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INVESTING IN NOBODIES



When you see some of the men tagged "David's Mighty Men" in 1 Chronicles 11, you wonder where they came from. And these men were really mighty. Joab broke through the fortress of Zion (6); Jashobeam raised his spear against 300 men and finished them in one encounter (11); Eleazar stood to defeat the Philistines and defended a field when everyone fled (13-14); Abishai also raised his spear and finished another 300 men in one encounter (20); Benaiah "performed great exploits" – struck down two of Moab's mighty men and killed a lion on snowy day. He also struck down an Egyptian giant who was 7.5 ft tall, using his own spear to kill him (22-24).

Another thing about these men was that they were ready to stake their lives for David. The episode of Verses 17-19 was an extraordinary one. At his daring request, some people went through the camp of the enemy to draw water for David at the risk of their lives – so much David had to pour out the water like a sacrifice to the Lord and said, "Should I drink the blood of these men who went at the risk of their lives? (19).

The big question here, then, is still where were these men from? Their source was in 2 Samuel 22:1-2. After David fled from Saul and took refuge in the cave of Adullam, the Scriptures said his brothers and his father's household went down to him there. Then verse 2 specifically stated that "all those who were in distress, or in debt, or discontented, gathered around him and he became their leader." So, these great men and mighty warriors were once men who were distressed, indebted, discontented and perhaps disoriented. See what David turned them into!

A meaningful life is all about investment, and especially investment in lives. What, and particularly who, are you investing in today? Look around you, there are those who may not count today, those with whom no one reckons now. They are in your church, your school, your office, your family or your neighbourhood. Invest in them. You don't know what they will become tomorrow, and you don't know if they may become your own mighty men in the future. When you stretch your hand only to those who can repay you, when you give only because you know you will get something back immediately, you have not started investing. The nobodies of today are usually the somebodies of tomorrow.

Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade
Rector, BCT, Lagos

2026 GRADUATION EVENT

The 28th Graduation Ceremony of the College was held on Saturday, June 13, 2026. 94 students graduated in all (Academic and non-academic) programmes of the College. The breakdown revealed: forty-eight (48) regular degrees in Theology, Christian Religious Education, Church Music and Missiology, respectively; two (2) special Diplomas in Missiology and one (1) Diploma in Theology. Two (2) others graduated as the first set of the Master of Divinity in Theology programme. Forty-one (41) graduated in other non-academic programmes, including Certificates in Spiritual Formation and the Women Training Centre. For the first time in the history of the College, the ceremony was held under the newly constructed Worship Centre. Families, friends, and church members of the graduating students were in attendance. Important dignitaries present at the occasion were the Convention President and visitor, Rev. Dr Israel Adelani Akanji, FAR, who delivered the graduation charge. Chairman, Board of Governors, Dn. Dr Olufemi Okunade, FloD, the Rector, Rev. Dr Ezekiel Ajibade, members of the Board of Governors, and other Convention Officers, Church Pastors in Lagos and beyond, Faculty, Staff and students were in attendance.

- Rev Adegbola Ojo





Student Orientation WEEK/RESUMPTION

The College resumed for the 2026/2027 Academic Session on Monday, August 3, 2026, though new students had started arriving on campus on Sunday, August 2. The orientation week for full-time (Agbowa) students was held from August 3 -6, 2026, while the part-time students had a compressed orientation at Isolo Campus on Saturday, August 8, 2026

- Rev Adegbola Ojo



PASTORS' WIVES TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Baptist College of Theology, Lagos successfully concluded her 2026 Women Training Center Programme held from 26th to 30th July 2026. The impactful five days event welcomed 58 Pastors' Wives, who engaged in enriching biblical studies, leadership development, and practical ministry sessions. The programme provided a platform for spiritual renewal, fellowship, and the sharing of experiences, equipping participants for more effective services alongside their spouses in ministry. The training was concluded with devotion led by Rev. Dr. Nancy Wanjiku Njagi from Kenya and the participants departed with renewed vision, strengthened faith, and a deeper commitment to serving God, their families, churches, and their communities at large.

- Pastor Mrs. Olajoke Ajibade



WORKSHOP ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT FOR URBAN MISSION

The workshop took place on July 30th 2026 at the Agbowa campus with 15 Faculty members and was facilitated by Dr Nancy Wanjiku Njagi (the African Director, Local Leaders International). The purpose of the workshop was to expose faculty members to the changing nature of mission in urban spaces with attention on Lagos, where the school is situated. During the workshop, the attention of the participants was drawn to the need to write an urban mission curriculum that is contextually relevant. This is intended to enhance students' understanding and help them have a deep insight into more mission opportunities in urban places with its peculiar dynamics. Through various discussions and interactions, participants were educated on how to contextualise mission such that more impact are made.

- Dr. Mrs. Rachel F. Ojo



2026 ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, successfully hosted its 2026 Alumni Homecoming on August 20, 2026, at the Agbowa Campus. The programme, themed "The Blueprint," with Habakkuk 2:2 as the biblical reference, brought together Alumni, students, faculty, and friends of the College for a meaningful time of fellowship, reflection, and renewed commitment to the institution's vision. The event featured Rev'd Dr O. K. Bababrinde as the Guest Speaker, while the Rector, the Alumni President, Rev'd Dr Richard Ayanlere and his executives were on the ground to receive and host participants. The gathering provided an opportunity to celebrate the College's heritage, strengthen relationships among alumni, and encourage continued support for the institution.

- Pastor Olatunde Abraham





YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

History was made at the Baptist College of Theology (BCT), Lagos, Agbowa Campus, with the successful launch of its Maiden Youth Empowerment Seminar, held on July 16–17, 2026. Themed **"Empowering the Youth for Academic and Digital Excellence: A Timely Response to a Digital Generation,"** the two-day programme addressed the need to equip young people spiritually, academically, and digitally. The seminar recorded 27 attendances on Day One and 58 on Day Two. Facilitators included delegates from the Baptist Center for Global Concern, USA, alongside Pastor Olatunde Abraham and Dr. Moyosoluwa Adeniyi. Sessions covered academic excellence, career choices, discovering God-given potentials, balancing sports and academics, digital skills, and responsible use of talents. Participants received Certificates of Participation at the closing ceremony. The programme concluded with a call for the seminar to become an annual BCT flagship initiative.

- Dr Moyosoluwa Sunday Adeniyi

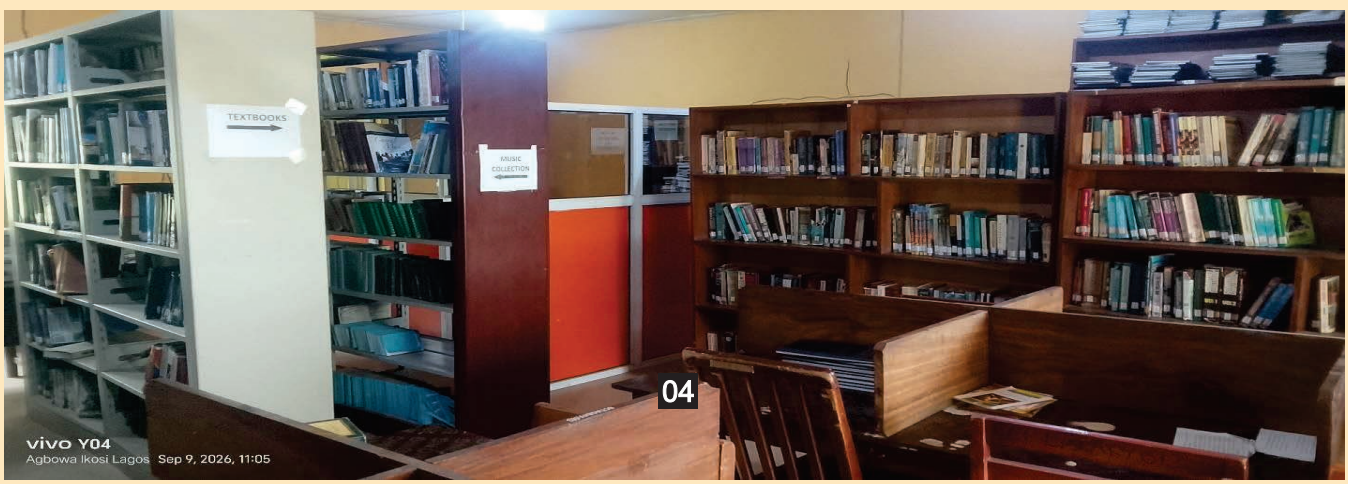


LIBRARY REPORT

To the glory of God and the leadership of the Rector, the library operation is going on smoothly despite the constraints in the College's finances. The College is planning to do some restructuring in the Isolo Campus, to create more space for shelving books and reading. Some books were donated to the College by individuals and organisations. Below is the list of the donors:

1. Rev. Dr. Gabriel Adeloye
2. Rev. Dr. Mark Aidoo
3. Rev. Dr. Matthew Awujoola
4. Rev. Dr. Francis Adebayo
5. Rev. Oyelade Toriola Zachaeus
6. Rev. Tinuola Ajibike
7. Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Ajibade
8. Rev. Dr. Victor Olaiya
9. Rev. Dr. Sonde Timothy
10. Rev. Dr. Gabriel O. Kehinde
11. Baptist Center for Global Concerns, USA

- Mrs. Omodele Owolabi



VISIT OF THE BAPTIST CENTER FOR GLOBAL CONCERNS FROM USA

The Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, hosted visiting Professors from the Baptist Center for Global Concerns for a two-week academic and ministry exchange programme from 6–18 July. The programme benefited students, faculty, and the wider College community through classroom teaching, mentoring, outreach, and cultural engagement. Dr. Larry Ashlock taught *Pastoral Care and Counselling* and *Ministerial Ethics*, while Dr. Karen Bullock taught *World Religions* and *Biblical Hermeneutics*. Their teaching strengthened students' ministry skills, theological understanding, and classroom engagement. A special seminar at the Isolo Campus focused on focused on Women in Ministry, Multi-Staff ministry and Artificial Intelligence.The visitors also engaged students of Baptist Model High School through inspirational sessions and participated in a football clinic promoting fellowship and teamwork. This was led by Mrs Shawna Ashlock and Evie Backsdale. The team worshipped at Shepherdhill Baptist Church and visited the National Museum and Maryland Shopping Mall. The successful programme strengthened the partnership between BCFGC and BCT Lagos and created lasting academic, spiritual, and cross-cultural impact.

- Pastor Matthew Adegoke





MAKOKO SLUM OUTREACH

The Makoko Mission Outreach, held from August 21–23, 2026 at First Baptist Church, Makoko, brought together Pastors, faculty, students, and other participants to proclaim the gospel and demonstrate Christ's love through evangelism, medical outreach, prayer, counselling, preaching, drama, music, healing, and practical support. The programme included intentional community evangelism, medical assistance, an evening crusade, Sunday School, DTM, and worship service. Participants distributed tracts, prayed with residents, preached the gospel, and invited people to church activities. Food items, clothes, shoes, and books were also distributed to community members. Several people responded to the gospel, and some of the converts subsequently became regular church attendees. The outreach also identified the need for sustained follow-up and discipleship.

- Dr. Jude Aremu





TEDCO CONFERENCE

The annual Theological Educators Congress TEDCO 2026, held for Theological Educators across various centres by Gbile Akanni's Peacehouse was held between June 18th and 20th, 2026. The centre at Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, was located on the Agbowa campus, with staff and faculty in attendance. The theme of the 2026 congress was "***Theological Educator: A Pattern for Life and Ministry***" It was a refreshing time with paper presentations from several seasoned theologians from across the various centres.

- Pastor Lanre Oshodi

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The 2026 First Semester Spiritual Retreat of Baptist College of Theology, tagged **"A Glorious Ministry,"** and based on 2 Corinthians 3:7–18, was a refreshing and spiritually enriching experience. The retreat was anchored by **Rev. Dr. Philip Sunday Akinbobola**, former Rector of Baptist College of Theology, Igede-Ekiti, and Lead Pastor of Faithlink Baptist Church, Ogbomoso, Oyo State. The sessions focused on three themes: **Called to Be an Epistle of a Glorious Ministry, Called to the Ministry of the Holy Spirit,** and **Called to Transformation from Glory to Glory.** Participants were challenged to reflect the Gospel through their lives and ministry, recognising the importance of the Holy Spirit for effective service. The testimonies shared encouraged participants to seek spiritual empowerment through prayer. The final session emphasised that a glorious ministry is God-centred and committed to transforming lives through the Gospel. We thank God for the success of the retreat and pray for grace to remain obedient and faithful to His calling.

- Dr. Jonathan Babawale



National MUSIC WORKSHOP

The 47th Edition of the National Music Workshop was held from Monday, 10th to Friday, 14th of August 2026. The theme for this year's workshop was "Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit for Effective Music Ministry". The theme aligned with the Nigerian Baptist Convention's theme for the year, focusing on how Church musicians can be effective and impactful in their assignments. There was a series of Bible expositional teachings on this subject, along with moments of prayer. The need for spiritual empowerment was emphasised. It was a week-long theory and practical exercise centered on different areas of music specialisation. As one of the workshop instructors and a counsellor, I was privileged to anchor the Wednesday evening worship service and to officiate, along with the workshop chairman, during the Bowen University worship service with the principal officers of the University, including the vice Chancellor. Some of our students also participated. To God be the Glory for the success of this year's music workshop.

- Dr. Jonathan Babawale



SENIOR SEMINAR TRIP

The graduating students of Baptist College of Theology, Lagos. Isolo and Agbowa campuses with their facilitators (Revd Dr Gabriel Adebayo and Revd Dr Solomon Ojo) left for the Senior Seminar trip on Thursday, August 20, 2026 and returned on Saturday, August 22, 2026. The places visited were: Baptist Building, Oritamefa Baptist Church, Ibadan, Aatan Baptist Church, Oyo, Bowen University Teaching Hospital, Ogbomoso and The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso. The trip was inspiring and significant.

- Dr. Ojo Solomon





URBAN MISSION TRAINING FOR PASTORS

The Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, organised a four-day Urban Mission Capacity Development Workshop from 27–30 July 2026 at the Bible Guest House, Palmgrove, Lagos. With the theme, **"Strengthening Capacity for Effective Urban Mission in the City of Lagos, Nigeria and Beyond,"** the workshop brought together pastors, theological educators, mission coordinators, and church leaders. Resource persons, including Prof. Ezekiel Ajibade, Rev. Capt. Simon Peter Waiti, and Dr. Nancy Wanjiku Njagi, led sessions on urban mission, poverty, contextual theological education, social justice, advocacy, pastoral care, and sustainable ministry. A major highlight was the field visit to Makoko, where participants assessed the community's social, economic, environmental, and spiritual realities. Through lectures, discussions, case studies, and practical engagement, participants developed strategies for holistic urban ministry. The workshop concluded with renewed commitment to biblical, compassionate, and transformative ministry, reaffirming BCT Lagos' dedication to equipping ministers for effective service in Nigeria and beyond.

- Pastor Matthew Adegoke





2026 Matriculation

The College offered sixty-seven (67) provisional admissions into the various programmes while sixty-six (66) students signed the matriculation oath for the 2026/2027 Academic Session. The matriculation programme was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at the College Chapel. Dr Adeola Y. Olukosi, a health research scientist at the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Lagos, as well as a member of the Board of Governors, Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, delivered the matriculation address. The address centred on the broad theme of the College for the year – "A Glorious Ministry" (2 Cor. 3: 7-18).

-Rev. Adegbola E. Ojo





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 Church, Lagos.



The Worship Hall Under Construction.

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Training to be Upright and Godly
– Titus 2:12