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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Through hard work, perseverance and faith in God, you can achieve your dreams."
- Ben Carson

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BU WELCOMES GC PRESIDENT



Elder (Dr.) Ted Wilson and wife, Nancy receive a bouquet of flowers as Prof. Ademola Tayo and others watch with interest.

GC PRESIDENT CALLS FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



Elder (Dr.) Ted Wilson and wife, Nancy

By Josephine Akarue

President of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists worldwide, Elder (Dr.) Ted Wilson has called on the Nigerian government to create an enabling environment for religious liberty and freedom of

conscience. Elder Wilson who is visiting Nigeria for the second time in almost a decade,

made this appeal during his media interaction and visit to Babcock University.

"We have specifically asked the governors of Akwa Ibom and Abia and their legislators to consider providing alternative arrangements to ac-

commodate Sabbath keepers," he said.

He noted that the existing policies with mandatory environmental sanitation programmes, exams and voting exercises fixed on Saturdays prevent Seventh-day Adventists and other Sabbath keepers from carrying out their civic responsibilities with freedom of conscience.

Beyond religious liberty, the significance of the visit lies in the strengthening of mission work of the Adventist Church on the African continent.

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Elder (Dr) Ted Wilson assisted by his wife Nancy, commissions the new academic building. With him are other officers.

GC PRESIDENT CALLS FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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This is especially applicable in regions where open and direct evangelistic outreach is prohibited.

His visit also provided platform for the commissioning of the new multi-million Naira academic block on campus and interaction with the University community.

He commended the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo and his team for raising the bar of academic

excellence while training young people for global impact.

Elder Wilson expressed joy at the level of infrastructural and human capital development and spiritual influence on the youth through the University's chaplaincy.

To the students, he said, "When everything seems too hard to deal with, just re-



Elder Wilson unveils the plaque

member that nothing is too difficult for Him who has said, 'Call upon me and I will show you great things.'

Among his entourage were leaders from the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Maryland, USA as well as the West Central African Regional headquarters in Cote d'Ivoire.



Interaction with the media.



Prof. Constance Nwosu chats with the Wilsons.



BUSA sponsor, Dr. Seun Ebiesuwa (2nd left, back row) and officers

GEOSCIENCE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR SPEAKS ON CREATION



Clockwise: Pioneer Church choir, Pastor (Prof) Efe Ehioghae during worship.



Prof. Ogunwenmo, Pastor Emeka Abaribe and spouse (4th, 5th and 6th left) with others

By Godwin Ugbaka with additional reports from Josephine Akarue

The University's Geosciences Centre has called for a pause to appreciate the wonders of God's world as it celebrated Creation Sabbath with Seventh-day Adventists worldwide.

The programme which held at the Babcock Pioneer Church and three other organized churches on campus, provided time for reflection, repositioning and appreciation of the intricacies of creation.

"The Creation Sabbath is a reminder that God is the creator," said the Geosciences Centre Director, Prof. Kayode Ogunwenmo. "We didn't want it to be a time to expend energy debating on evolution."

According to him, the idea of a Creation Sabbath was for

emphasis in a world where busyness could cause one to forget.

"As a higher institution, it is very important because Satan doesn't want us to remember God as creator."

He said while science may have a problem with how the universe began, that God created the heavens and earth remained indisputable. On the strength of this, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has set aside a day for celebration annually.

At the Pioneer Church, the University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae, encouraged members to appreciate creation

as he shared slides of animals, nature and plants.

He said even the protagonist of the Evolution theory, Darwin, admitted limitations in his theory and described as "absurd," the concept of the evolution of the human eye.

At the Heritage Church, Pastor Emeka Abaribe and members took the celebration further as they held the Creation Sabbath service in the open with officials of the Geosciences Centre.



Celebrating the beauty and diversity of God's creation



Heritage Church members enjoy outdoor worship



BABCOCK WELCOMES GC PRESIDENT IN STYLE



Honoured: Adventist Youth Ministries mounted a quarter guard in honour of Elder (Dr.) Ted Wilson and spouse, Nancy.

By Josephine Akarue

The University rose as one to celebrate shared values and beliefs as members welcomed President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Elder (Dr.) Ted Wilson and his entourage to Babcock. It was the second in almost a decade.

Aside customary courtesies, the Adventist Youth Ministries and other church clubs received the President who was accompanied by his wife, Nancy and four others from the GC.

They were: the Treasurer, Elder Paul Douglas and spouse, Rochelle; Associate Treasurer, Elder George Egwakhe and spouse, Victoria.

President of the Regional West Central Africa Division Pastor (Dr.) Osei-Bonsu was and his spouse Esther and other Council members were also in his entourage.

Elder Wilson said he was im-

pressed with the “giant leaps” in the University’s growth.

“In the course of our campus tour, we visited the Babcock Cardiac Centre and I’m quite impressed with what I saw,” he said.

He noted that the evidence of the medical advancement was a two-month old infant who was among patients recuperating after successful open heart surgeries.



Prof. Barnabas Mandong and Dr. Ezekiel Adeleye receive Elder (Dr.) Ted Wilson during a tour of the Cardiac Centre.

In his welcome, President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola Tayo thanked Elder Wilson and his team for the visit which provided opportunity “to celebrate and learn from a spiritual leader who has impacted lives in many ways.”

“This visit is a testament to the strong bonds that tie our global church community together,” he said.

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BUSA officials lead the way for the academic building commissioning.



BU community members and guests



“This visit is a testament to the strong bonds that tie our global church community together and reaffirms the importance of faith and fellowship in our lives.”

Prof. Ademola Tayo



Women for Christ: Adventist Women Ministries



A cross section of BU faculty and BUHS Cultural troupe.

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“It reaffirms the importance of faith and fellowship in our lives.”

Prof. Tayo listed the BU’s contribution to educational transformation through its alumni and students and strategic planning in mission.

In this regard, he said the University presented bounded, coloured copies of the **Great Controversy** to the 109 members of Nigeria’s upper legislative chambers, and the 360 members of the lower legislative chambers.

He further noted the establish-

ment of the first Africa-based centre for Clinical Pastoral Education in collaboration with Kettering Hospital in Ohio, the creation of the Adventist Traditional African Religious Centre and provision of tuition-free scholarship to 15 Theology students from Burkina Faso, Niger, Mali and Northern Cote d’Ivoire

“We couldn’t have achieved these without the support of the visionary General Conference, inspiring West Central African Division, committed Governing Council, tireless faculty, devoted staff, indefatigable students and loving parents,” he said.

OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS

1. BU Pro-Chancellor: Pastor (Dr) Yohanna Harry
2. Field Secretary of the West-Central Africa Division: Pastor (Prof) Oyeleke Owolabi;
3. President of the Ogun Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor (Dr) Sunday Ogunsanya;
4. President of the Western Nigeria Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pastor (Dr) Ezekiel Adeleye
5. West-Central Africa Division Treasurer, Elder Markus Musa Dangana
6. West-Central Africa Division Secretary, Pastor Selom Sessou
7. West-Central Africa Division Women’s Ministries Director, Mrs. Mobonike Sessou



FRESHERS RESUME ON CAMPUS



Waiting for the registration to start. Right: School officers assist as students get their documents checked.



By Josephine Akarue

The University two weeks ago opened its doors for a new academic session with the first batch of freshmen arriving on campus Monday, October 30.

At the University's ceremonial grounds, staff of the Registry, Student Support as well as other related departments and BU Students' Association (BUSA) officials were on ground to ensure a seamless start.

While students went through the resumption procedures, the University administration and the Parents Consultative Forum held an interactive session with parents at the Babcock Business School Auditorium A.

Aside the ceremonial ground, the medical team from the BU Teaching Hospital carried out the statutory medical checks at the Amphitheatre.

For the freshmen, a new life with great expectations has begun.

"I chose Babcock because it is one of the best Universities in Nigeria that offers my course," said a 100 level student of Computer Science. "I expect to graduate with good grades and become a great Computer Scientist."

Another, a student of History and International Studies said Babcock was a natural choice as her other

siblings and cousins also were in the school.

For Uzoma Abaribe, a 100 level student of Software Engineering, it is the beginning of a new phase of his life and a dream come true.

"To me, this symbolizes a new beginning, a great leap and one of many dreams come true," he said.

He believes to achieve success, one must stay focused, work hard and trust in God.



Registration in progress at the ceremonial grounds



Getting ready to soar: (clockwise): Sofiat Idowu, Uzoma Abaribe, Eunice Kehinde, Ayomide Adedokun and Praise Adelami,

WHY WE CHOSE BABCOCK UNIVERSITY

By Josephine Akarue

As the University opened its doors for freshman resumption for the 2023/2024 academic session, the editorial team was there to interact with them and get feedback on the choice of University. Excerpts:

Sofiat IDOWU (Social Work): I chose Babcock because it is one of the best schools with high standards of education. I expect good teaching, and having good grades. I want to follow in the footsteps of my sister who graduated from this university with a first class. I also want to improve on my relationship with God.

Uzoma ABARIBE (Software Engineering): I chose Babcock because it offers first class holistic education and will train me to become what I want to be. I expect to be taught things that will equip me to survive the world and to have a good time. It will strengthen my relationship with God. I wish we could do more of the registration process online to reduce stress. But in all, I'm getting adjusted to the routine. I find the ve-

gan diet good and healthy.

Eunice KEHINDE (Computer Engineering): My choice of Babcock was based on two things—my parents and the fact that I have a brother that graduated from here. I expect the best education just as my brother received.

Ayomide ADEDOKUN (English Education): My mum influenced my decision to choose Babcock because of the high educational standard. So I expect to have good teaching staff who can inculcate knowledge into the students in a secured and peaceful environment.

Praise ADELAMI (Social Work): My parents guided me in making the choice because it is home away from home and I want to improve my rela-

tionship with God.

Oluwatobi ALO (Computer Science): I chose Babcock because of the high academic standards and timeliness in accomplishing your set goals. I expect to be done in time with flying colours.

Ayoimole AYENI (Mass Communication): Many things helped me to make a decision for Babcock University amongst which are the academic standard and the serene environment for learning. I expect to get a good education to better position me for the future



Oluwatobi Alo and Ayoimole Ayeni



A cross section of the parents listen as Prof. Philemon Amanze (right) makes a point at the meeting.



NEW OFFICERS

- President: Prof. Oladele Salami
- Treasurer: Dr. Priscila Imeda
- Welfare: Mrs. Magdalene Omole
- Project Director: Engineer Charles Nnaji
- Ex-Officio: Mr. Diran Abakan

BU PCF VOTES IN NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

By Godwin Ugbaka

The University's Parents Consultative Forum (PCF) has elected new officers to fill five vacant positions following the completion of tenures of former office holders and ward graduation.

This elections were held during the Forum's first general assembly for the 2023/2024 academic session which coincided with freshman resumption last week.

While assuring members of the administration's commitment to quality, holistic education, the Acting Chair and Senior Vice President Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze expressed gratitude to parents for making Babcock their preferred University.

He noted that the PCF was instrumental to a number of projects including water, sports complex, guest house and the purchase of the Babcock Business School building at Yaba in Lagos.

He also acknowledged the Forum's role in providing scholarship to students who lose sponsors to

ensure completion of their study.

He stated that to add value to the quality of deliverables, Babcock had added more programmes like Architecture, Estate Management and four Engineering courses as well as developmental projects.

Vice President Student Development, Pastor (Dr.) Sunday Audu asked for

parental cooperation in areas of discipline.

"Discipline will not kill them," he stated.

Former Welfare Officer, Dr. Bukky Fadayomi and Vice Chair, Pastor Ola Oyinloye said Babcock was the best for their wards because of its excellence in academics and morals.

On behalf of the newly elected officers, Prof. Salami assured members of a collaborative management style as everyone had equal stakes.

"I see our election as a challenge to make a difference and we seek everyone's cooperation to make it successful," he said.



Prof. Oladele Salami



Meeting of like minds: Prof. Philemon Amanze, Prof. Yacob Haliso (5th and 6th left) and other University and PCF officers.

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University was in festive mode as community members received the President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Pictures capture some of the faces and moments.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The Provost of the Benjamin Carson (Snr) College of Medicine and Health sciences, Prof. John Sotunsa led a three-man to pay a courtesy visit to Sir Kessington Adebute as he turned 88. Pictures capture the moment and the welcoming of Elder (Dr) Ted Wilson.





COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOV 16

INAUGURAL LECTURE

Dean of Nursing Sciences, Prof. Christiana Sowunmi will be delivering the University's 45th inaugural lecture. ***Plummeting Maternal Mortality: An Uphill Task in Nigeria***

Venue: BBS main Auditorium
Time: 2:00pm

NOV 18

OPERATION SMILE

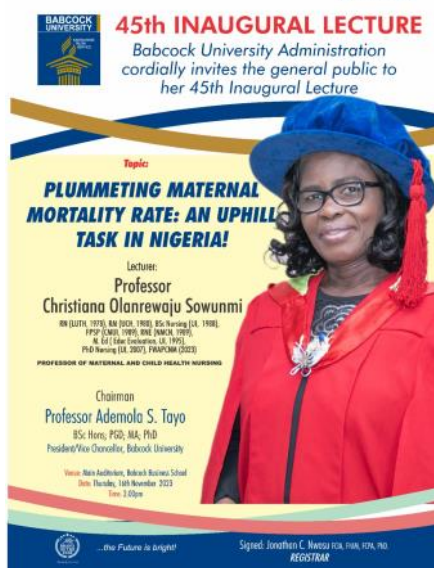
The annual outreach programme to vulnerable children in the host community will be held. Programme will include free eye screening for children and participating schools.

Venue: Pioneer Youth Church
Time: 2:00pm

NOV 25

FEAST OF LIGHT

The feast of light is once again



coming up to celebrate the living saviour, Jesus Christ with the theme, ***Christ, the Light of the World***. Venue: Sports Complex, Time: 5:00pm

NOV 26

**BU POINEER CHURCH
HARVEST/THANKSGIVING**



BENEFITS OF PAWPAP

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- Regulates blood pressure.
- Reduces inflammation.
- Reduces risk of Asthma and diabetes.
- Reduces risk of high blood pressure.
- Helps to burn belly fat



FACTS

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Situated in Southeast Asia, India is the world's seventh largest country in terms of size. It also has the highest population. Its capital is New Delhi.

- The board game, Chess, was invented in India.
- English and Hindi are the official languages.
- The place value system and decimal were developed in India in 100 BC.

SAFETY TIPS

- Think safety. Turn off electrical appliances after work even when there is no power.
- Never take safety for granted. Ensure proper use of tools, equipment and machinery.
- Pay attention to signage.
- Report any unsafe or hazardous conditions.
- Keep workplace and hallways clutter free.
- Use safety harnesses where necessary
- Dress appropriately.