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Successful Preachers & Church Leaders Workshop

In May, 2019, It was an enlightening moment as West Nigeria Christian College held her 20th Annual Preachers and Church leaders workshop. The theme was Managing Stress and Burnout for Effective Ministry. The workshop which lasted from 30th April till 3rd May 2019 saw a good turnout of preachers from across the brotherhood. The workshop was anchored by the guest speaker, Dr. Thayer Salisbury, minister and elder of Flanders Road Church of Christ, Toledo, Ohio, USA, supported by Dr. Biodun Owolabi provided the thematic analysis. Bro. Friday Adima was also on hand to conduct a New Life Behavior Seminar.

The key note speaker **Dr. Thayer Salisbury** did justice to topics such as: Definition of Terms - Stress, Burnout, Ministry; Stress and Burnout; Ministering in an Age of Stress; Biblical Examples of Stress and Burnout; Factors for Stress Points in Ministry; Signs and Symptoms of Stress and Burnout; Managing Stress and Burnout for Effective Ministry. At the end of the four-day workshop, the crowd expressed their appreciation for his in-depth knowledge of the subject, experience and teaching skill.



Indeed, this year's workshop offered the way forward on how to put stress in its place and move on through the strength that only God can provide. To our Father and Creator, we are grateful for making this year's workshop a success and to the participants we pray that God greatly bless your ministry, family and keep you in good health. To God be the Glory. -Dr. Biodun Owolabi



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You are invited to
Partners in Progress Dinner
September 24, 2019

You are warmly welcome to our annual Partners in Progress Benefit Dinner. It will be held at the Church of Christ in Green Hills, Nashville, TN starting at 6:30PM.

The format will be a bit different during this dinner as we will discuss real partnership ideas and ways for you to get more involved.

Please RSVP to Chad at 615-542-6282 if you'd like to attend.

NCBC HOLDS MINISTERS WORKSHOP

In conjunction with WNCC's Preachers and Church Leaders Workshop, the school at Nigeria Christian Bible College held its annual workshop, also. Thayer Salisbury was able to speak at NCBC for their workshop as well. Below are some pictures from that workshop. We are also very thankful to Friday Adima (a former NCBC teacher/alumni) who conducted a New Life Behavior Seminar at both schools.



Participants at 2019 NCBC Preachers' Seminar with Dr. Thayer Salisbury as the resource person



Uyai Joshua and Prof. T. J. Akpakpan presenting gift of appreciation to Friday Adima.



Dr. Thayer Salisbury speaking at NCBC Ukpom 2019 Annual Preachers Seminar

WNCC COMMISSIONS ANOTHER SET OF GRADUATES FOR MINISTRY AT 19TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY



It was an ecstatic gathering as West Nigeria Christian College and School of Biblical Studies held her 19th graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The ceremony commenced and was immediately followed by short devotion with the opening hymn and the Bible reading from **1 Tim 4:1-16** read by Bro George Olubodun and the opening prayer by bro Dele Oni.

The convocation ceremony was declared opened by the president who represented the

Governing Board Chairman. He also introduced the commencement speaker, **Dr. Thayer Salisbury**. In his convocation address titled, "Who are you following: who is your leader?" he charged the graduating class to beware of who they follow and gave reasons why they should follow those who have good reputations and serve as good examples. He concluded by appealing to the grandaunts to replicate whatever they have learnt in the college in their everyday life and ministry.

The highlight of the occasion was the presentation of diploma in Biblical studies to deserving grandaunts by Elder Moses Enilolobo, the vice chairman of the governing board assisted by Dr. Biodun Owolabi. **Thirty-one students** graduated in the **Diploma in Biblical Studies** class and **two** in **Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry** class. In all, **thirty-three students** graduated at the ceremony.



Stairwell Repaired at WNCC/Thanks to Harpeth Hills Church



We are thankful to the Lord for his bountiful blessings of providing funds from the Harpeth Hills Church of Christ, Nashville, TN. Since the construction of our main campus building so many years ago, the rear-stairs used by all of our students going to classes was in very poor shape. Rain normally comes in through a break in the roofline pouring down upon the students going to class. This caused the deterioration of the stairs and made them unsafe for students and visitors to use.

Through a donation from Harpeth Hills, we were able to repair the roofline, finish the stairs and make it safe for the students getting to class. In fact, we had enough funds left over to cement the upper level area where students can meet for some of their sessions! Thanks be to God for using this church to help with these needed projects.



A LEGACY OF HOPE

When you make ACSF a beneficiary of your retirement plan savings or leave ACSF an estate gift, it enables you to create a Kingdom legacy that will continue for many years. There is no minimum gift, and its easy to do. Notifying us of your gift helps ensure we can honor your lasting legacy. For questions please contact us at 615-542-6282 or at acsf1959@gmail.com. Your gift will ensure that we continue to turn Africa upside down with the saving Gospel of Christ.

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West Nigeria Christian College welcomes new Teacher



Jasper Kizito graduated from WNCC in 2014 with a Diploma in Biblical Studies. He was the Valedictorian of his class. He proceeded to the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, for his Bachelor's Degree. He graduated in May, 2018 with a First Class—also being the Valedictorian. We are very happy to have him on staff at the school. God bless him!

Goodnews Peter Steps Down as Provost at NCBC

We are very thankful for the service of Goodnews Peter, the interim Provost of Nigeria Christian Bible College. He has served NCBC for many years as a teacher, administrator and finally



a Provost. He will be devoting himself fully to a Bible Teachers program in Akwa Ibom State, overseen by the Concord Road Church of Christ, Nashville, TN.

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What African Christian Schools means to me...

When the Lord gave the Great Commission, He instructed believers to, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel.” As a Christian, I take that seriously. African Christian Schools Foundation (ACSF) makes it possible for all of us to join in the fulfilment and the blessings of the Great Commission. As stewards of the Lord’s money, our family wants to be involved in an organization that places priority on the Great Commission; on the spreading of the gospel, has a long and successful history of reaching the lost and making disciples of the risen Savior. We want to team with Christians intent on winning the World for Jesus. We believe in ACSF’s mission of training young men and women in their own culture to reach their friends and neighbors.

So, for three generations, our family has been actively involved with ACSF. They have a rich history of winning souls for Christ and preparing young men and women to change the world for Jesus as they teach, preach, and live out their faith. African Christian Schools graduates embark on society fully equipped and eager to claim a lost world for Christ.

-Mike & Rita Cochrane, ACSF Board of Trustee Member

Did you know...?

Did you know that the churches of Christ in Nigeria are growing at an unprecedented rate?? The need for training preachers in their own country and culture has never been more evident! We need monthly partners to help us at \$100 each month to see the schools and work continue. Can you help us meet some of our urgent needs? Let us know! Call our office at 615-542-6282. It is also easy to set up recurring donations online at www.africanchristianschools.org