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BU GLORIOUS CELEBRATIONS AS LEADERSHIP CHANGES HANDS UNDER GOD

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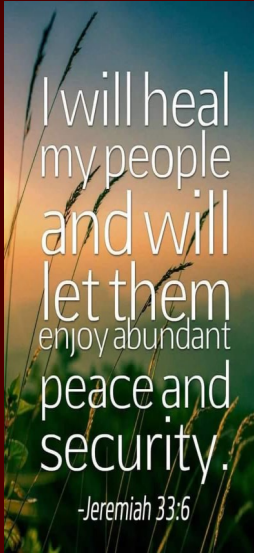


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EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS: THROUGH IT ALL: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The year 2025 has ended. As we look back on how God has led His people here in Babcock University through the year, we cannot but marvel and bow in worship and adoration for His goodness and love for us as individuals and as an organization. This issue looks back over the months beginning from January 2025 and dwell on the highlights; Moments when God's presence was especially felt among us as a corporate organization. In January, we welcomed the new year together as staff and faculty gathered to connect and deliberate on the work to be done in God's vineyard in the following months during the Annual Orientation program.



In February, we held the annual week of spiritual emphasis and invited men of God came to minister to the BU community in three different venues simultaneously. Many young people gave their lives to Christ and the hosts of heaven rejoiced. On, and on it went - throughout the year, in every month God's spirit active on our behalf all over both campuses. This is a special edition commemorating God's goodness to us as people in the year 2025. The servant of God Ellen White said and I quote: "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."

We are determined and united as people not to forget God's leading and teaching in our past history as individuals, as families and as a corporate organization.

God has been good! And it is only right that we take a moment, as a new year begins, to look back at His wonderful works - His acts of mercy, providence and love in our lives as a people called by His name.

The Lord did so much ... and this simply a glimpse - a synopsis of the innumerable blessings and evidences of His presence that we received throughout 2025. Psalm 105 verse 1 says -

O give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the people.

That is what this issue is about. I pray you will be blessed and inspired as you go through it in Jesus name. Amen

- Oluwaseun Olabode Oladini

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

- BY PASTOR (PROF) EFE M. EHIIOGHAE



GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

How do you begin this New Year? Begin with trust! Not blind trust, though; it must be reposed in God, who is always faithful. The Psalmist gives us a clear and comforting assurance. He says:

“Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass” (Psa. 37:5, NKJV) [Continue on the next page]

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL [CONTD]

This verse is short, but it is packed with hope. It captures a truth that has carried God's people through generations. David, who wrote this psalm, knew exactly what he was saying. His life was not smooth or predictable. He moved from shepherd boy to king, from praise to persecution, from palace to wilderness. He experienced victory and loss, applause and rejection. Yet after all the ups and downs, David reached one firm conclusion: God is always faithful.

David did not trust God because life was easy. He trusted God because he had seen God act—again and again. That is why he invites us to commit our way to the Lord. To commit means to hand over control. It means placing our plans (yes, resolutions), ambitions, fears, mistakes, and unanswered questions into God's care. It is saying, "Lord, You know better than I do. I trust You."

This message is especially important as we step into 2026. A new year often comes with excitement and expectations—but also uncertainty. Some of us are hopeful. Others are anxious. Some are celebrating progress, while others are still waiting for breakthroughs. God's Word speaks to all of us: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5–6).

Leaning on our own understanding limits us to what we can see. Trusting God opens us to what He can do. Psalm 55:22 encourages us, "Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you." God never asked us to carry life alone.

Trust does not mean we will face no challenges. It means we believe God is at work even in the waiting. "Great is Your faithfulness," declares Lamentations 3:23. God's faithfulness does not change with seasons or times. He is faithful in joy and faithful in sorrow, faithful in beginnings and faithful in endings.

As we commit our ways to the Lord in 2026, let us move forward with confidence; not in our strength, but in His. God has been faithful before. He is faithful now. And He will remain faithful tomorrow. Remember this promise and hold it tightly: when you trust Him fully, He will bring it to pass.

POSTSCRIPT

Early this year, the Division of Spiritual Life (DSL) witnessed a change of baton. Professor Efe M. Ehioghae, who served as Associate Vice-President, has completed his tenure. Stepping into this important role is Pastor (Dr) Opeyemi T. Oladosu, a pastor and lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies, Babcock University. As he assumes this responsibility, he does so with great expectations and shared hopes for continued progress. This transition reminds us that leadership is a shared journey. (Continued page 7)



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GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL (CONTD FROM P. 5)

Dr. Oladosu will need our prayers, encouragement, and active support. When we pull together in unity, service becomes stronger, vision clearer, and our collective impact deeper and more enduring for the entire community.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

The mark of great leadership is not what you build, but who you prepare. Moses did not enter the Promised Land himself, but he ensured that Joshua was ready to lead the people forward.

Andrew Harewood

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Psalms 46:1,5

IN JANUARY 2025...



Pastor (Prof) Ademola Stephen Tayo (President/Vice Chancellor 2015 – 2025) committed staff, faculty and the entire Babcock University community to God for safekeeping during the Annual Staff Orientation in January 2025. It was a beautiful moment in God's presence. The impact of that heart-felt prayer was felt by members of the BU community individually and as a corporate body throughout the year.

IN FEBRUARY 2025...



Elder Erton C. Kohler - then Executive Secretary of the General conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (now President of the General Conference of the SDA church worldwide), visited Babcock University to encourage the community to greater faith and service. He took time out of his busy schedule to dedicate the newly purchased church organ for BU Pioneer SDA church before leaving the university campus.



IN FEBRUARY 2025...



February 15 - 22, 2025 we had the 2025 Babcock University Week of Prayer and Spiritual Emphasis where so many young people gave their lives to Christ and continue their walk with God even now to the glory of God!

IN FEBRUARY 2025...



**SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED TO THE GLORY
OF GOD!**



IN MARCH 2025...



The Christ Our Foundation Chapel members on the Iperu campus of the university (ABOVE); and the Shekinah Glory Chapel members on the main campus (BELOW), represent the congregations of young people all across campus who did mission and special programs during the month and beyond.



IN APRIL 2025...



WAD IMPACT 2025

We had men of God preaching in the worship centres on campus and helping young people decide for Christ and for baptism.... A most powerful spirit-led program that transformed so many lives. Here, they paused to mark the moment as the University Pastor and his wife - Pastor(Prof) and Dr (Mrs) Efe Ehioghae joined them to celebrate God's Goodness to His people.

IN MAY 2025...



NATIONAL GATEWAY SPORTS FESTIVAL

From the 16th to the 30th, over 10,000 athletes from all over the country were camped here in Babcock University and the BU community had the opportunity to minister to their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs through the services of the Hall administrators and their teams, the Kitchen/Cafeteria staff and the Chaplains/Pastors on campus for the duration of their stay. Many athletes testified as they left that they had felt the presence of Holy Spirit with them on campus and had received blessings from God.

IN JUNE 2025...



WEDDING BELLS...

...One of our chaplains - Pastor Emmanuel Eigbe found the 'bone of his bone and the flesh of his flesh' the beautiful ceremony held on the 12th to the glory of God.

OTHER WEDDING BELLS IN 2025...

RIGHT: Wedding of the daughter of Pastor (Prof) Ademola S. Tayo (President/Vice Chancellor Babcock University 2015-2025) and Prof (Mrs) Grace Tayo on the 16th of October, 2025. And precisely a month later, on the 16th of November, the (second) son of Pastor (Prof) Efe Ehioghae (University Pastor 2021-2026) and Dr (Mrs) Maria Ehioghae got married to the glory of God in the presence of friends, family and well-wishers.



IN AUGUST 2025...



Vacation Bible School for the kids of the BU Community



The Annual Colloquium for Faculty & Staff took place in August 2025.

The 15th Annual Chaplaincy Training for staff and students chaplain also took place in August 2025



IN OCTOBER 2025...

We had a most glorious occasion! – the Inaugural lecture of Pastor (Prof) Efe Ehioghae (University Pastor 2021 –2026) - which brought together family, friends, colleagues and well-wishers to celebrate the momentous event.



IN NOVEMBER 2025...

We held the annual BABCOCK UNIVERSITY FEAST OF LIGHTS CONCERT—Bringing together as always the entire Babcock University; thousands of students, faculty and staff coming together to praise God for His goodness and unending mercies throughout the year as well as remembering and celebrating the gift of God to man in Christ Jesus



IN DECEMBER 2025...

A New Chapter
began

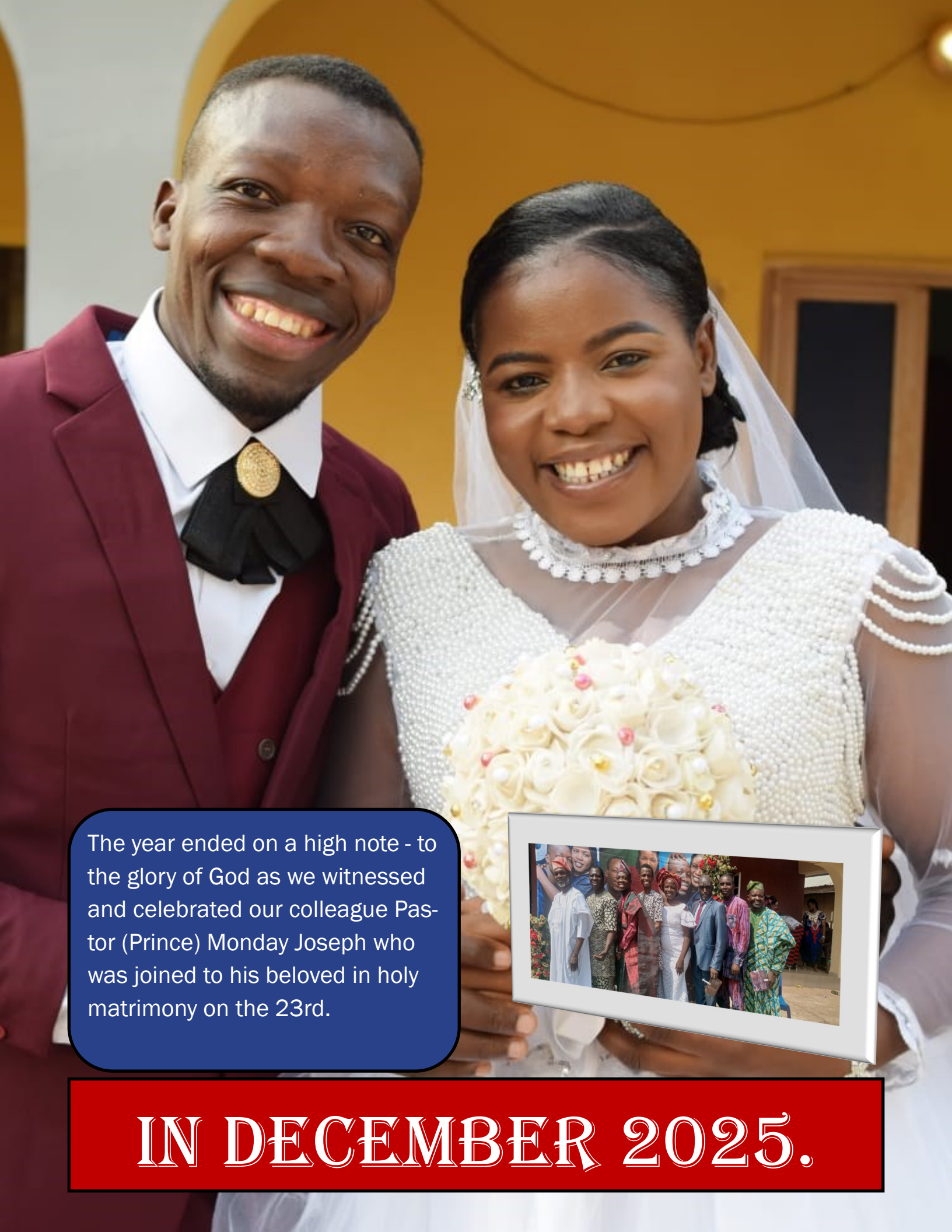


On the very first day of the month, we witnessed the beautiful hand-over ceremony as Pastor (Prof) Olutunde A. Ojewole assumed the mantle of leadership and became the 4th President/Vice Chancellor of Babcock University - God's own University!

IN DECEMBER 2025...

At the GLORYLAND CHAPEL - just as it was in so many worship centres on campus, December was a time to welcome and celebrate the 100 Level students (Fresh students) joining the BU community to commence their academic journey through the next few years.





The year ended on a high note - to the glory of God as we witnessed and celebrated our colleague Pastor (Prince) Monday Joseph who was joined to his beloved in holy matrimony on the 23rd.



IN DECEMBER 2025.

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