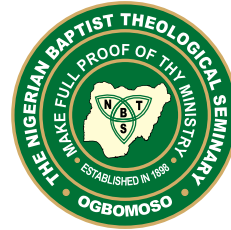




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## NEWSLETTER



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*From the President's Heart:*

## Bear Fruit as Christ's Disciple

On January 27, 2025, NBTS held her Faculty, Senior Staff and Management retreat to set the ball rolling for the year. The retreat was graciously hosted by Saja Baptist Church, Ogbomosho, under the leadership of Rev. Dr Bisi Ajasa. The theme of the retreat was 'Divine Expectation' based on Isaiah 5: 1- 7. Details of the proceedings of the retreat are available on the Seminary website [www.nbts.edu.ng](http://www.nbts.edu.ng).

As devotion and by way of introduction to the other messages at the retreat, the President addressed all Seminary Faculty and Senior staff on the topic 'Fulfilling Divine Expectation by Manifestation of Fruit of Discipleship' with the text taken from Galatians 5: 22-26. The message on discipleship is germane not only for Seminarians but also for stakeholders, family and friends of the Seminary. This charge is therefore here for all to be blessed by, and learn from in the year 2025.

### Introduction

I wish to direct our attention to the two angles where we can demonstrate our fruitfulness as God's garden and Christ's disciples. We must establish the assumption that we are disciples of Christ. As disciples, we will demonstrate our usefulness by bearing fruit. Normally, the planter of a tree will expect some fruit from the tree later. A fruitless disciple of Christ is a contradiction of terms. If there is no real fruit in our lives, we cannot claim to be true disciples. In the words of Jesus Christ in John 15:7-8, Jesus expects His disciples to remain in Him in order for them to bear much fruit.

### Dimensions of Manifestations of the Fruit

#### 1. Fruit in Character:

This is the fruit that comes out of the inward life. It is the fruit mentioned by Apostle Paul in Galatians 5:22-23. The fruit is expressed in graces which include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As a tree is known by its fruit, so also is a disciple known by their resemblance of Christ in inward character. This is why Paul states in Philippians 4:17: 'I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.' If we develop in manifesting such fruit, we will honour God and enjoy our own lives.

#### 2. Fruit in Service:

This is the outward ministry of a disciple. Having known the truth, we must show it forth for others to benefit. Jesus declares in John 4: 35-36.

'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest! Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now He harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may be glad together.

Fruits are also seen when souls are won for Christ, disciplined by concerned disciples, and led on to spiritual maturity. For us to fulfill this expectation, we must die to the self-dominated life (John 12:24). When we do this, the Spirit of God can make our lives fruitful.

### Conclusion

We have no excuse for disobedience (Micah6:8) and we cannot afford to fail God's expectations from us. May the Master of our souls help us to follow him, through the Holy Spirit and grant us the enablement to be true disciples of Christ in the kingdom service in Jesus' name.



**By Prof. Stephen  
Oladele Ayankeye,  
President, NBTS**

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## From the Desk of the

### DEPUTY PRESIDENT ADVANCEMENT

Happy new year to all our stakeholders, readers and fans! It is that time of the year when we release news from your institution, our institution, the Lord's institution! Glory to God for this privilege.

God has granted us many wonderful experiences from July to December 2024 and even for the time spent already in 2025. There have been many experiences of success, joyful moments, opportunities of upward climbs spiritually, intellectually, academically, ministry-wise and all round. Challenges and negative events are a part of life but God has granted us victory and testimonies as well. Indeed, "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8, KJV). Various officers and staff of the institution share their stories and testimonies in words and through photographs. Many of these articles are the abridged version. You can get more detailed news and more current information on the NBTS website [www.nbts.edu.ng](http://www.nbts.edu.ng) and through our X, Facebook and Instagram handles.

The New Year 2025 is a year of rounding off a number of things and starting new ones. One of these is the five year Strategic Plan begun in 2020 and ending this year. As your beloved institution evaluates the Strategic Plan that ends this year and work on another one for the next five years; we solicit your prayers and your valued input in our 360 degree evaluation. Please enter the link here if you are one of the stakeholders of NBTS. If you are an alumnus or alumna, a Nigerian Baptist minister, a lecturer, student, denominational officer or anyone who is knowledgeable about NBTS, you fall into this category. Your input will be of great help! Kindly send your input and encourage others to do likewise. The link is <http://forms.gle/udBssGxDfo53XFQF7>. All responses need to be in no later than May 15, 2025, please.

### COMING UP SOON

The following training opportunities, workshops and programmes are available from the Consultancy and Training units of NBTS Advancement Centre in 2025.

1. Bi-vocational Ministry Workshop - Tuesday, May 20 & Tuesday July 29, 2025
2. Multi-Staff Ministry Conference - May 21 - 22; July 30 - 31, 2025
3. Theology of Work Workshop - Monday, July 29, 2025
4. Chaplaincy Retreat - August 1, 2025
5. Retirement Preparation Workshop - August 8, 2025

Registration for the two-in-one workshops of Bi-vocational and Multi-staff ministry is fifteen thousand naira only (N15,000). Details on others will be released as time goes on. Please note the dates, save them, plan for them and help tell others. God bless and be with you!



Rev. Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi  
Deputy President Advancement

## ICHE CONFERENCE 2024

The 2024 edition of the Conference organised by the International Council for Higher Education (ICHE), West Africa Network took place between 24th and 25th October 2024 at the Conference Centre of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Ogbomoso. The theme of the conference was "Theological Education and Artificial intelligence (AI)".

Six commissioned papers, focusing on AI and research in Theological Education, Teaching-learning Process, Curriculum Development, Plagiarism, Character Formation, and Distance Learning were presented. The presenters gave helpful insights and there were robust discussions by participants.

A total of sixty five (65) people from ten (10) institutions participated in the conference; twenty seven of which joined online. In addition to the welcome address, keynote address, and two devotional messages presented in the two-day conference; sixteen participants also presented papers related to the conference theme.

A new publication in the ICHE textbook series "The Church and Community Health in Africa" was dedicated and launched during the conference. The conference was quite educative, insightful and enriching. Glory be to God for the success of the conference.





## The Minister and His Call: 2024 Ministers Conference

The 2024 Ministers' Conference has come and gone but the memory lingers on. The conference was held from September, 9 to 12, 2024 with the theme: 'The Gospel Minister and His Call' and the text was drawn from John 15:16. The Conference was held in hybrid mode as there were participants onsite and the Conference was also live streamed. Gospel ministers from all over Nigeria and beyond were in attendance.

The conference featured: Bible Study, Message, Revival Sessions, Talk Sessions, Fellowship meetings, denominational promotion, devotional message, Alumni celebration, and evangelism in the neighbourhood. Programme personnel for 2024 Ministers' Conference Included: Rev Dr Koeloh Saleh, the Bible Study teacher; Rev Dr Israel Ayuba, who led in Revival Hour; Rev Dr Israel Akanji, the Convention President, Rev Prof S. Ola Ayankeye, the Seminary President and other ministers.

The conferees dismissed on Thursday, September 12, 2024 after being reassured of their calling and having received greater strength and fresh mandates for ministry.



Mr. Dickson Onifade

## NBTS STAFF SCHOOL IS THIRTY!

We give glory, honour and adoration to Almighty God for the success recorded during the events of the 30th anniversary celebration of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Staff School (NBTS) on 19th September, 2024. May His name be praised forever!

The programme started with a rally round the Seminary community by the teachers and pupils in the school. Adorned in the special anniversary t-shirt and choice (mostly black) skirts or trousers, the tone was set for celebration as teachers and pupils sang, danced and jubilated, defying the gathering clouds and drizzles of rain on the said day.

The school crowd, led by the Headteacher, visited the President of the Seminary. Flanked by Deputy Presidents (DPs), Administration and Advancement (Dr G. A. Oyeniyi and Prof. O.O. Ayo-Obiremi respectively), and the Registrar of the Seminary (Dr. D. O. Oluwole); The President, Rev. Prof. Stephen Ayankeye greeted and congratulated the Headmistress, the staff and students, and charged us all. The other officers also spoke and prayed. After returning to the school premises the formal programme started at 10.am and was attended by almost all ex-teachers and ex-Head teachers. The Deputy President Administration (Dr G. A. Oyeniyi), the Director of Commercial Services (Rev. Soji Ojo), Rev. Mrs Taiwo Ayeni, (the Ancillary schools Chaplain) and Rev. Dr Samson Okediji were among the programme personnel. Some parents were also present. A more detailed account is on the NBTS website. We all praise God for the privilege of being part of the history-making event.



Janet Adejare

For and on behalf of NBTSSS

## HISTORY STUDENTS' EXCURSION TO NIGERIAN NATIONAL ARCHIVES, IBADAN

Field trips are among the ways to learn through practical experience. The Church History unit under the Department of Intercultural Studies, Faculty of Theological Studies, the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Ogbomosho, had a Field trip to the Nigerian National Archives, Ibadan, on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. The team was led by Rev. Dr Olayori Ayotunde Oguntade and consisted of PhD candidates Reverends Joel A. Atiba, Elijah Alao, Olusegun Adegboye, Samson Olomu, Dominion Eseoghene and Master's Degree candidates, Adedeji O. Fodeke, Adebowale Sunday Lawal, and Morakinyo Odunayo Adeyi. The team departed from the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary at around 8:44 am and arrived at the Faculty of Arts building, University of Ibadan at 11:40 am. The team met the staff of the Archives, Archivist Peter Ayoade, whom Dr Olayori Oguntade (our Facilitator) and Professor Ademola Ajayi of the Department of Religious Studies, had arranged to coordinate the tour.

The Archives is situated in one of the old renovated buildings of the university near the Chapel of Resurrection in a two-story building complex. The team was taken to the reception area and given a general overview of the history, essence, functions, processes, and sections of the National Archives, such as the repositories, reference room, archival library, and ICT section. The tour guide, Peter Ayoade, provided nose masks and led the team in touring the repositories and sections of the National Archives, explaining more about the contents and purposes of each repository and department. The archived documents were kept in acidic-free boxes and arranged on labelled shelves, with dummy slips to identify them. The tour lasted for about two and a half hours. The team had the privilege of seeing the equipment used to preserve the archived documents and meeting other institute staff members.

Courtesy Visit to Prof Ademola Ajayi

The team's facilitator, Rev Dr Olayori A. Oguntade, led the team to the office of Prof S Ademola Ajayi, one of the foremost African Church Historians, to greet and appreciate his efforts for the successful tour. He received the team with warmth and spoke about the impact of the Seminary in fostering the preservation of historical materials, noting that most primary sources for his books on Baptist History were obtained from the Seminary. The team left the University of Ibadan by 2:54 pm and had a smooth journey back to Ogbomosho by 5:25 pm. It was an eventful excursion, and every team member was thrilled with the experience.

The team also looks forward to a time when NBTS will have established standard repositories where historical documents and artefacts are preserved for future generations.



## WOMENS TRAINING CENTRE CONTINUES TO ADVANCE

**Sandwich 2024 Contact Session:** The 2024 Contact Session of the Women's Training Centre Sandwich Programme held between July 29 and August 9, 2024. Over a hundred pastors' wives from all walks of life joined both virtually and physically from different parts of Nigeria to participate in the programme. Some of the activities included classroom sessions, daily devotions, ministerial visitation to Kersey Children's Home of the Bowen University Teaching Hospital in Ogbomosho; practical sessions on vocational and skill acquisition, and a closing programme consisting of social interaction, testimonies and prayers.

**Vocational & Skills Acquisition Workshops:** Bead-Making: On October 1, 2024 during the Seminary Long Weekend, a workshop on bead-

making was organized at the WTC facilitated by Miss Olajire Oyeokun a member of the Lydia Auxillary of Ayegun Baptist Church, Ogbomosho, assisted by Mrs Joy Ishola. The latter, the immediate past Prefect of the 2023/2024 set of the WTC gave an overview of what the art of beading entails while Miss Oyedokun enumerated the many benefits of having this skill and various items that could be made using beads such as handbags, jewelries, belts, keychains and more. For this workshop, three styles of keychain were learned: the Ball of 30, the Crawl Shape, and the L Shape. There were 30 participants and everyone was equipped with a new skill and three beautiful keychains which they made by themselves.

**Bouquet & Rosettes Making and Flower Arrangements:** On October 18, 2024, another workshop was held at the WTC featuring the making of different types of Rosette, lapel broaches, bouquets and arrangement of flowers for various purposes and tips for decorations. The invited instructor was Mrs Remi Ojewale, a WTC Alumna of the Glad Tidings Baptist Church, Ogbomosho. She enumerated the benefits of having this skill and shared many testimonies of ministry opportunities she has recieved through this art. There were 33 participants at this workshop.

**WTC Anchored Chapel Services:**

**Missions Emphasis Week:** To round-up the missions emphasis programme of the Seminary for this year, WTC students led the community in intensive and fervent prayers on October 25, 2024. The NBC international mission fields in the emphasis for this year were Uganda, Togo, Benin Republic and Niger Republic.

**Revival Service:** On November 7, 2024 and in continuation with the theme of the Revival Service of the Seminary; the WTC Drama Group presented a dance drama titled, "Thy Will Be Done". The main actresses were Mrs Leah Adesakin and Mrs Doreen Sayoh. The ministration was highly impactful and everyone was blessed.

**Practicum Sessions:** The practicum sessions for Girls Auxilliary and Lydia Auxilliary, Introduction to Home Management and Food and Nutrition courses were colourful this semester. Aside from the facilitators of the courses; Rev. Ruth Okunade, Dr Olukemi Adejuwon and Dr Evelyn Olusanya respectively, some lecturers from other Departments and Faculties of the Seminary were invited as assessors. They include Mrs Dorcas Olaleye, Dr Janet Adeyanju, Dr Seyi Ejikunle, Dr Raphael Oparinde and Dr Bolaji Olagoke. The students were joyful as they made their presentations with excitement. We praise God that the WTC continues to advance.



**Olukemi Adejuwon**  
*WTC Supervisor*

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

The Faculty of Education has had an eventful and rewarding period from August 2024 till the end of the year, marked by the following achievements and celebrations:

**Welcome and Orientation Service:** On August 19, 2024, the Faculty of Education held her annual welcome and orientation programme for new and returning residential undergraduate and postgraduate students. Students were introduced to the faculty's academic, social, and spiritual expectations which set the tone for a fruitful academic journey.

**Academic Achievements:** Congratulations to Rev. Olakunle Ayeni and Dr. Olayemi Akande for their recent academic accomplishments. Rev. Ayeni earned a Master's degree from the University of Ilorin, while Dr. Akande completed a doctoral degree at Lead University, Ibadan.

**Faculty Improvement:** Rev. Olakunle Ayeni, a faculty member in the Faculty of Education, has embarked on a new academic journey by pursuing a doctoral degree at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho.

**NBTS Christmas Enrichment Programme:** The Faculty of Education hosted the NBTS Christmas Enrichment Service on November 21, 2024. Themed "Season of Fulfillment of Promise," the event was a concert-like celebration filled with music, reflections, prayers, and shared joy, emphasizing the hope and promise of the Christmas season.



**Rev. Dr Ruth M. Oyeniyi**  
*Dean Faculty of Education*

**STUDENT AFFAIRS FAMILY NEWS**

God the Alpha and Omega has done it again and preserved the entire Student populace through the second half of year 2024. Some significant events within the Student Body are as follows.

**Birth:** God graciously blessed the Seminary community with fifteen (15) babies between July and December 2024.

**Marriage:** A total of twenty-two (22) student pastors registered, underwent premarital counselling and got married by December 2024.

**Religious Affairs:**

- Community Victory March (August 18th)
- Monthly Covenant Renewal Prayer
- Ministers Conference prayer Marathon (9th-12th September, 2024)
- Student Body Vigil (11th October, 2024)
- Weekly evangelism and visitation to BUTH: every Tuesday, 1-2pm
- Weekly evangelism trip to the Prison: every Saturday, 11am-12:30pm
- Intercessory prayers for the community: 10:30-10:50am and 9:00-9:30pm; Mondays to Fridays, every week.
- Staff School Ministry: every Friday, 12-1pm
- Strategic Ministry Evangelism: 5:30-6:00am and 10-10:30am, Monday to Friday weekly.

**Skill Acquisition:** A Free skills acquisition for all students for this session was organized from 16th - 18th October, 2024. The training educated students on how to get acquainted with ICT skills in Corel draw, Photoshop, and Capcut. More than forty five students registered for the training.

**Award:** Pastor Roseline Adeyemo, a degree three student, won the first position of the African Theologians' Scholarship during the 2024 Theologians' Hangout which held out at UMCATC Ilorin. The hangout was sponsored by Research Institute for Public Development and Sustainability (RIPUDS), and featured upcoming theologians.

**Sporting Activities**

Friday 8th September, an evangelistic novelty match between NBTS Football Team and Shey Normal Football Team of Praise Baptist Church, Sango Ota. During the Ministers Conference, a novelty match was played between Alumni Football Team and NBTS Football Team. It was a goalless draw. The Interdepartmental football Competition kick-started on Tuesday 24th September. The President did the kick off of the first match which was between Intercultural Studies and the Church Music. Different activities such as Volleyball, Tennis, ayo olopon, and ludo were also ongoing simultaneously. The match continued after Long Weekend break on Tuesday 8th October and held weekly throughout the month of October. While the Interdepartmental Competition was ongoing; a football competition was played in honour of Rev Dr 'Tayo Adeyanju on the occasion of his 50th birthday celebration. NBTS Football Team played NCCF Football Team on Saturday 5th October at Semi Final level. The game ended with a score of 7:0 in favour of NBTS Football Team. The Final was played between NBTS Football Team and Conference Royal Ambassadors Team on Saturday 12th October. The game ended 1:1 draw and was decided on penalties which was won by Royal Ambassadors.



The last day of the competition (19th November) was between the Faculties of Theology and Church Music Football Teams. In attendance were the NBTS President Rev Prof. S. Ola. Ayankeye, Deputy President Administration Rev Dr G. Ademola Oyeniyi, Director of Student Affairs (DSA), Rev Dr Esther V. Odunlami, the Assistant DSA, Rev Dr Raphael Oparinde, Rev Dr Edward Nnanna, Rev Dr Oluseyi Ejikunle, and the Student Body President, Rev Akusa D. Gajere. The official kick off was done by the Deputy President Administration on behalf of NBTS President.

**Results at Finals**

- Football Church Music 1 (7) VS (8) 1 Theology
- Table Tennis Education 0 versus 1 Intercultural Studies
- Ayo Olopon Theology 3 versus 0 Education
- Draught Theology 2 versus 3 Church Music
- Ludo Theology 2 versus 1 Intercultural Studies
- Lawn Tennis Theology 3 versus 0 Church Music

Awards were given as follows: Best Goalkeeper - Aruka Isaiah, Highest Goalscorer - Albert Banda and Most Valuable Player - Michael Oyelami.

Officials for football were David Ayanwale, Olusegun Adigun, Taiwo Blessing, Timothy Jesutofunmi Akano, Festus Oyeleke Oyelowo, Shadrach Samson and Emmanuel Adegbola while those for tennis were Olayinka Esuola and Oluwaseun Kayode Oladunmoye. Volleyball officials were Bamshak Jeremiah Pogwan, Yerima Tata, John Ismail and Olamilekan Philip Amule.

Committee Members consisted of Victor Oyedibu Oyelowo, the Chairman, Timothy J. Akano, Eze Innocent Joseph, Remi Fabunmi, Samson Faramoluwa, Bamshak J Pogwan, Oladimeji Ebenezer Adisa and Oluwaseun K. Oladunmoye.



Newly wed Pastor & Mrs Victor Damilola Ayoola

Pastor Roseline Aderonke Adeyemo receives the first position prize at the 2024 Theologians Hangout

**Dr. Mrs Esther V. Odunlami**  
*Director of Student Affairs*

**NBTS Represented At Financial Sustainability Summit, Nairobi, Kenya**

Financial sustainability Summit was organized by All African Baptist Fellowship (AABF). The maiden edition of the programme was held at Ridgeways Baptist Church, Nairobi Kenya. It attracted participants from Africa and beyond. Countries represented included Nigeria, Togo, Ghana, Cameroon, Malawi, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, United States of America and Canada. Present from Nigeria were the Bursar of NBTS, Dcn Opeyemi Fasipe and the Vice President Finance and Investments of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Dcn Biodun Oloyede. The summit focused on how Baptist institutions can be financially independent with less focus and dependence on international grants. The programme recorded about 60 participants consisting of local leaders and international delegates.



By Opeyemi Fasipe,  
*Bursar, NBTS*

**NBTS CELEBRATES HER OWN IN SPECIAL WAYS**

**FORMAL OFFICIAL BEGINNING FOR REV. PROF. JOHN OLUCHI ENYINNAYA**

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS) Faculty, staff, and students showed love and solidarity, as representatives of various NBTS groups converged at Oritamefa Baptist Church on September 15, 2024 to celebrate and celebrate with Rev. Prof. John Oluchi Enyinnaya during his induction as Vice President Ministerial of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. Having served as Church Pastor, as Lecturer in NBTS; as Rector, Baptist College of Theology Obinze and more recently as the Dean of Post Graduate Studies of NBTS, Rev. Prof. Enyinnaya is currently on leave of absence to serve the Nigerian Baptist Convention as the Vice President Ministerial.

Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, the President of NBTS, and his wife, Rev. Mrs Susana Ayankeye, the Deputy Presidents - Academics, Administration and Advancement - Rev. Prof. Olusayo Oladejo, Dr Gabriel O. Oyeniyi and Rev. Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi respectively; the Registrar Rev. Dr Dele Oluwole, the Bursar Dcn Opeyemi Fasipe, the Chaplain, Rev. Dr Olaide Ajeigbe, as Principal Officers; the Deans of Faculty of Church Music and Faculty of Theological Studies; Rev. Dr Samuel Auda and Rev. Dr Ezekiel Adejuwon representing other leaders; and a number of lecturers (including Drs Felix Ajedukun, Sub-dean Post Graduate School), Rev. Dr Oladele Olabode (Head of Department of Administration and Leadership), and Rev. Dr Olukemi Adejuwon (Supervisor, Women's Training Centre) among others, graced the occasion.

Some NBTS staff (represented by The Physical Planning Officer (Rev. A. Adeduyite, Mrs Areo, Secretary PG School), and students (represented by the Student Body President Rev. Akusa Gajere among others) were at the programme as well. Also present at the occasion were the leadership of the Nigerian Baptist Convention - who were actually the chief hosts; dignitaries from all over Nigeria and many others onsite and others online. Among these were the Convention President & his wife Rev. Dr Israel & Mrs Victoria Akanji the Convention Chairman, Rev. Dr Yusuf Gwadah, former Board Chairman of the Baptist College Theology, Obinze, Barrister Temple Waamah; Prof. Enyinnaya's family, represented by his cousin, Mr Francis Ubochi, his brother-in-law, Mr Samson Opara and many others.

The Convention President, Rev. Dr Israel Akanji preached; Rev. Dr Rachel Lateju presented the Bible on behalf of the Convention and the choirs of the Baptist Building and Oritamefa Baptist Church sang. There were many other dignitaries on programme and present at the occasion. In his appreciation speech, Rev. Prof Enyinnaya revered and praised God for life, salvation, His grace and the love that He continues to shower upon him and his family. He described God as truly their Ebenezer. Prof. Enyinnaya acknowledged and thanked the NBC leadership, NBTS leadership and other members of the Seminary community, his church family from Antioch Baptist Church Ogbomoso, well-wishers family and friends. He expressed specific gratitude to the leadership and entire membership of the Nigerian Baptist Convention family for giving him the privilege and platform to serve the people of God. He appreciated the various attendees onsite and online already mentioned. In addition, he appreciated Oritamefa Baptist Church for opening their doors for the programme to hold there. He remembered to appreciate his predecessors in the office: Dr Clement Amadi, Dr Gold Anie and Dr Dickson Madoghwe, who he noted had all been in touch with him. He ensured to thank his amiable wife and family as well and he made a specific commitment to equip saints for Kingdom service on a global scale and, by so doing, contribute to the growth and expansion of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.



**Olusola Ayo-Obiremi**  
*Deputy President Advancement  
for NBTS Advancement Unit*



## A GOOD END-OF-TENURE FOR THE DADAS OF KWARA BAPTIST CONFERENCE

The end of a matter is better than its beginning (Ecclesiastes 7:8a). This verse is not cliché nor just a saying for the “good old times” of the philosopher, the wise man of old; but confirmed in the life of another Solomon. November 23, 2024 was a date when ten years of hard work, courage, perseverance, commitment resilience and consistency among other things paid off, marking the near end of a decade of service for Rev. Dr Victor Solomon Adebayo Dada, the outgoing president of Kwara Baptist Conference of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. Dr Dada was appreciated, celebrated and sent forth at the Kwara Baptist Conference Secretariat, Afon Road, Ganmo, Kwara State.

The Isanlu-Isin native cleric was born to Deacon Jacob and Mrs Dada of blessed memory, who were founding members of Alaafia Oluwa Baptist Church, Isanlu Isin, Kwara State. Rev. Dr Dada is an alumnus of The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary having obtained his Bachelors (1991), Masters (2002) and Doctoral (2008) degrees from the institution. Having served as Church Pastor in Kwara, Osun, Ondo, Oyo, Kaduna Benue and Lagos States; the ten year leadership in Kwara Baptist Conference with the cooperation of his wife and children began on January 1, 2015 and ended December 31, 2024. As a positive example of products of NBTS, Rev. Dr Dada has built upon the good work of his predecessor in office, Rev. Dr Samuel Adeola Adeniyi who was also present at the appreciation service with his wife, Rev. Mrs Janet Adeniyi.

Proud of this worthwhile alumnus- turned Council member of NBTS, the leadership attended the programme in grand style. The President, Rev. Prof. S.Ola Ayankeye was on programme and so was Rev. Prof. Simon Kolawole, the Dean of PG school and a native of Kwara State himself. Others who attended the occasion from NBTS were Rev. Mrs Susan Ayankeye, wife of the President; Dcn Prof. Abel Ogunwale, a prominent member of the Governing Council; Rev. Dr Gabriel Oyeniyi, Deputy President (DP) Administration; Rev. Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi, DP Advancement; Rev. Dr Dele Oluwole, the Registrar; Mr Olalere, Dcn Philip and Abigail.

The occasion was graced by the cream of the crop of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and of Kwara State. Among these were the Chairman of the Convention, Rev. Dr Yusuf Gwada (in his own right and representing the Convention President), Two of the Convention Vice Presidents - Dcn Musa Ubandoma - VP Admin and Human Resources and Dcn Biodun Oloyede, VP Finance and Investments. Dr Mrs Rachel A. Lateju, Executive Director of WMU was present with her entourage; Some other Directors were represented by their spouses - Rev. Mrs Adebisi James represented the Director, Youth and Students; Rev. Mrs Temi Adewumi, represented the Director of Global Missions, among others. Also present to grace the occasion were a number of erstwhile officers in the Convention and her Conferences. Among these were former Conference Presidents of Ibadan, Kwara, Ogbomoso respectively - Rev Dr Stephen Adekunle, Rev. Dr Samuel Adeniyi, Rev. Dr Israel Olaniyan and their spouses.

Rev Dr Yusuf Gwada preached an apt sermon titled “God Remembers”. He took his text from Hebrews 6:10 - 11. He extolled the virtues and acts of valour of Rev. Dr Dada, appreciated his commitment, exemplary and enviable life as supported by his wife and challenged participants to also work with commitment, noting that God sees and He remembers each person's labour of love. Laced with songs at the beginning in the middle and at the end of the message intertwined with prayer; Dr Gwada left the prayer and assurance that God would take care of the Dada family.

There was a lot of music in the celebration. Special numbers were rendered by students of the Baptist Academy, and the Mass Choir of Kwara Conference sang praises to God in their own unique way. Rev. Dr Philip Adika led in the praises during thanks offering as well. The Harmony Brass team consisting of a child, young and middle aged people also added to the glee and gleam just before the decorating of Rev. Dr and Mrs Dada by CSO - Church/Conference/Convention Security Unit.

The service showcased Rev. Dada as a 360 degree man as family, friends, colleagues, classmates, and well wishers gathered to celebrate him, his family and God's work through him among them and to share their tributes and fraternal greetings. There were very many tributes from Kwara State and from the NBC family. The Governor of Kwara State, His Excellency Alhaji Abdulrahman Abdulrasaq was represented. Other bodies of Kwara State such as the Isanlu Isin Development Union, represented by the Vice President of the Union, Jacob Ayanda and others were present. His Royal Highness Oba Dr Solomon Oluwenga Oloyede, the Olusun Isin of Isanlu Isin, extremely happy with the testimony and life of an illustrious son of the soil was present and in high spirits. Evangelist Omolewa Ahmed, wife of former Governor of Kwara State also graced the occasion.

From Christendom, both denominational and interdenominational bodies were present to share their goodwill. On the interdenominational front, Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN), Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN) and Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) were represented. Baptist Minister, Rev. Jacob Majolagbe represented Christian Association of Nigeria in Kwara State. The book written in honour of Rev. Dr V. S. A. Dada was coordinated and compiled Rev. DR M. A. Adeyemo and Rev Dr R. I. Ibitoye was dedicated and launched. Rev. Dr Bola Ajiteru the Conference Charman of Kwara Baptist Conference, Dns AB Olagunju, Chairman of the send forth planning committee and other dignitaries from Kwara Baptist conference played good hosts and ensured that all went on seamlessly.

We give glory to God for travelling mercies, for the life and contributions of Rev. Dr V. S. A. Dada to Kwara Baptist Conference and his worthwhile contributions to the Governing Council of NBTS as a result of his leadership position in Kwara Baptist Conference. We pray God's richest blessings on him and his family in all their endeavours henceforth, for the continual growth of Kwara Baptist Conference and for greater heights for his successors in Jesus' name.



**Olusola Ayo-Obiremi**  
Deputy President Advancement for NBTS Advancement Unit

## 2024 National Day Service



## ICYM IBADAN CENTRE HOLDS HER FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY

International Centre for Youth Ministry (ICYM) recorded another milestone achievement as Ibadan Centre graduated forty-eight (48) students in her “informal training programme” on Monday December 9, 2024. Dcn Dr. Emmanuel Musa Ubandoma, the Vice President (VP) Administration and Personnel of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and Rev Dr Oyekola Bamidele, Conference President, Ibadan Baptist Conference were among the graduants. The event took place at the Nigerian Baptist Convention Headquarters, Oke-Bola, Ibadan. Rev Prof John Enyinnaya, Vice President Ministerial charged the congregation at the event on the topic “Youth Group: A New Mission Field” He led the congregation to read Matthew 28:19-20. He emphasized that Baptists need to put her good content into good packaging to retain young people. He reiterated that Africa has a larger percentage of younger population in the world. He also emphasized that this training of youth leaders and workers is a very viable response to the great commission. Programme Personnel and guests at the occasion were Rev Prof. John Enyinnaya (VP Ministerial NBC), Rev Dr Olawuyi James, Director, Youth and Students Ministries NBC, Rev Dr Ruth Oyeniyi, Dean Faculty of Education NBTS Ogbomoso who represented the NBTS President (Rev Prof S Ola Ayankeye), Rev Dr Philip Oyedapo Rector, Christian Theological Seminary, Ibadan, Rev Dr Joshua Ibukunoluwa, Director ICYM, Rev Collins Olatunji, National Coordinator Youth Ministry Division, NBC, Dcn. Femi Adedokun,



Investment Manager, Baptist Building, NBC, Rev Aderemi Adeyoye, Administrative Officer ICYM and Rev Femi Oyeleke, the Class Representative of the graduands. All glory belongs to the Lord! ICYM trusts God for more open doors and solicits your prayers.



By Rev. Aderemi Adeyoye,  
*Administrative Officer, ICYM*

## MAIDEN CONFERENCE AND INAUGURATION OF THE BAPTIST HISTORY AND HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NIGERIA

A twin event of historical significance happened in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Ogbomoso on April 16-17, 2024. It was the maiden conference of the Baptist History and Heritage Society of Nigeria (BHHSN) and the Inauguration of the BHHSN and her sister organization, the Baptist History and Heritage Academy of Nigeria (BHHAN). The Siamese organisations are to serve as promoters of Baptist identity and core values in Baptist churches, homes and institutions.

At the event, the President of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Ogbomoso, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, congratulated the visionary leaders of the organization, and promised that the NBTS will partner with BHHSN through the NBTS Museums and Archives to advance the preservation of the Nigerian Baptist history and Heritage. With the theme "Nigerian Baptists and Denominational Identity in a Rapidly Changing World", the Inauguration address was delivered by Rev. Dr Dickson Madogwe (the immediate past Vice President Ministerial of the Nigerian Baptist Convention).

The lead papers (Nigerian Baptists and Denominational Identity Crises: Issues and Way Forward, and Baptist Ministers and Declining Denominational Loyalty) were presented by Prof Ademola Ajayi of the University of Ibadan, and Rev Dr Emmanuel Adewara of the First Baptist Church, Kubwa, FCT respectively. Several papers were also presented in the conference as the conference drew over seventy people (70) from different parts of Nigeria. High points of the conference included the induction of the national executive of the BHHSN with Dr Gbenga Adebayo as the national President; and induction of Doctors Humphrey Okerefor and Ayotunde Oguntade as Consultants.

Former lecturers of Baptist History in the NBTS, Doctors Dele Adeleru and Ezekiel Bamigboye were decorated as "Pathfinders" of BHHSN while Dr Dickson Madogwe, Professors Deji Ayegboyin, Ademola Ajayi and Matthews Ojo were decorated as Patrons. The Vice President (Administration and Human Resources) of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Dcn Musa Ubandoma was one of the dignitaries at the occasion.



Rev Samson Olugbenga Adebayo, PhD,  
*National President, BHHSN.*

## EXPANSION AND GROWTH OF THE DISTANCE LEARNING CENTRE

In the last two months of 2024, the Distance Learning Centre (DLC) experienced notable instances of expansion and growth. These include: The completion of the DLC studio and production room; the installation of a 5KW solar power system providing 24 hour electricity for DLC offices, studio, production room, E- library, and the office of the Web and Portal Officer.

Welcoming our Horizon Educational Services (HISMoodle) partners from the United States of America to the Seminary. Alan Cuthbert and Brian Dix came to offer technical and partnership support for the HISMoodle platform, and also interacted with faculty members and other stakeholders of the Seminary. It was a great experience and we are grateful to the leadership of the Seminary for their help and support to the Unit.



Celestina Areo-Odonayo,  
*Secretary, DLC*

## PRAGMATIC ACADEMIC VISIT TO THE NIGERIAN BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS, IBADAN

As a means of fostering pragmatic educational approach to teaching and learning, thirty-three (33) Religious Education students offering various courses at different levels in the Faculty of Education of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, embarked on an academic visit to the Christian Education Department of the Nigerian Baptist Convention (NBC), at the Baptist Headquarters, Ibadan, Oyo State. Students offering Competency-Based Religious Education (B.A.RE 4); Philosophy of Education (MDiv.RE 3); Contributions to Educational Thoughts and Practices (MRE 1); and Advanced Historical Foundations of Religious Education (PhD.RE 1 & 2) under Dr. Oluwafemi Amoran and the class offering Religious Education of Media (MDiv.RE 3) under the tutelage of Dr Olayemi Akande were those involved in the visit.

The essence of the visit was to motivate the students to discovering the need for integrating theological education into the Christian educational ministries of the church. The academic adventure was highly educative as the students had the opportunity to interact with the officers of the Christian Education Department (CED) of the NBC, and her Director - Dr. Foluke Ola. Various areas of required synergy were pointed out to the students, as the CED also discovered areas requiring synergy with theological education, especially, their educational programmes.

Other than the educative exposure for both the NBTS students and staff of the CED, the Dr. Foluke Ola facilitated the orientation of the students about the Baptist Building. Together with the faculty members, the students were led to pay courtesy visits to principal officers of the Convention. The Vice President (Ministerial) - Prof. John O. Enyinnaya received the team with gladness. The Vice President (Administration and Human Resources) - Dr Emmanuel M. Ubandoma and Vice President (Finance and Investments) - Dcn. Joseph A. Oloyede, also received the excursion team with gladness and gave their peculiar words of encouragement, seeking for the continuation of such visits. Other Directors of Departments at the Baptist Building equally received the team with gladness. Some of such include: Dr. Elizabeth I. Aderounmu of Social Ministries Department; Dr. Olawuyi James of Youth and Student Ministries Department and Dr. Stephen B. Adigun of Publications Department.

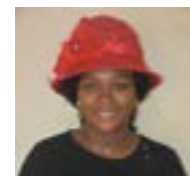
The visit included the New Frontiers Television, where students offering Religious Education of Media were able to get acquainted with personnel and resources of the Media House of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. Without doubt, the visit was educative, inspirational and motivational for continuing integration of theological education towards fostering effective Christian educational programmes of the church. Interactions and exposure of both the CED staff and the Faculty of Education Students of the Seminary, germane to ensure achieving possible and positive development in the future. The report from both ends ascertained that the visit was not just a tour, but of revelation capable of birthing new development in the educational ministries of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

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**Adebola A. Olatoye**  
*Ag. Librarian*

## ACTIVITIES OF THE PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2024

We bless the name of the Lord for the grace to report some operations of the Physical Planning Office for the period stated above.

The following activities were carried out by the Physical Planning Office:

1. Roofing of the ongoing Executive Suite building project was completed. Other construction works such as plastering, tiling, window installation, electrical and plumbing works as well as carpentry works are currently ongoing as at the time of writing this report.  
The building is projected to be completed and dedicated by April, 2025.
2. Renovation works were carried out and completed in the Publishing Unit
3. Renovation of three staff residential quarters were carried out.
4. Routine maintenance on other Seminary facilities such as building, road, vehicle servicing and repairs, electrical and plumbing work as well as generator servicing and repairs were also carried out during this period as well.



**Adeleye J. Adeduyite**  
*Physical Planning Officer*



## THE NBTS PUBLISHING UNIT: SHARING AUTHORS' THOUGHTS WITH THE WORLD

The Publishing Unit, a division of Kingdom Impact Publishing and Media Limited of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, remains dedicated to helping authors share their cherished thoughts and ideas with the world. This is achieved through an exceptional publishing process that ensures continuous dialogue with clients, aiming to meet their desires while aligning with the company's values and standards. In light of this commitment, the unit presents a record of the projects between July and December, 2024.

*My Ebenezer: The Memoirs of a Man God Helped* is a moving true-life story of faith, betrayal, and resilience. Over two decades, the author endures deception by his spouse and best friend, unravelling hidden truths amid painful trials. This memoir, grounded in 40 recorded conversations, explores relationship complexities and the need for transparency. Through God's grace, the author finds strength, offering readers a profound reminder of divine protection and a guide to fostering open, trusting relationships.



*Inclusive Pastoral Ministry*, edited by Oluwafemi Samuel Amoran and Abosede Hellen Ayinde, is a Festschrift in honour of Rev. Dr. Kayode Ayinde to celebrate his two decades of pastoral ministry. The book is a compilation of contributions from various authors, aiming to inspire the inclusivity of all individuals and resources in the conceptualization and functioning of the Church. It highlights the importance of collaboration among all ministerial offices and the effective use of resources to advance the mission of the Church. Authors who contributed in the book are seasoned gospel ministers and professionals who have spent at least a decade in their various fields and other leadership positions.



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**Dr Oluwafemi S. Amoran**

*NBTS, Publishing Officer and Acting Director,  
Kingdom Impact Publishing and Media Ltd.*

## A DECADE OF DEDICATED SERVICE: APPRECIATION SERVICE IN HONOUR OF Rev. Dr. Bamidele Oluwole

October 17, 2024 was a day of deep gratitude, standing ovations, and heartfelt tributes as Rev. Dr. David Bamidele Oluwole, the outgoing Registrar of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, was honored at an appreciation service, having completed a decade of service in the office, from September 2014 to 2024. The service, presided over by the Deputy President Academics, Prof. Olusayo Oladejo, was attended by students, faculty, and guests from both within and outside Ogbomosho. Held at 10 am in the NBTS Alumni Multipurpose Hall, the event featured a lively praise and worship session, with ministration from the NBTS Choral Ensemble, prayers, gifts sharing and a book launch.

The scripture reading was taken from 1 Corinthians 9:7-14, after which the guest minister, Rev. Prof. Emiola Nihinlola, delivered a message on "The Rights of a Christian Worker." He urged Christian workers to seek their rights with humility rather than through conflict and reminded the celebrant, along with others, that God is faithful and will never forget their labour. A special part of the event was the launch of a book/festschrift in Dr. Oluwole's honour. The book, *Theological Education Administration: Issues and Dynamics*, was reviewed by Dr. Felix Ajedokun, and the official launch conducted by Rev. Taiwo Opajobi. Numerous dignitaries, staff members, and institutions participated in launching the book and giving their testimonies and gifts to the celebrant.

Dr. Oluwole and his wife gave all the glory to God as Dr. Oluwole reflected on his administrative journey, describing it as an "accident of providence," one in which he relied on God's grace to carry him through. He also expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the Seminary, the Governing Council, churches, all well-wishers, and to those who contributed to the book's success and his success in office. He concluded by thanking his family, particularly his wife

and daughter, for their continuous support and numerous sacrifices. Pastor Mrs. Victoria Akanji, who represented the President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention led in the closing prayer. As Rev. Dr. David Bamidele Oluwole moves on to new responsibilities, the lasting impact of his service will continue to be felt.



**Pastor Debo Odunlami, MDiv RE 3**  
*for NBTS Advancement Centre*

## NBTS CHRISTIAN DRAMA COURSE BIDS FAREWELL TO DR KOREDE ARE AND TAKES A LEAP FORWARD

The twin courses of Introduction to Media Ministries through Christian Drama and Introduction to Christian Drama and Script Writing have held as an elective for four years in January during NBTS minimester period. The first set held their classes in January 2021. While Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi has been the coordinating facilitator for all four sets; there have been others who shared from their wealth of knowledge and experience each time. Those who assisted in facilitating in 2021 and 2023 were Rev. Oluwatayomi Abiola of University Baptist Church; Rev. Dr Olaide Ajeigbe, and Pastor Olakunle Ayeni, both from NBTS.

In 2023 and 2024, the classes enjoyed the presence of some of these same leaders and in addition, Rev. Femi Jemiriye of Fountain of Praise and Power Baptist Church, Ogbomosho; Mrs Funmi Adigun of Calvary Drama Ministries and Mr Joshua James, formerly of the same ministry. For both years, the classes enjoyed the presence and experience sharing by Dr Korede Are, now of blessed memory. This January, some of the members of the 2025 set joined Prof. Ayo Obiremi on January 30 and 31 to pay last respects to Dr Are at the Service of Songs, Drama night and the funeral held in his honour. The Acting Doves of the Seminary ministered at the Drama night held in honour of this committed evangelistic drama Minister.

The 2025 set had the privilege of meeting and learning from online facilitators in addition to those onsite. These were Evangelist Biola Jesulowo of Signs and Wonders Anointed Ministries Intercontinental (SIWOM); a professor of Christian drama and lecturer at Eruwa Campus of the Ibadan Polytechnic and Mr Jethro Olufemi based in Lagos. To the



glory of God, in addition, this year's class coincided with the location of NIBDRA at Oyo. This provided class members the privilege of experiencing a filming location experience and became an icing on the cake for them. We praise God for the President of NIBDRA, Dcn Richard Adesola, the executive members, the cast and the crew who welcomed NBTS students with open arms and helped them enjoy the practical experience of movie making as icing on the cake for their classroom experience. We look forward to having many more people take this elective in years to come as God uses Christian drama to turn hearts of people to Himself and to transform them in their life on earth to His glory.

**Olusola Ayo-Obiremi**  
Course Facilitator

## NBTS LEARNS TO SAY OVER AND AGAIN . . . 'Thy Will Be Done'

The 2024 first Semester Revival Service at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS), Ogbomoso, based on Matthew 6:9-10 held from Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event brought together students, Faculty, and Staff for a time of spiritual renewal. Rev. Dr. Diran Adeleke, Pastor of Oritamefa Baptist Church in Ibadan, ministered as the revival preacher in the English section via the theme "Thy Will Be Done". As Day One commenced, the Seminary President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, remarked that this year's theme is a continuation of the Spiritual Renewal programme held earlier in the year themed "Thy Kingdom Come".

Using Scripture, Rev. Dr. Adeleke affirmed that God desires for us to understand His will. He divided explanation of the concept of God's will down into three distinct aspects as follows:

- God's Will of Decree (Sovereign Will) God's unchangeable, overarching plan for creation (Ephesians 1:11). Humankind has no power over this.
- God's Will of Desire (Moral Will) God's general instructions for righteous living as stated in Scripture (Romans 12:1-2) and
- God's Will of Direction (Providential Will) The specific, individual path God has for each believer.

On Day Two, Dr Adeleke focused on "Jesus and the Will of God" as he delivered God's message from the hteme Bible passage. He emphasised that Jesus placed a very high priority on God's will (John 4:34); was submissive and obedient to God's will whether it was palatable or not; had a clear understanding of God's will (John 6:35); was committed to doing God's will (Luke 2:49) and taught people to know and to do God's will (Matthew 12:50). We must note that God will not compromise His will and we must also teach people to know and do God's will, as Dr Adeleke emphasised. Not stopping there, he expounded how Jesus knew and taught people that it is God's will for him to suffer; and that the will of God will also be tested in our lives. Encouragingly, victory is sure if we endure to the end (James 1:12, 1 Peter 1:6-7). On Day Three, Dr Adeleke spoke on the three human problems of God's will of direction as:

- Discovering God's will: How will I discover God's direction (will) for my life?
- Agreeing with God's will: How will I agree with this will of God for my life? and
- Obeying the will of God for my life.

He admonished that we must trust God for direction (1 Samuel 13:8-13, Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 3:5-6). as we earnestly seek God's will (through prayer, fasting and concrete study of the Word of God) and learning to be patient with God. We must embrace complete surrender to God. Learning from the way Indians in the wild break the will of a horse till it follows them home meekly; Christians must follow God as broken people. He also taught how we must obey what is already made known as seen in the moral will of God. Like the woman who is taken as captive of war (Deuteronomy 21:10); we must let go of our old ways of life and learn the ways of the new house; learn new will of the new place and not refer to our past or old ways of life.

**Debo Odunlami, Ayomide Mayekogbon MDiv. RE 3,**  
**Caleb Oluwafunmibi Fehintola PGD**  
for NBTS Advancement Centre.

Yoruba Section of Revival November 5 - 7, 2024

Rev. Dr. Kayode Akinkunmi preached on the theme "Thy Will be Done." during the NBTS Yoruba section of revivals from November 5 - 7, 2024. On the first day, he spoke on steps to follow in prayer and principles of prayer. The steps, as summarised are to request for forgiveness of sins (Ps. 24:3); Have faith that our prayer will be answered. (James 1:6-8); humble oneself before God (Lk 18:10-14); and be consistent and persistent (1 Thess. 5:17).

On the Second Day - November 6, 2024, Dr Akinkunmi continued the topic "Thy will be done"; emphasising how one can know the will of God. On the third day, Dr Akinkunmi taught on Gains in doing God's will. The gains he highlighted are: Fulfilling our existence; Divine blessing and Victory over challenges. In all, the Yoruba section of the revival service was a refreshing and special time before God and with others. We praise God for this opportunity.

NOTE: A fuller day-by-day account of the Revival services is available on NBTS website.



**Mrs Folasade Alamu,**

Secretary Advancement Centre For NBTS Advancement Centre

## GOD HAS GIVEN US TESTIMONIES

*Report of Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies  
June to December, 2024*

Introduction

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to Your Name, be glory, because of your love and faithfulness (Psalm 115:1).

There is no divination against Jacob, no evil omens against Israel. It will now be said of Jacob and of Israel, -See what God has done! (Numbers 23:23).

It is with profound gratitude to the Lord God Almighty, the Source from whom all blessings flow, and with great joy in my heart that I write this report of the Postgraduate School in the period under review. God has done marvelous things and has given us great testimonies. May His wonderful name be praised perpetually!

First Graduation Service in Office: I shall remember June 1, 2024, the 125<sup>th</sup> Graduation Service of the Seminary until the very end of my life. This remembrance is especially with reference to galvanizing human and financial resources and making great sacrifices to "make as many Doctoral Candidates of the 2023/2024 Academic Year to graduate." I give thanks to God because the result far compensated for the great sacrifices. It is gratifying to record that the great success has not only served as a basis for thanksgiving and rejoicing; it has further served as a motivation for greater successes as would be reflected in the subsequent sections of this article.

One Year in Office - Gratitude to God and Humans: On August 1, 2024, the Postgraduate School organized a brief One Year in Office Thanksgiving Service, to express appreciation to God, for the opportunity to for the appointment, trust, support, cooperation and sacrifices made to achieve the recorded and much celebrated success.

The summary of the testimony at the Thanksgiving Service is that GOD HAS GIVEN US TESTIMONIES (Psalm 115:1). He has given the Postgraduate School dedicated staff; He helped the Dean and his team to think outside the box in administering the Postgraduate School; He gave the Dean thoughts and ideas which have brought significant



changes and impact; He gave the Dean favour with reference to external examiners for 2024 Graduation.

Paradigm Shift in Doctoral Candidates' External Examinations: On August 8, 2024, history was made in the Postgraduate School when, Erutor, Godswill Ovuoke, had his External Examination, 10 months to the Graduation. This was the manifestation of the new Paradigm Shift in Doctoral Candidates' External Examinations, the conducting of External Examinations as Candidates are ready instead of the energy-sapping, neck-breaking, tension-emanating, and error-prone External Examinations at the end of the session. Unarguably, the new paradigm shift has great advantages for doctoral candidates and their sponsors/supporters, for those saddled with the responsibility of supervising the NBTS, Ogbomosho academic process at the highest level, and for the Seminary.

**Conclusion**

But by the grace of God I am what I am and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me (I Corinthians 15:10).

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that" (John 1:50).

Once again, I express appreciation to God and humans for giving the Postgraduate School great testimonies and support in the period under review. The Dean believes that 2025 Graduation would be preceded by and attended with even greater testimonies. TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE.



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**FACULTY OF CHURCH MUSIC**

Praise God for the blessing of Musical Instruments and equipments as gifts from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, USA.

The following pictures tell the story of the acceptance of the gifts by our Amiable President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye and others present at the scene. The gifts came to us through Rev. Dr Adekunle Oyeniya, an Alumnus of Baylor University and also the Minister of Music, Ikoyi Baptist Church, Lagos.



**Sacred Earth Ministry holds workshop**



**2024 Matriculation for Sandwich & Regular Students**



**NBTS Holds 2024 Christmas Enrichment Service**



**NBTS Holds Open Revival @ Randa Area, Ogbomosho**



**Faculty Members Receiving Promotion Letter from Governing Council**





## SYMBOLISM OF THE SEMINARY SEAL

A new seal was adopted in 1970 for the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary. At the centre is a traditional Christian symbol called a triquetra, one of the most beautiful and satisfying symbols of the Holy Trinity. Eternal existence is expressed in the continuous lines, and they are interwoven to express unity. The centre forms an equilateral triangle which is itself a symbol of the Trinity. Each pair of arcs combines to form a “vesica”, indicative of glory. In this simple form is expressed equality, eternity, unity and glory. In the sections of the triquetra are the initials of the Seminary, identifying the school with the belief in the Triune God – a basic element of the faith and teaching of the entire Christian Church which the Seminary serves.

This symbolism is set against a background of the map of Nigeria, placed within the outer circles of the seal representing the whole world as the goal of evangelism. Although the primary focus of the Seminary is to train persons for ministries in Nigeria, students from other African countries and from North America previously have studied here. The challenge of the Seminary to each of its students – past, present and future – is expressed in its motto to “make full proof of thy ministry” to the glory of God.

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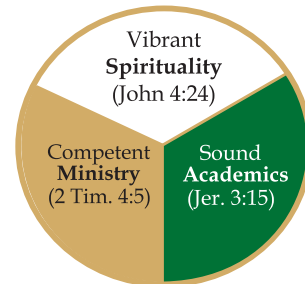
### VISION STATEMENT

To be a world-class theological institution, training God-called persons, and contributing to the transformation of society, to the glory of God.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide high-quality theological education and professional training for God-called, Spirit-led persons; to help meet the need for effective ministry in theological institutions, church and society; and to facilitate the fulfilment of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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