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ABSTRACT

This work is an investigative essay on the congregational participation in the Sunday morning worship service in Nigerian Baptist Convention using Lagos and Ogbomoso as case studies. Its motive is to evaluate the overall impact of the current degree of participation and suggest a more pragmatic approach for pastors and other worship planners to enhance the worship services.

To achieve the stated objectives, the thesis surveyed the contemporary traditional method of worship as a background study, as well as analysed critically the yearnings of a cross section of Baptist members towards their active participation in every items of the worship programme as it conforms to the current trends and movements of the late twentieth century.

The result of the critical analysis was that NBC Sunday morning worship more often soon get bored to the congregation due to their idleness in the service. The fact reveals that pentecostal services pose a challenge to our membership especially the young and middle adults who will ultimately become the future of this great convention.

It was against these backgrounds that the researcher recommended that pastors and worship planners endeavour to get the congregation actively involved as much as possible in every items of the worship service. This was done with the hope that when the recommendations are implemented, the various churches will not be afraid of the "mushroom churches", sheep-stealing their members.