



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HEART

Happy New Year! You are heartily welcome to 2026 as we dwell on 'Relationship for Empowerment.' I especially welcome our new Chairman of Council, Engr Jude Jay Olotu on board. The time we have worked together so far has been great and the focus is clear.

I also welcome the new members of Council, Dr Julius Omomola and Rev. Dr Barrister Babatunde Ekundayo as well as new members of staff. Other members are highly appreciated as well.

The devotional charge given at the Faculty and Management Retreat is provided in its full form on the NBTS website (www.nbts.edu.ng). Below is a taste of the 'properly cooked meal' for you to taste and I believe God will bless you as you read and learn. Welcome to a new year of empowerment based on relationship with God through Christ!

RELATIONSHIP FOR EMPOWERMENT

DEVOTIONAL CHARGE AT THE FACULTY/SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF RETREAT: "RELATIONSHIP FOR EMPOWERMENT" (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)

Introduction

We are together again to sharpen our spiritual and professional skills for improved performance at our various duty posts. During the second half of last year, we focused on "Relationship for Resemblance." We are building on that theme this year as we focus on the theme "Relationship for Empowerment." Our theme texts are Luke 24:49 "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" and Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Our devotional thought focuses on the two key terms in our theme "Relationship" and "Empowerment." This devotional thought will clarify these concepts briefly.

Relationship as Grafting into the Source

The concept of relationship is broad but we hereby concern ourselves with the divine-human relationship with specific focus on the grafting experience between Jesus the vine, and those who have truly confessed Him as their Saviour and Lord, as branches. Looking at our Bible references, a relationship with God that will be beneficial to God's children must take note of some requirements. They are tarrying, location and timing. (Luke 24:49b, & Acts 1:8).

Empowerment as Spiritual and Skill Sharpening

The eternal benefit of a relationship with Jesus is to receive power. The power is to equip believers in all ramifications of life for all responsibilities. There are some requirements to meet if believers will receive the true power and use it for the divine purpose.

1. Identifying the source of the power is a necessity – The 'I am' is the only true and reliable source of power and empowerment.
2. Ascertaining the purpose is essential - "...and you will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8c). The empowerment is meant for kingdom service. When we are empowered, we are to go into the world and make a difference in word and action.
3. Personalizing the experience is important – "Until you..." (Lk. 24:49)

Conclusion

A Christian life is an aberration if it is without power and this power must have the Holy Spirit as its source. Any other power is fake and will surely lead to destruction. Every Christian should desire empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

The rule of the game of empowerment is to have relationship with Jesus through salvation experience and the in-filling and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We are to deploy the power wherever we find ourselves like a thermostat influences its environment by witnessing to Jesus Christ. When we do this, God the Father will be glorified, Jesus will be happy with us, and the Holy Spirit will continue to teach us all things.



Rev. Prof.
Stephen Oladele
Ayankeye
President, NBTS

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“God is able to bless you abundantly (so)... you will abound in every good work.”

(2 Cor. 9:8)

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from the Desk of the **DEPUTY PRESIDENT ADVANCEMENT**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1-3)

We praise God for the privilege to witness 2026. God has always been faithful to us as an institution; as families and individuals in the institution. He always gives us reasons for thanksgiving and news to share with the world. We appreciate all stake holders: our proprietor, the Nigerian Baptist Convention, represented by the President, who is the Visitor to the institution, Rev. Dr Israel Adelani Akanji; the Governing Council ably led by the Chairman, Engr Jude Jay Olotu; and all Faculty, staff and students of the Seminary; ably led by Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, our amiable President.

In this edition, we bring you news from various aspects of NBTS life. There are 'usuals' like our list of ever-kind donors, reports on conferences and programmes and also new things relating to staff development, improvement and institutional growth. Do not miss out on the missions-church planting endeavours carried out by Faculty and students as led by our missiologists. The Annual Ministers' Conference, Staff retreat and other 'annuals' are captured for your information, relaxation and to join us in jubilation for all that God has done in your institution! All the articles are worth your time. Please take time to read them. The writers, reporters and editorial team have stopped at nothing to ensure that you get a quality production. I sincerely appreciate everyone of them. Our Actg Public Relations Officer (PRO), Rev. Dr Gbenga Adebayo has been extremely versatile and we appreciate him.

Kindly ensure that you keep up with your favourite institution, NBTS. We have regular news on the NBTS website – www.nbts.edu.ng where many of these stories are shared 'while hot' and are in more details. Please keep on the lookout on our social media handles as well. Access, like, share, tweet, subscribe to our social media handles and listen to Parrot FM every Tuesday, 7-7.30pm. Our media platforms are:

1. **NBTS YouTube handle**
2. **Facebook: The page name is NBTS PUBLIC RELATIONS**
3. **X/Twitter: <https://x.com/thenbtsogbomosho/>**

Your Seminary still looks forward to collaborating with you through various opportunities and receiving regular help from your family, church and caring group(s). Be among those God will use to lift the Seminary up and propel her forward all the more through prayers, positive recommendations, payment of bills and plenty other things to the glory of God. We love and appreciate you! Please do have a wonderful 2026 and beyond.



**Prof. Olusola
Ayo-Obiremi**
Deputy President
Advancement

NBTS WELCOMES NEW CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

After a successful tenure as Chairman of Council, Dr Sarah Alade, OON bowed out when the ovation was loudest. At the instance of the President, Nigerian Baptist Convention, there was a short period when Rev. Prof. John Oluchi Enyinnaya acted on behalf of the President as Chairman of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary Ogbomosó's Governing Council. To the glory of God, the new chairman was appointed and his work began in September, 2025.

NBTS appreciates the doggedness, hard work, resilience and focused leadership of Dr Sarah Alade for the period she was the Chairman. Notable also are the worthwhile contributions of Prof. Enyinnaya for the short period he served as Acting Chairman. The institution's Administrative Council, Senate, Congregation, Faculty, Staff and Students welcome Engr Jude Jay Olotu to this important office. His first hybrid meeting with Council on December 11, 2025 was very productive and we look forward to greater heights as we work together to the glory of God.

Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi

for NBTS Advancement Centre



Dr Sarah Alade



Prof. John Enyinnaya



Engr. Jude Olotu

NBTS AFFILIATION WORKSHOP/ JOINT FACULTY RETREAT 2025

The NBTS annual workshop with the affiliated institutions took a new turn this year. It took the form of a hybrid joint faculty retreat on Thursday, July 31, 2025, from 11:00 to 13:30 (GMT+1). The retreat focused on maintaining the academic standards in the NBTS, its affiliated colleges, and other Baptist Colleges of Theology that were previously affiliated with the NBTS. It aimed to enhance collaboration among course facilitators, Long Essay supervisors/readers, and moderators to maintain our God-given standard. Participation included Faculty members from NBTS, BCT Benin City, BCT Igede-Ekiti, and BCT Obinze. Some Faculty members of previously Affiliated Institutions (Eku, Lagos, & Oyo) were also in attendance. Each of the affiliated institutions gathered their Faculty members at their respective locations for a corporate general discussion and follow-up, while they connected virtually via Google Meet to NBTS, where her Faculty members were gathered in the Conference Room.

The devotional charge by Dr Oluwasogo Adegoke titled "This is a Serious Work!" from 2 Chronicles 19:5-10, set the tone for the meeting. He noted that teachers, trainers, academic officers, and others involved in theological education have a serious task to equip people the way God wants them equipped for His harvest. Therefore, they cannot afford to handle the work carelessly or carefreely. Dr Akinwale Oloyede, Director of Distance Learning, NBTS, handled the first presentation titled "Fundamentals of Good Long Essay Writing." The second presentation, "Essentials of Holistic Course Syllabus," was handled by Dr Ruth Oyeniya, Dean, Faculty of Education, NBTS. The third presentation focused on "Emerging Issues in Moderation Exercise," and was anchored by the Director of Networking and Partnership, Dr Ben Akano. Other highlights, alongside questions and answers, included 'Comments from Experience,' anchored by Prof. Olusayo Oladejo (Deputy President Academics), who had served in the office; 'General Discussions' led by Prof. Simon Ishola (the new Post Graduate Dean); final remarks and prayer by the NBTS President, Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye. gave his. We appreciate God for the success of the programme.



Dr Ben Akano
Director, Partnership
& Networking Centre

**Coming
Up Soon!**

Please be on the lookout on all NBTS social handles and be a part of these coming programmes:

- Theology of Work Workshop (May 18, 2026) (registration is N5,000)
- Bivocational Ministry Workshop (Registration = N5,000)
- MultiStaff Ministry Workshop (Registration = N10,000)
- Chaplaincy Retreat

NIGERIAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MATRICULATES HER NEW STUDENTS

The matriculation ceremony of residential students in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary for the 2025/2026 academic session was held on 18th August 2025 in the multi-purpose hall, marking a significant moment for new seminarians. The event commenced with a processional hymn as faculty members took their places, followed by a call to worship led by Chaplain Dr Olaide Ajeigbe at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, represented by Deputy President Academics Rev. Prof. Olusayo B. Oladejo, welcomed esteemed guests, including the guest speaker, Rev. Dr Ezekiel O. A. Ajani, who addressed the theme "Your Seminary Training, a Path to Fulfilling Divine Destiny." Emphasising the importance of spiritual growth, personal devotion, and academic diligence, Dr Ajani encouraged students to set high goals and develop discerning relationships during their training. The ceremony also featured singing, special prayers, and the signing of the matriculation oath by 239 students across various programmes. With a blend of spirituality and formal academic integration, the event marked a memorable initiation into the seminary for the new students.

Abiodun James Bolaji (MDiv 1)
for NBTS Advancement Unit



GREAT EXPERIENCES AT NBTS MINISTERS' CONFERENCE 2025

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS), Ogbomoso's Annual Ministers' Conference began with the preparation stage. The Ministers' Conference Central Planning Committee, led by the Deputy President Advancement, Prof. Olusayo Oladejo and consisting of numerous sub-committees, met several times to prepare, discuss, brainstorm, assign matters, evaluate, cross-check, cross 't's and dot 'i's till the event eventually took place. There was a Press Conference on September 1, 2025 when Pressmen from various media outfits attended and broadcast the news of the coming event.

The Ministers' Conference officially commenced on Monday, September 8, 2025. This four-day event, which ran until September 11, drew ministers of the gospel and their spouses from across Nigeria and beyond for a time of spiritual revival, awakening, refreshing, and empowerment for ministry. From the first day, the Alumni Multipurpose Hall, the venue of the event, was filled with ministers, their families, and guests, creating an atmosphere thick with anticipation, grace, and great expectations. The theme for 2025, "The Gospel Minister and His Relationships," highlights the importance of cultivating strong and godly relationships as the foundation for effective gospel ministry. Programmes held in line with this theme included: a devotional charge delivered by Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, titled "The Gospel Minister and His Relationships;" Bible teaching by Rev. Dr. Dickson Madoghwe, the immediate past Vice President Ministerial of the Nigerian Baptist Convention (NBC); and 'Revival Hour' led by Rev. Bola Adeyemo. There was also a compelling drama presented by the Acting Doves (NBTS Drama Group), a panel discussion themed 'Building Christ-like Horizontal Relationships' led by Dr Kehinde Olusanya; an open forum tagged 'Attending to Relational Challenges' moderated by Dr Kola Bamidele; prayers and reflection on roles of ministers within their families and ministries, led by the Convention President, Rev. Dr Israel A. Akanji and other prayer leaders.

Others on programme included Rev. Prof. John O. Enyinnaya, Vice President Ministerial, NBC and Directors of Convention Departments, NBTS Deputy Presidents and some Faculty members; Men's Missionary Union and the Women's Missionary Union Directors as well as representatives of Bowen University, Gorah Healthcare, BP Productions and other Baptist organisations. The duo of Dcn Abiodun Oloyede and Dcn Dr Musa Ubandoma, Vice Presidents Finance and Investments and Administration and Human Resources, as well as the Vice Chancellor of Bowen University, Prof. Jonathan Babalola, were also present at



some points to promote the Convention/ institution and to interact with Baptist ministers.

The Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho Alumni Association also held. The Alumni Chairman, Rev. Dr Nkem Osuigwe, rotated out of office and Rev. Dr Julius Omomola was appointed the new chairman. Other new officers were appointed to continue the good work done by those who rotated out. The Alumni Association's business session included various reports, and the graduating Bachelor's Degree class of 1995 celebrated their 30th anniversary. There was a football match where the NBTS Students bested the Alumni 3 to 0.

Retired Ministers, Nigerian Baptist Religious Educators Association (Education graduates), Music Students Alumni Fellowship, Missiology Students Alumni Fellowship, Women's Training Centre Alumni, Master of Arts in Youth Ministry Alumni, Children's Section and Drivers' Session also held their fellowships among other groups. As usual, traders and business people also enjoyed blessings of the Annual Ministers' Conference. The Ministers' Conference was indeed a time of spiritual rejuvenation, intellectual sharpening of iron sharpening iron; honing of ministerial skills and fellowship. A more detailed report of day by day happenings of the Ministers' Conference is available on the NBTS website (www.nbts.edu.ng) as written by Joseph Taiwo Amoo, the Student Body PRO, Gabriel Oluwatobi, Violet Precious, Oluwadamilola Oke and other NBTS Advancement Volunteers.

Olusola Ayo-Obiremi,

DP Advancement for NBTS Advancement Centre



Transition in the Governing Council

Dr Sarah Alade, the former Governing Council Chair, rotated out after her first tenure as the Governing Council Chairman, while Engr. Jude Olotu took over on September 1, 2025. Engr. Olotu is a committed Baptist member of First Baptist Church, Garki, Abuja, and a practising Civil Engineer with over 4 decades of experience. Dr Julius Omomola, the Alumni Chairman (who took over from Dr Nkem Osuigwe) and Rev. Dr Barrister Babatunde Ekundayo (Legal Adviser) also joined the Council as new members.

On behalf of the Governing Council members, the President, the Administrative Council, the Faculty, the Staff, and the Students of the NBTS, Ogbomosho, celebrate Dr Sarah Alade for her sacrificial service to the Seminary and welcome Engr. Jude Olotu, Dr Julius Omomola and Dr Babatunde Ekundayo on the Seminary Council. May the Council experience unprecedented growth and development during their time in Jesus' name.

Rev. Segun Okunlola,
Registrar (Secretary to Council)



Engr. Jude Olotu



THE NIGERIAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, OGBOMOSO.

Presents

THEOLOGY OF WORK SEMINAR, BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP & MULTI-STAFF MINISTRY CONFERENCE

May 18 - 21, 2026

Expected Groups

WTC Students

Final Year Seminary Students at all levels

Pastors and other interested Gospel Ministers

Christians interested in and involved in Church Ministry

Registration Fees are as follows:

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THE NBTS GOVERNING COUNCIL CELEBRATES FACULTY PROMOTION

The Governing Council of the NBTS, Ogbomoso celebrated the recently promoted Faculty members of the Seminary. The Council, led by her Chairman, Engr. Jude Olotu eulogized the Faculty members, who made the Seminary proud by excelling at the Central Promotions and Appointment Council (CEPAC) of the Nigerian Baptist Convention (NBC). While distributing letters of promotion to the individual Faculty members involved, he promised that the Seminary will continue to prioritize their welfare.

Studies respectively as lecturers in August 2025. Rev. Dr Abraham O. Odeleye, Head, Department of Practical Theology is away on Sabbatical leave at the Trinity Theological Seminary, Accra, Ghana between September 1, 2025 and May 31, 2026.

Dr Mrs Ayobami Ayanyinka takes up the responsibility of Accreditation Officer while Dr Timothy Amao goes on Leave of Absence with effect from February 1, 2026. We pray God's blessings on all these Faculty members in their respective endeavours.

Those promoted (*in alphabetical order*) and their new ranks are as follows:

1. Dr Janet Adeyanju - Lecturer I
2. Dr Oluwafemi Amoran - Lecturer I
3. Dr Ayobami Ayanyinka - Lecturer I
4. Dr Addison Ndzi Talla - Lecturer I
5. Dr Humphrey Okereafor - Lecturer I
6. Dr Kehinde Olusanya - Lecturer I
7. Dr Raphael Oparinde - Lecturer I
8. Dr Emmanuel Fasipe
- Reader (Associate Professor)
9. Dr Ochenia Opade
- Reader (Associate Professor)

On behalf of the Governing Council, we celebrate these great servants of the Lord and academic egg heads on this well-deserved promotion. May the Lord continue to honour their faith and partnership with Him in raising an end-time army for the Kin-gdom harvest in Jesus name.

*Reported by Rev. Segun Okunlola
Registrar (Secretary to Council)*



Faculty/Staff News

Rev. Dr Walton Asomdwee with specialization in Music Performance and Rev. Dr Emmanuel A. Owwoye, Ph.D in Christian Philosophy were called to join the Departments of Performance, Faculty of Church Music and Theology and Philosophy, Faculty of Theological

NBTS COUNSELLING CENTRE REMAINS RELEVANT



The challenges of substance abuse and addiction have become a pandemic in society. NBTS will not be caught napping! Thus, the Assistant Consultant in the NBTS Counselling Centre, Rev. Omolola Akano, attended two training workshops that equip with skills for responding to this problem. The first, which took place between July 28th and August 2nd, 2025, at Jericho Specialist Hospital, Ibadan, focused on the Universal Treatment Curriculum training (UTC). The one-week intensive workshop comprised of the first two out of eight stages.

The focus was on how to effectively care for people living with substance abuse and addiction. The second training, held from October 3 to 8, 2025, at Trinity University, Yaba, Lagos, focused on the Universal Recovery Curriculum (URC). Through these equipping opportunities, the NBTS is equipping her Counselling Centre to play its role in combating the challenges of substance abuse and addiction that have become rampant in society.

Rev. Omolola Akano
Assistant Consultant,
NBTS Counselling Centre

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM AT THE NBTS, OGBOMOSO

History was made at the NBTS, Ogbomoso on Monday, October 13, 2025, as the Registrar, at the behest of the President, Prof S. Ola Ayankeye, presented the Registry staff who were inducted as Fellows of the Institute of Corporate Administration (ICAD) on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Exhibition, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos. The officers are:

1. Dcn Sunday Oyeniran, FCAI – Principal Assistant Registrar (Council/HR)
2. Dcn Gabriel Ogundipe, FCAI – Principal Assistant Registrar (General Administration).
3. Mrs Victoria Akerele, FCAI – Principal Assistant Registrar (Exams & Records).
4. Dr Olatoyosi Fasipe, FCAI – Senior Assistant Registrar (Academic Processes & Training).
5. Pastor Emmanuel Adegboye, FCAI – Senior Assistant Registrar (President's Office).
6. Mrs Eunice Adesina, FCAI – Senior Assistant Registrar (PG School).

In his presentation of the officers to the President and the Seminary community at the Chapel, the Registrar eulogised the administrative prowess and dexterity of the officers, who have contributed immensely to the administrative processes of the Seminary.

The President, while thanking the Registrar for facilitating the professional induction of the officers, congratulated them and charged them to continue doing their best to justify the new status as "elders" in the Registry administration of the Seminary.

The Registrar prays for more celebrations within the Seminary family and wishes to express appreciation to the Seminary leadership, under our indefatigable and human-faced President, for approving and sponsoring the professional induction.

Rev. Segun Okunlola,

Registrar



NBTS CHURCH PLANTING EFFORTS

During the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 academic sessions, MDiv III students of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, engaged in a series of church-planting initiatives coordinated by the Department of Intercultural Studies and the Great Commission Committee, under the leadership and vision of the Seminary President, Prof S. Ola Ayankeye. These efforts resulted in the planting of five churches across southwestern and central Nigeria.

On March 30, 2025, Potter's House Baptist Church was planted in Shao, Kwara State. On April 20, 2025, a preaching station began in Igbafi, and Charis Baptist Church, Oke Oge, was inaugurated. This was followed by Bethel Baptist Church, Isokun Olopon (Kwara State) on November 16, 2025, and New Heaven Baptist Church, Ejigbo on December 7, 2025.

These church plants were executed through integrated strategies including one-on-one and door-to-door evangelism, medical outreach, and evangelistic crusades. Notably, four of the five church plants are thriving currently under the care of committed mother churches. Collectively, these initiatives reflect NBTS's enduring commitment to experiential theological education and the formation of students for faithful participation in God's mission through church planting and growth.

Addison N. Talla, PhD



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR YOUTH MINISTRY (ICYM)'S SIXTH GRADUATION CEREMONY

Glory to God in the highest! ICYM is progressing. The sixth graduation ceremony of the Ogbomoso Centre took place on December 2, 2025. The Centre graduated nineteen (19) people: ten online (nine of whom are Cameroonians) and nine on-site. Pastor Dorcas Oladoja, the guest speaker, titled her short charge: "It's now." She read from 1 Peter 2:4-7 and charged the graduands to act now by taking the gospel of Christ to where youth are without procrastination. Dr Ruth Oyeniyi, Dean of the Faculty of Education at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, presented the certificates on behalf of the Seminary President. Other ministers on the programme were Dr Joshua S. Ibukunoluwa, the Director of ICYM; Rev. Aderemi A. Adeloye, Administrative Officer, ICYM; and Rev. Mrs Okeniran.



Dr Joshua S. Ibukunoluwa,

Director, ICYM

BOOK DONORS TO THE LIBRARY

The NBTS, Ogbomoso enjoys tremendous goodwill from her alumni and other benefactors. One of the means of such goodwill is the continuous donation of books to the NBTS Library. As of October 2025, J.C. Pool Library holds 44,987 books and 298 journal titles in its collection. We sincerely appreciate our donors and encourage continued contributions of educational resources to further enrich the library. The table below provides lists of donors and the materials donated to the library.

S/N	NAME OF DONORS	TITLE	COPIES
1.	Bishop Ponle A. Alabi	<i>The Truth about Speaking in Tongues and Edification</i>	02
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7.	Dr Adetola Ipadeola	<i>The Flourishing Life: Flourishing Like a Palm Tree: Growing Like a Cedar</i>	01
8.	Dr Tunde Agboola	<i>Behold, I Make All Things New!</i>	02
9.	Dr Kehinde Olusanya	<i>Sermonic Engineering: The Science of Preparation and the Art of Sermon Delivery</i>	04
10.	Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna	<i>BTSK Insight Ministerial Series: The Necessity of Sound Doctrine in Times Like This (Vol. 1)</i>	01
11.	Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna	<i>BTSK Insight: Messengers of the Master (Vol. 19, No. 1)</i>	01
12.	Dr J. O. Olakunle	<i>Living by the Word</i>	03
13.	Dr Tommy Olawuyi Oke	<i>My Journey from Africa to America in Search of Education</i>	02
14.	Rev. Prof. Helen Olomu Ishola-Esan	<i>Boxing and Boxers of Leadership: The Ring, Drama and Knockout Effects</i>	03
15.	Rev. Dr Sunday Akanni Adeleke	<i>Gospel Ministers and the Challenges of Mass Media</i>	02
16.	Rev. Dr. Uzoma	<i>Faith Unites Christian-Muslim Relations in Igboland</i>	03
17.	Rev. A. M Dahunsi	<i>My Pastoral Voyage: A Baptist Pastor Journey from the Pulpit to Retirement</i>	04
18.	Baptist Theological Seminary, Eku	<i>Eku Journal of Contextual Christian Studies Vol. 1, No 2, 2023</i>	04
19.	M.Div 1995 Set	Various books authored by different people in the set	51
20.	Rev. Inyang, E. O.	<i>God of Miracles (for His Eye is on the Sparrow)</i>	04
21.	Dr. David Adegboyega Adeniran	<i>Terrorism: Where is God in Human Crisis</i>	04
22.	Ekerete Obot Inyang	<i>God of Miracles</i>	04
23.	Prof. Daniel Nimcir Wambutda	<i>Biblical Studies and Socio-Economic Liberation in Africa</i>	01
24.	Pastor Ebenezer Osundele	<i>Reflection: A journey to Spiritual Growth, Clarity and Transformation</i>	02
25.	Pastor Ebenezer Osundele	<i>The Waiting Room: Find Strength, Purpose and Breakthrough in Life's Delays</i>	02
26.	Rev. Dr Olusola Idowu	<i>7 Defeatable Things: Knowing and Avoiding Spiritual Pollutants</i>	02
27.	Rev. Dr Olusola Idowu	<i>Life Land Marks: Journey through Life Vicissitudes with Understanding</i>	02
28.	Rev. Dr Idowu Olusola	<i>The Finger of God: Unusual Manifestations of the Power, Sovereignty and Loving Kindness of God</i>	02
29.	Rev. Dr Olusola Idowu	<i>Lost but Found: Reminiscing Experiences of the Inexhaustible Grace of God</i>	02
30.	Rev. Dr Olusola Idowu	<i>Turning Your Seed to Bountiful Harvest: Experiencing Abundance through Faithful Stewardship</i>	02
31.	Christ the Rock Baptist Church	<i>50 Years of Abundant Grace: The History of Christ The Rock Baptist Church, Mende, Maryland Lagos</i>	03
32.	Rev. Dr Stephen Bolarinwa	<i>Restoration in Action</i>	02
33.	Rev. Dr Blessing Orimison Eshofonie	<i>The Paragon: The Life and Ministry</i>	02
34.	Dr Ezekiel Kehinde Akano	<i>Retirement: A New Phase of Life, the Joy, the Pains and His Adequate Preparation for Successful Living</i>	03

Dr Adebola A. Olatoye

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NBTS REGISTRY PARTICIPATES IN TWO LECTURES

The Seminary Registry, in her bid to be current with trends in the administration of tertiary institutions, participated in the first Public Lecture of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), Ogbomoso Chapter, held on December 2, 2025, at Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso. The Registrar led six of the Registry administrators, as approved by the President, to the Lecture.

The Lecture titled: **Management of the People in the Era of Technology** featured the ranks and files of the institution from State to Branch levels. The Guest Lecturer was the Vice Chancellor of the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, Prof R. O. R Kalilu.

Professionalism is one of the hallmarks of a staunch administrator. On this note the NBTS President, Prof S. Ola Ayankeye, approved the participation of six officers of the Seminary Registry in Public Lecture with the theme Inclusive Leadership: **The Effect of Social Capital and Artificial Intelligence in Enhancing Performance in the Administration of Higher Education in Nigeria** at the New Special Hall of Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo.

The Public lecture was attended by representatives of HIM, Oba Abimbola Akeem Owoade, Alaafin of Oyo, the Provost of the College, the Registrar, high-ranking members of the Registry from Emmanuel Alayande University, Oyo, SPED, Oyo, the Seminary, and members of the public and private sectors. The Guest Lecturer, Dr Ola John Oluremi, a distinguished administrator and scholar who has traversed both the public and private sectors in his over two-decade career, did justice to the lecture.

Indeed, the lecture was a great eye-opener and an opportunity to build social capital for the Seminary Registry administrator.



Rev. Segun Okunlola
Registrar

NBTS Public Relations News

As part of the public relations efforts of the NBTS, Ogbomoso, the Acting Public Relations Officer (PRO), in the company of the NBTS Chief Security Officer, Mr Toyin Olayinka, and the NBTS Advancement Officer, Rev Seyi Ojelade, paid courtesy visits to the traditional rulers and security outfits within Ogbomoso. The palaces visited (in alphabetical order of titles) were those of the Aaale of Oke'lerin, the Onpetu of Ijeru kingdom and the Soun of Ogbomosoland. The security units visited were the Amotekun, Ogbomoso Area Command and the Arowomole Division of the Nigerian Police Force, the Department of State Services (DSS) Office, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and Operation Burst. The units were gifted copies of the 2026 NBTS Calendars.

Also, at the instance of the NBTS President, the Acting PRO and the Registrar, Rev Segun Okunlola visited the traditional rulers in Ogbomoso to present gifts on behalf of the NBTS as part of our community relations. The visit to the Onpetu of Ijeru Kingdom coincided with the king's Christmas season celebration for the people of his realm, while the visit to the Soun of Ogbomoso happened during the celebration of the Ogbomoso Cradle Carnival. The Aale of Okelerin was full of praises for the NBTS for the gestures.

Furthermore, during the 2025 Christmas season, the Acting PRO reached out to friends of the NBTS in Ogbomoso to raise funds for the Seminary's Christmas decorations. It is gratifying to report that several people graciously responded to the appeal, and the NBTS Decoration Unit was able to give the NBTS a facelift with Christmas decorations. We appeal to NBTS alumni and friends to remember the institution in their annual budgets.



Rev Gbenga Adebayo, PhD
Actg Public Relations Officer

FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AS NBTS APPRECIATES FACILITATORS ON HER RADIO PROGRAMME

Onlookers from a distance may assume that the only merry making times in NBTS are during the annual graduation exercise, and on a smaller scale, when a child is named. There are many other times not known to the public. One of them is the second edition of a special get-together fellowship for 'Moment of Encounter' facilitators which held on December 8, 2025 in the Conference Centre, Hybrid Library building, NBTS.

Though all facilitators for the year were invited, only 35 of the invitees were able to attend, in addition to the Seminary principal officers, Faculty and Staff involved in the planning and execution of the weekly radio programme. The purpose was to appreciate the facilitators in a relaxed atmosphere and to treat them to

fun, fellowship and lunch. Attendees included Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) in government (public) and private organisations, church pastors and other professionals. Mr Soji Abiojela, the presenter of the programme was also present. Facilitators appreciated the Seminary Management for the kind gesture and the good meal. Indeed, it was a time of sharing, food, reminiscing on Christmas experiences and good fellowship. We praise God for the success of the programme and thank the Seminary president and Management for the privilege.

NOTE: Moment of Encounter is the Seminary programme aired on Parrot FM, Oke Baby, 101.1 every Tuesday from 7.00-7.30 pm.



Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement

NBTS HOLDS SECOND EDITION OF PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

To God be the glory! The second edition of the Pre-retirement seminar under NBTS Consultancy services was planned for and executed successfully on December 12, 2025. Following the template provided by the Maiden edition in 2021, the programme was publicised through letters to Convention officers, Conference Presidents and on NBTS Radio programme – the Moment of Encounter. Fliers were sent to social media outlets and both verbal and formal invitations were extended.

Personnel for the day included the Seminary President, Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, the Bursar, Dcn Opeyemi Fasipe, retirees such as Rev. A. A. Adeniji of the Living Bread Ministries, Ogbomosho and Rev. Dr Alaba Ricketts, an accomplished minister, musician, accountant and businessman based in Ilorin. The legal angle was not left out as Rev. Barr. Bayo Adeyi assisted in anchoring this and Dr Esther Viyon Odunlami, a trained nurse and matron of many years of experience addressed health in retirement. All facilitators prepared well and delivered their teaching appropriately. Almost all facilitators gave written documents and they were put together in form of a booklet which was given to participants at registration.

Forty four participants attended in person and two joined online. There were three in person from the Christian Education Department of the Nigerian Baptist Convention (NBC) and one online; two in person from Publications Department, NBC; six church pastors - one each from Oyo, Ibadan and Osun Baptist Conferences (Ilorin, Ibadan and Ada respectively); and three church pastors from Ogbomosho Baptist Conference. Participants received certificates.

Participants expressed their appreciation. One of the key 'take-aways' for participants was that if countries begin preparing for retirement of citizens when they are six years old; then we are behind time by waiting till five years before retirement to plan! Planning for retirement is a big deal and should be taken seriously. We praise God for the success of the programme and look forward to hosting more of such by God's grace.



Prof. Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
Deputy President Advancement

NBTS STAFF SCHOOL AND PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION ARE GREAT PARTNERS

We give glory, honour and adoration to God for His faithfulness and loving kindness. He has been good to us as a school and as individuals, and we cannot thank Him enough for this.

We also appreciate the Parent Teachers' Association under the leadership of the current executives for donating a photocopier to the school. This valuable contribution will significantly enhance the effectiveness of teaching and learning by enabling the timely preparation of instructional materials, assessment documents, and administrative records. The availability of this equipment will also improve the overall efficiency of school operations.

The school sincerely appreciates the PTA's continued support, cooperation, and commitment to the school's development. This gesture reflects a strong partnership between parents and the school in promoting quality education for our pupils.

We assure all stakeholders that the donated equipment will be used properly and responsibly for the benefit of the entire school community. We pray that God will continue to bless the PTA abundantly and reward their generosity as we work together for the growth and success of our school (Amen).

**LONG LIVE NBTS STAFF SCHOOL!
LONG LIVE NBTS, OGBOMOSO!!**

Mrs Janet Adejare
for NBTS Staff School



Starting the Second Semester with God

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here" (Exodus 33:15), New International Version

Just like Moses, the Faculty and Staff of The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (NBTS) Ogbomoso, led by Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye 'said' through concrete actions, 'We will not go if You do not lead us'. After a fruitful activity-packed Mini-mester in January when courses and seminars held for just a week each in modular form; the Faculty and senior (management) staff of NBTS kicked off the rounds of retreats for the community as they met in Odo Oru Baptist Church, Ogbomoso on Monday, January 26, 2026 for their retreat. Rev. Dr 'Gbola Aremu, the Church Pastor, accompanied by Dcn Samson Olaogun Amao welcomed the Seminary guests on behalf of the leadership of Odo Oru Baptist Church. The President led the devotion in which he gave the theme interpretation on 'Relationship for Empowerment'. Prof. Ayankeye stated that the Christian life is an aberration if it is without power. 'The rule of the game is to have the Holy Spirit through salvation, indwelling and infilling', he said.

The 'Guest Minister' was Rev. Dr Bisi Ajasa of Saja Baptist Church. He spoke on individual relationship with God, with fellow leaders (disciples) and with others. He linked how empowerment is a result of good relationships. Other highlights of the retreat, among others, were: education on the Strategic Plan, a panel discussion anchored by Dr Sogo Adegoke, prayer sessions, question and answer time and the food fellowship graciously provided by the hosts – Odo Oru Baptist Church family. A more detailed report



of the retreat is available on the NBTS website – www.nbts.edu.ng. The entire community is spiritually prepared and energized to step into the second semester with God leading the way; represented by Rev. Prof. S. Ola Ayankeye, God's helms-

man for NBTS for this season. May God be glorified as He leads NBTS on in the semester of Relationship for Empowerment in Jesus' name (Amen).

Olusola Ayo-Obiremi
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SYMBOLISM OF THE SEMINARY SEAL

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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 in the Seminary. 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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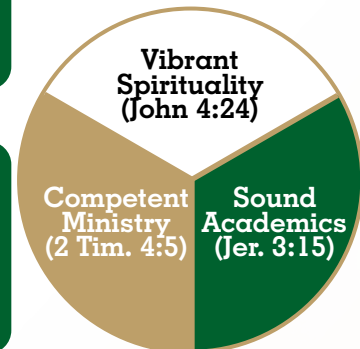
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