufemi Okunade resuscitated the construction of the abandoned worship centre whose foundation was laid more than a decade ago. This first phase is costing about N70 million for the steel structure and roofing. The project is being funded through the Board members' donations, that of their Churches, associates and stewardship of influence. Members of the Baptist family are also invited to contribute to the timely and successful completion of this important project in the life of the College. We have two phases to go after this first phase. No amount is small or big to contribute.

Rev. Adegbola E. Ojo
Acting Registrar

HOLISTIC MINISTRY TO PASTORS AND STAFF OF BCT, LAGOS



Mission for All Ministries, under the leadership of Pastor Mrs. Esther Adebola Asha, organised health talks on 19th and 28th March 2026 at the Agbowo and Isolo campuses of the Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, respectively. The programme was tagged "Holistic Ministry to Staff of BCT, Lagos." The health talk, titled "The Role of Self-Care in Promoting Optimal Health," was delivered by Dr. IyinOluwa Aremu. Nurses and doctors were also present to conduct medical checks, including blood pressure, blood sugar tests, malaria tests, and weight checks. Officers at the Agbowo Police Station also benefited from the programme. Altogether, more than 230 people benefited from the outreach, while welfare packages were distributed to all participants.

Pastor Mrs. Esther Asha

CONVENTION IN SESSION 2026 REPORT



The 2026 Nigerian Baptist Convention (NBC) Annual Session was held under the theme “Entering into Newness through Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit” from Acts 1:8. The Convention featured worship services, Bible studies, departmental meetings, mission's programmes, leadership reports, competitions, and award presentations. Throughout the Convention, emphasis was placed on empowerment by the Holy Spirit, Christian service, missions, evangelism, stewardship, and spiritual growth. Major activities included Sunday

school, Christian Education competitions, Men and Women Missionary Union meetings, Global Missions Board Hour, business sessions, and appreciation services for outgoing leaders. The Convention also witnessed leadership transitions, including the election of Rev. Dr. David Olusola Idowu as the new Convention President and Rev. Ify Royal Okwudiri as Director of the Global Missions Board. The 2027 Convention theme was announced as “Abba, Father” from Romans 8:15.

Rev Mrs Felicia Ojo

INAUGURATION OF LIFELINK BAPTIST CHURCH



As part of the Urban Missions Grant Project, the College successfully planted Lifelink Baptist Church at General Paints slum, Ajah, Lagos. The physical structure had already attracted worshippers before the church was formally inaugurated on Sunday, March 29, 2026 alongside a 3-days evangelistic outreach. The Inauguration Service Guest Speaker was Rev Dr Samuel Adesoji Aderonmu, the Moderator of Shalom Baptist Association, Lagos. Other officiating ministers and faculty present include Rev. Dr. Olayinka Olawumi (Missions

Coordinator, Shalom Baptist Association, Lagos), Rev. Dr. Bulus Dyaji, Rev. Dr. Jude Aremu, Pastor Godfrey Michael, Prof. Joseph Asha, and Rev. Dr & Mrs Ezekiel Ajibade (host and the Rector, Baptist College of Theology, Lagos)

Dr. Jude Aremu
HOD Missions

LAGOS HAUSA MISSIONS SUMMIT



On March 24, 2026, a one-day Summit was successfully hosted at the Bible Guest House, Palmgrove, to empower churches engaged in outreach to northern Nigerian migrants in Lagos. This is part of the Urban Missions Grant project of BCT, Lagos. The Summit was aimed at gathering data and statistics on Northerners' migration to Lagos, taking an inventory of existing churches reaching out to northern migrants in Lagos, and identifying needs and challenges in reaching out to and establishing churches for northern migrants in Lagos. It further aimed at proffering workable approaches and solutions to the identified needs and challenges and developing strategies for doubling efforts to reach out to and planting churches among northern migrants in Lagos. All these objectives were largely achieved with over 40 ministers present, insightful papers presented and meaningful decisions reached. Gracing the occasion as speakers were Dr Matthew Awujoola, Lagos East Conference President, Dr Samson Adedokun of New Dawn Baptist Church (and Conference Chairman of Lagos Central), Dr Tongnan Dagwat, Rev Jeremiah Malashi and a host of other ministers.

Dr Jude Aremu
HOD Missions

MEDIA WEEK REPORT 2026



The maiden edition of Media Week 2026 was successfully held from April 17th - 20th, 2026. The programme featured insightful teachings and practical sessions on the effective use of media, with an attendance of over 100 students throughout the event. The first day focused on Projection and Graphic Designing, and it was highly impactful, engaging, and filled with valuable learning experiences for participants. On the second day, participants were trained on Monetization and Livestreaming, equipping them with relevant digital media skills for ministry and communication in this present age. Also a new Smart TV was donated to the Student body. We also specially appreciate the outstanding commitment of the student who has consistently supported all our media activities through liking, sharing, and commenting on our posts, Pastor Sunday Ogunrinde. Indeed, Media Week 2026 was a remarkable success, leaving participants inspired, informed, and better equipped for media engagement and ministry.

Pastor Balogun Precious

ANNUAL RECITAL OF THE CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The department's annual recital is a mandatory requirement for the award of a Bachelor's degree in Church Music. Five candidates were presented - one Piano major, one Saxophone major, and three Voice majors. The Dean of the Faculty of Church Music of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, Dr Onimisi Auda, was the Chief examiner. The Rector of the institution was represented by Rev Dr Mrs Babarinde, the Director of Academics to chaired the occasion. Other principal officers of the College, including the Acting Registrar and HODs, and the College's media Unit were on the ground for the programme. The Chief Examiner commended the students and faculty for the candidates' outstanding performance. He also challenged them not to rest on their oars but to rise to the next level. The Acting Registrar of the College said the closing Prayer and the benediction was said by Dr Onimisi Auda. It was another milestone in the annals of the history of the College. To God be the Glory.

Rev Babawale Jonathan Gbenga, PhD
HOD, Church Music

MISSIOLOGY DEPARTMENT DAY 2026

The Missiology Department Day was held on Monday, 27th April 2026 at the Agbowo Campus, and Saturday, 2nd May 2026, at the Isolo Campus. The Reactor, Dr Ezekiel Ajibade participated in a two-in-one symposium titled: "Holistic Missions: Missionary Passion and Church Revitalization among Contemporary Gospel Ministers." He reminded participants of the non-negotiable mandate of Christ to take the gospel beyond personal comfort zones and institutional boundaries. The sessions were described by attendees as "passion-igniting," reorienting hearts and minds toward active engagement in God's mission on earth. A significant feature of both days was the formal induction of the newly elected officers for the 2026/2027 academic session. In Agbowo Campus, President, Missiology Department & Volunteer Missions & Evangelism Team is Pastor Solomon Goje; Deputy President, Financial Secretary & Prayer Coordinator is Pastor Michael Geoffrey, while Secretary and Acting Treasurer is Pastor Joel Isiaku Audi. In Isolo Campus, President is Pastor Omidiji E. Sunday, the secretary is Pastor Ojo and Welfare Officer is Pastor Osakwe Nike.

Dr. Jude Aremu

HOD Missions

LIBRARY REPORT

With the help of God and the efficient and effective leadership of the Rector, the College has not failed to discharge her responsibilities in supporting the teaching, learning and research preoccupations of the institution this 2025/2026 session despite the financial constraints. Both faculty and students made good use of the available resources. Generous Baptist member, the Alumni and some Christian organisations at home and abroad donated books to the library besides the ones purchased by the College. The college wishes to particularly appreciate the following people and organisations:

1. Rev. Dr. (Mrs.) Foluke Ola
2. Rev. Dr Emmanuel Ojo
3. Rev. Dr. Olufemi Olagunju
4. Rev. Dr. Moyosoreoluwa Adeniyi.
5. Rev. Prof. Shola Ayo-Obiremi
6. Rev. Dr. Kehinde Olabimtan
7. Rev. Ebenezer Ogundele
8. Rev. Dr. Paul Olusegun Kristileke
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12. NBTS, Ogbomosho
13. Men Missionary Union, NBC
14. Berea foundation.
15. Theological Books Networks
16. Rev. Dr. S. A. K. Olaleye
17. Late Rev. S. A. Daramola and family
18. John David McGee
19. Rev. Dr. Eyitayo Adewale Adelakun
20. Bible Society of Nigeria, Lagos Chapter.

It's our prayers that the Lord will continue to prosper you. The College looks forward for more donations in the area of books, iron shelves, computer laptops and a standalone library.

Mrs. Omodele Owolabi

College Librarian

ONGOING PROJECTS



3-Bedroom Flat Under Construction by Lagos Conferences



Twin 2-Bedroom Flats Under Construction by BCT Staff and subvention from Goodnews BC, Lagos.



Rector's Lodge Under Construction by Yaba Baptist, Lagos.



Alumni Building Under Construction

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Training to be
Upright and Godly
- Titus 2:12