



Our Mission

- Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change.

Our Vision

- A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world.

Our Core Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Servant Leadership,
- Team Spirit
- Autonomy & Responsibility
- Adventist Heritage

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Hope lies in dreams, in imagination and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.”
- Jonas Salk

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TOP OF THE WEEK



President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo welcomes Nigeria's Vice President Prof. Yemi Osibanjo and Ogun State Deputy Governor, Prof. Noimot Salako-Oyedele to Babcock.

VICE PRESIDENT COMMENDS BABCOCK, ADVENTIST CHURCH



Prof Yemi Osinbajo delivers his goodwill

The Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Professor Yemi Osibanjo has commended the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Babcock University for supporting the drive for quality education in Nigeria.

His call came as he gave a special address at the University's 33rd inaugural lecture, August 8, 2021.

Professor Osibanjo who came as a special guest and former classmate of the lecturer, Prof. Oluseyi Oduyoye, anchored his commendation on the church's supportive role in building a

rich workforce in Nigeria through its investments in Babcock University.

“Let me commend the Seventh-day Adventist Church for investments it has made in developing quality education in Nigeria. This is the direction many religious organizations must follow. The real work of ministry is to reach out especially to those who are unable to afford quality education.”

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Royal fathers and Babcock University officers listen as Prof. Yemi Osibanjo presents his address.



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He also called on the state government to support the Federal Government's development efforts for the survival of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises SMEs in Nigeria.

While sharing the Federal Government's efforts to boost economic growth through providing SMEs with seed investments, grants and incentives for expanding clusters of trade in Benue and Anambra State, he said state support would

ensure these efforts go a long way.

He revealed that the Africa Development Bank, AfDB has offered to support the Federal Government's SME growth with the sum of \$500 million dollars to complement its current effort.

"The economic future of our country is dependent on small businesses. SMEs employ the largest population of the workforce and the State government support is very critical. Those businesses bring hope, jobs and support for many families."



University Pastor, Prof. Efe Ehioghae front row. Behind him is Prof. Emeritus Michael Omolewa (with cap) and others at the lecture.

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L- r: Prof. Yacob Haliso, Dr. AKande Folorunsho and Dr. Sunday Audu

NUC APPROVES BU CENTRE FOR OPEN, DISTANCE & E-LEARNING



Front view of the BUCODEL building. Right: Prof. Ademola S. Tayo



Babcock has finally joined the league of universities licensed to run open distance and e-learning programme in Nigeria. This makes it the second of only two private universities among more than 78 and more than 90 Federal and State universities in the country to be so licensed.

The approval is coming barely three months after the validated status recommended by the National Universities Commission, NUC in conjunction with experts of Open & Distance Learning.

The NUC's Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, expressed pleasure at the approval for the Babcock University Centre for Open, Distance & E-Learning of Babcock University, BUCODEL, to commence academic activities following due diligence.

The Centre will now commence operations with BSc Accounting programme via the ICT-Enabled Supported Blended Learning

model of Open, Distance & E-Learning (ODL).

Addition of new programmes will be on individual programme basis, subject to NUC's pre-assessment and approval.

The approval not only marks a significant milestone for Babcock as Nigeria's premier private university, but affirms the Centre's preparedness to raise the stakes of education in Nigeria with the prerequisite

facilities and resources to run ODL programmes professionally.

Prof. Tayo has consistently affirmed the administration's determination to uphold the Babcock University institutional core values in the Centre's operations of the Open, distance and E-Learning programme in Nigeria.

For BUCODEL's Director, Prof. Mobola Sotunsa, the long wait is over and the journey of excellence has begun



Top: The reception of the Centre.

Right: A wing of the 500-seater capacity Computer laboratory for Computer-based tests



PROF ODUYOYE CALLS FOR GOVT SUPPORT FOR SMEs



Front row, host, Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd left) with Nigeria's Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osibanjo, Deputy Governor of Ogun State, Prof. Noimot Salako-Oyedele and Prof. Oluseyi Oduyoye. With them is SVP Academics, Prof. Philemon Amanze extreme left.



A Professor of Business Administration, Prof. Oluseyi Oduyoye has called on the Federal Government to support small businesses devastated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

He stated this while delivering the Babcock University 33rd inaugural lecture at the Babcock Business School main auditorium, August 8, 2021.

Delivering his lecture, ***"From the Small Business to Big Business: A Future with Little Hope"***, Professor Oduyoye noted that many small businesses were unlikely to recover from losses incurred during the pandemic lockdown if government did not come to their aid.

He specifically called on the Central Bank of Nigeria to assist the small businesses from the much publicized N50billion support fund set aside for distribution to businesses in need of lifeline for sustainability and growth.

Aside this, he urged deposit banks and insurance companies to strengthen the SMEs through re-negotiation of contract terms and



Dr. Joshua Suleiman



affordable minimal premiums following the losses and economic setbacks occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Professor Oduyoye noted that small businesses could become big companies if they were fortified with values of integrity, customer focus, openness and the fear of God.

"Starting small but having the eyes on

the big picture should always be the focus of the typical small business owner," he stated.

He also recommended networking with more experienced individuals in the industry to gain the needed leverage for growth.

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Prof. Ademola Tayo (right) congratulates the lecturer as the audience listen.

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- Prof. Oduyoye

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Professor Oduyoye, who thanked the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, his family and the Ilishan Development Association for making him what he had become, attributed the collapse of many businesses to the lack of integrity and the absence of the fear of God.

“Anything done without integrity cannot stand,” he said. “The lack of integrity and the love for quick money and shady deals is the bane of long-term growth of these small businesses.”

He lamented the fact that internet fraud popularly known as Yahoo-yahoo has taken over while integrity has been relegated to the background causing the nation to “bleed.”

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Top: A section of the audience. Right: Former President/VC, Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde and spouse, Prof. Yetunde Makinde



Bottom left: Prof. Grace Tayo presents BU souvenir to Prof. Yemi Osibanjo



The lecturer, Prof. Oluseyi Oduyoye and spouse shares some moment with the Olofin of Ilishan, HRH Oba Michael Sonuga and friends

PASTOR BABALOLA BUILDS BRIDGES WITH BOOK LAUNCH



Pastor (Dr) Emmanuel Ere-gare



Prof. Ademola Tayo (2nd left) with Prof. Philemon Amanze and spouse, Dr. Ruth Amanze and event chair, Otunba Osunde Wemmy with the author, Dr. James Babalola and spouse. Seated left is Co-launcher, Surveyor Henry Adepoju.

Many Seventh-day Adventists have asked, “Are charismatic movements within the church an evidence of the Holy Spirit or simply a deviation from the core teachings of church’s fundamental beliefs?”

Pastor Joseph Babalola’s 10-chapter book, *Seventh-day Adventists and the Charismatic Movement in Nigeria*, set out to explore answers to these questions and ways to build bridges between the conservatives and liberals who want change from the orthodox

teachings.

Expectedly, the book launch held August 4, attracted not only the President/Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ademola S. Tayo and others from the academia, it also brought family and community members from Otun in Ekiti State as well as the clergy.

According to Dr. Babalola, the book is an inspiration from his PhD work which he hopes would proffer solutions to the perceived problem of the charismatic movement within

the church.

Its opening chapters introduce the Adventist Church, her teachings and structure.

Other chapters offer insight into this movement and how to handle these vibrant concepts of worship as well as build a bridge between the orthodox and the new movement within the Adventist church.

In the concluding chapter, the author reiterates his belief that

as a way forward, the Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership can find a solution through proffering a supervisory role. This implies harnessing the leadership of those churches to come under the leadership of the parent SDA church through pastoral conventions where they can express their views.



Some members of the Otun community (Babcock University Chapter) at the event



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A faculty from the Joel Awoniyi School of Education & Humanity, Dr. Emmanuel Eregare, did the review at the book launch which also marked the author's 50th birthday anniversary.



Unveiling the Book: Otunba Osunde Wemmy (middle) with the author, Dr. James Babalola, spouse, Prof. Yetunde Makinde and others.

Waiting for the event to begin: A cross section of the audience. Front row are: Prof. Ademola Tayo, Otunba Osunde Wemmy and Prof. J. A. Kayode Makinde



THINGS I WISH KNEW BEFORE 50



Pastor Dr) Joseph Babalola and spouse

He set out to be a Chartered Accountant and even married one. But when he got the call to ministry, he dropped book-keeping for soul-winning.

On his 50th birthday August 4, Pastor (Dr) Joseph Babalola launched his first book as appreciation of God's leadership in his life.

He shares his story with the editorial team. Excerpts:

I graduated as a trained Accountant from the Yaba College of Technology in 1996. After my graduation and National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) at the Nigeria Military School, Chindit Barracks in Zaria, I got the call to Ministry. I started my ministry October 1999.

It wasn't part of my plan to be in BU as a lecturer but I came to BU in January 2012. Publishing my first book now was a dream that I never had. It has been all by God's grace and blessings. Here are some things I wished I knew

earlier: Your relationship with your spouse should continually be a strong one. I now realise that when man proposes, God disposes. The more you leave the reins of leadership in your life to God, the more you get things right. Ten years from now I hope to have attained greater heights and academic excellence. I trust God and hope for what He plans in my life.

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BOOK LAUNCH PROGRAMME IN PICTURES





Coordinators and VPC youth members set for Sabbath worship at the boot camp training.

connecting campers to Jesus and teaching them to stay connected through personal and group devotion; exposing them to critical thinking through music composition and executing drama scripts.

They also received training in improvisation, soap making and coping with outdoor and wildlife experience.

"I enjoyed the cooking and tent making," said Joy Efuribe, one of the campers. "But the most important lesson I learnt from this camp is that teamwork pays off."

BU PIONEER VPC HOSTS BOOT BUSH CAMP TRAINING

The Babcock Pioneer Church Victory Pathfinders Club leadership hosted a seven-day boot bush camp training to hone the survival and interpersonal skills of more than 60 youth members.

Held within the grounds of the Youth Multi-purpose Centre, the training provided hands-on experience in tent and soap making, culinary skills, drama, music and coping with the wild.

The four Units of the Victory Pathfinders Club - Dove, Eagle, Lion and Tiger also learnt social skills such as sharing, respect for others, tolerance, discipline and honesty.

One of the VPF Boot Camp Coordinators, Mr. Joshua Umahi, said among others, the training was designed to achieve the following:



The University's Centre for Foundational Studies recently carried their learning beyond the classroom. This came at the annual week celebration, July 18 - 24.

The Director of the Centre, Professor James Ogunji, said the activities which featured career talk, debate, sports, cultural displays and motivational training, was a learning experience.

Two teachers, Mrs Onyinyechi Mark and Mr. Ademola Adeleke, facilitated the debate, *Insecurity in Nigeria is due to the failure of the Federal Government* whilst Mr. Peter Okonta of the Student Support Centre handled the career talk on *Career Selection: Issues and Contention*.

FOUNDATIONAL STUDENTS MARK WEEK



Mr. Peter Ikonta presenting his talk on career during the Centre's Student Week celebration.

The week celebration which ended with a thanksgiving dinner and awards night, provided time out for social interaction and relaxation.

Among the awards given at the

dinner were Best Behaved; the Most Influential, Most Outspoken and the Most Friendly Sports personality.

PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The 33rd inaugural lecture of Babcock University held in the University main campus. Pictures capture the faces and scenes.



PHOTO-SEEN-THESIS



The University community and friends turned out in numbers to celebrate with the lecturer, Prof. Oluseyi Oduyoye. More moments and faces at the 33rd lecture.





COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 18 - 22

COLLOQUIUM

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness will be anchoring the 2021 colloquium ahead of the new academic session. Details will be released shortly.

AUGUST 22 - 31

EXAMINATION

For post SIWES, 100 level and 200 level direct entry students.

SEPTEMBER 1

Departure of 100 level and 200 level direct entry students.

SEPTEMBER 17

FOUNDERS DAY

Babcock University Founders Day
Details to be released shortly.

VACANCY IN AWR

RADIO PRODUCER/PRESENTER IN IGBO LANGUAGE



The Job: The Adventist World Radio (AWR), needs a radio presenter in Igbo language.

Description: Job based in Babcock University but involves occasional travel to the Eastern states of Nigeria for first hand recordings of inspirational experiences of Seventh-day Adventist Igbo

speakers and listeners. S/he will record, compile and upload programmes to AWR International's website, respond to listeners' mails and calls as well as follow up where necessary to connect them to appropriate persons or Pastors.

Skills/Experience: Must be fluent in central Igbo language with 3 - 5 years cognate experience in broadcasting.

Method of Application: Application with detailed CV containing names and contacts of three professional referees including email addresses and phone numbers not later than August 31, 2021 to hr@babcock.edu.ng with the position applied for clearly stated on the application letter and the subject of the Email.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



REFLECTION



"A person
who never made a
mistake never tried
anything new."
- Albert Einstein