

# 2021 VIRTUAL BIENNIAL REUNION CONFERENCE & FUND RAISER



"Preparing the Next Generation for a Post Pandemic Era"

August 21, 2021

## **OUR LEGACY**

#### **MOBILISATION SONG**

We are Baptist Academy boys And we are proud of dear Alma Mater Where the sweet fellowship we enjoy Where the spirit of Christ is taught Where our Captain God leads us along We'll be true to our Alma Mater always Up School!!

#### SCHOOL SONG

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast brought us, Thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast brought us, Thine we are

2. We are Thine, do thou befriend us, Be the Guardian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray. 3. Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free, Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

4. Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do thy will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, loved us still; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

#### SCHOOL CHANT

What's the matter with the Team? ==> The TEAM is alright! I say - What's the matter with the TEAM? ==> The TEAM is alright! Who says so? ==> Everybody!!! And who's Everybody? ==> The BAPTACADS!!! I say Rah! Rah!! Rah!!! ==> Rah! Rah!! Rah!!!



### Baptist Academy Alumni Association - North America (BAAA-NA)

FIRST EVER VIRTUAL REUNION CONFERENCE & FUNDRAISING EVENT

## Program of Events

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2021

All times are in Central Standard Time (CST)

1.	11:00 - 11:15 am	Opening Prayers and Remarks
2.	11:15 - 11:30 am	School Hymn & Booster Chants
3.	11:30 - 12 noon	Remembering our Departed Colleagues
4.	12:00 noon - 1:00 pm	<ul> <li>Acknowledgement of the Planning Committee</li> <li>State of the Association Address</li> <li>Election of Officers</li> <li>Swearing in of New Officers</li> </ul>
5.	1:00 - 2:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK * LUNCH BREAK * LUNCH BREAK
6.	2:00 - 3:00 pm	<ul><li>Future Goals &amp; Objectives</li><li>Next Conference Date &amp; Location</li></ul>
7.	3:00 - 4:00 pm	DRESS BREAK * DRESS BREAK * DRESS BREAK
8.	4:00 - 4:30 pm	Introduction of Special Guests
9.	4:30 - 5:30 pm	Keynote Address
10	. 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Entertainment & Fund Raising
11	. 7:30 - 8:00 pm	Vote of Thanks / Closing Prayer



## A Welcome From The Chairman Dr. Akinyinka Akinyele



Fellow Members and Friends,

Another convention is here as was scheduled. Back in Los Angeles California in 2019, the members present at the convention voted for our 2021 convention to be hosted by the eastern part of the US. The members of the convention planning committee went to work searching for venues, discussing vital logistical details, pricing and other key issues of a typical convention planning.

Then came March 2020 and the virus that grounded the whole world to a grinding halt, the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Over the next few months the committee optimistically continued working on the old way of holding and attending a convention; however, it became clear that we, BAAA-NA members, had to change our planning assumptions. Hence, we decided to go virtual for our 2021 Biennial Convention.

The organization is growing stronger and making an impact on the lives of the current students at Baptist Academy, Lagos, Nigeria. Over the past years we have engaged on projects that directly affected the students, such as the annual delivery of exercise books, donations toward the purchase of interhouse sports equipment and gear and school library books. At our last convention, we focused our fund raising activities on purchasing equipment for the Biology, Chemistry and Physics laboratories. I thank all association members, our family members and friends present at the Los Angeles Convention for their generosity.

The theme of our first virtual convention is *"Preparing the Next Generation for a Post-Pandemic Era"*. This is an effort to come up with ideas and strategies for the future. I want to congratulate our President, Dr. Bolaji Famakinwa, Committee Chairman John Akande, and other members of the planning committee who worked so diligently to bring this convention to fruition. I commend you all for your efforts, time and dedication toward our alma mater.

Have a successful convention! May the Almighty God continue to bless us and our family members. All Glory to God our Heavenly Father.

Akinyinka Akinyele Ph.D.



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK BAAA-NA'S Message For The 2021 Biennial Reunion Conference And Fundraising Event



With the deepest gratitude to God, it is a great honor and privilege for me to welcome you all on behalf of the entire membership of Baptist Academy Alumni Association of North America (BAAA-NA) to the 2021 Biennial Reunion Conference and Fund-Raising Event, the first ever virtual convention in BAAA-NA's history. Needless to say how strange, difficult and challenging this past year and a half has been for everyone as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic that struck the entire world, which is the singular reason for holding this biennial event in a virtual environment this year. While thanking God for sparing our lives from the devastation of the Covid-19 pandemic, we pray for the souls of those who were not so fortunate. As more and more people get vaccinated against the virus, the nation is beginning to open back up again. Please do not pass up on the opportunity to protect yourselves and your families against Coronavirus through vaccination. God willingly, we all hope to get back to our live convention again in the year 2023.

I have been privileged to serve as the President of the alumni association for the past four years building on the great work done by my predecessors and the commitment and sacrifice shown by our executives and all of our members. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I also want to thank all our guests, family members and friends joining us tonight. Your support and understanding have made it possible for your loved ones, our alumni, to participate in the association affairs and give BAAA-NA much needed full moral and financial support.

Yes, it's been a challenging year and a half because of the Covid-19 situation and its concomitant outcomes, nonetheless BAAA-NA did make remarkable strides worthy of mentioning. We continued the tradition of supplying exercise books to the Baptist Academy, Lagos. BAAA-NA's website is currently being redone, many thanks to Brothers Ajayi-Obe, Peter Edu, Ed Etefia and Charles Aruviereh, who are stewarding this project. Perhaps the biggest project executed by BAAA-NA during this past couple of years was the supply of science laboratory equipment for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. It is gratifying to note the uptick in academic performance of the students in their final high school examinations. With your continued support and commitment we hope to do more in the future.

Let me end this message with a renewed call for the need to continue to expand the membership of our organization, one of the main issues I talked about in my first term as president. It will continue to be a major focus of our organization which will put us in the best position to strongly give back to Lagos Baptist Academy, our dear alma mater. We should all make this a top priority going forward. Finally, I like to thank again all our guests, families and friends who have come to celebrate this historic virtual experience with us. I hope you all have great virtual convention. May God continue to Bless Baptist Academy, BAAA-NA and you all.

Dr. Simeon Bolaji Famakinwa, Ph.D, President Baptist Academy Alumni Association of North America (BAAA-NA)



## **2019 SLATED OFFICERS**



DR. AKINYINKA AKINYELE '69 Chairman



DR. BOLAJI FAMAKINWA '71 President



HENRY EMDIN '75 Vice President



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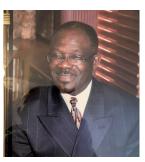


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PETER OKI-EDU '72 Asst. Publicity Secretary

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OYEDIRAN AJAYI-OBE '77 Financial Secretary



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ALFRED OLAJIDE MARTINS '77 Pacific

## Convention Committee Welcome



Oluyomi Dada, Secretary

John Akande, Chairman Bolaji Famakinwa, Member Charles Aruviereh, Member Oyediran Ajayi-Obe, Member Frank Afenkhena, Member Alfred Martins, Member The Planning Committee of the 2021 Reunion Conference and Fundraising of the Baptist Academy Alumni Association - North America (BAAA-NA) welcomes all our alumni, their families and friends to this one-of-a-kind event in the history of BAAA-NA. At the 2019 reunion in California, New Jersey had the honor of being nominated as the host for this year's event. However due to the global pandemic event, it was decided by the General Executive to hold a Virtual Reunion.

While the virtual format of the Reunion posed some challenges, the Planning Committee, under the able leadership of John Akande and strongly supported by BAAA-NA President Dr Bolaji Famakinwa, was able to recognize and make plans to take advantage of the immense opportunities that also came with this year's format. This year's convention has extended invitations and expects a strong participation by noble alumni from different parts of the world.

The Planning Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted in one way or the other in putting together this Reunion event. The goal of BAAA-NA remains the uplifting of our dear Alma Mater by identifying meaningful ways that we can continue to contribute and give back to the school.

We wish you all a very pleasant time as we spend the next hours together and as you join us in this laudable goal of honoring our old school and making lasting contributions to the lives of the next generations of Baptacads.



## **History of Lagos Baptist Academy**

Lagos Baptist Academy started first as a primary school, graduating into a secondary school in 1885. The school was moved from the island to the mainland in February 1957, it's new home, Mile 7, Ikorodu Road in Obanikoro to allow for needed expansion and to meet the growing needs of the society.

Baptist Academy was not left out of the 1979 Lagos State Government takeover of schools by the Civilian Administration. The school had excelled both academically and morally. Many eminent personalities who have made the country great were educated in the school.

#### The Hardens' Legacy:

The origins of the First Baptist Church, Lagos and Baptist Academy, Lagos are inseparable. Both can be traced to the late Rev. Joseph M. Harden (an African American) who arrived in Lagos in 1851 as a business agent of the American Baptist Mission to facilitate supplies of missionaries going into the hinterland. He established the foundation of the Baptist Congregation in 1855, signified by the erection of a chapel built with bamboo wood and dedicated on February 3, 1857, at the Fiji market area. The bamboo chapel was however destroyed either by storm or fire in 1859; and so services had to be held, first at the Pastor's quarters (site of present address of the church), and then at the school room that was built in 1860.

Following the commencement of the American Civil War in 1861, the other missionaries returned to America leaving behind Rev. Harden to continue the work, but without any resources. To support the work and his family Rev. Harden resorted to brick making traced to Iddo. He was ably assisted by his wife Sarah, a Sierra Leonean, who was an expert in needlework.

Due to the strain on his body, Rev. Harden died in May 1864 and Sarah was saddled with the responsibility of keeping the dream of her late husband alive. She was later joined by Mr. (later Rev.) Moses Ladder Stone, an apprentice carpenter in keeping the young church going.

Today, this tiny seed planted 166 years ago has turned out to be an oak sprouting some of the greatest intellectuals in the world of science and technology, medicine, economics, finance, politics, arts and sports.

In an age when formal education was still an exclusive privilege of the bourgeoisie, even in western countries, you would agree that Mr. and Mrs. Harden's vision and foresight were exemplary and deserving of acknowledgement. This beckons us as old students of Baptist Academy and beneficiaries of Rev. and Mrs. Harden's legacy to keep their dreams alive.

The outlook of the future of Baptist Academy is promising. The school is continually being blessed with a growing number of brilliant students and dedicated teaching staff of sound intellect. The school recently represented the country at a Science Olympiad in South Africa and came in second place, emerging as the best African contestant. The school recently received the Cowbell's Mathematics Championship for secondary schools in Lagos State, Nigeria.

Think of what you give not so much as a charitable donation, but as an investment. One that you know is at work every time you visit Lagos Baptist Academy, talk to an old student, or hear from a fresh graduate nervously encountering the world outside of college for the first time just like we did when we graduated.



## Our Leadership History

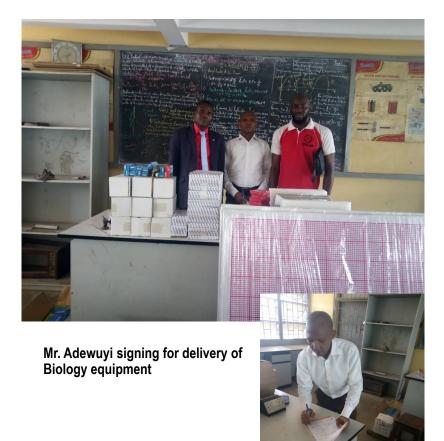
Principal	Year(s) Served
Professor S. M. Harden	1854
Miss Lucile Reagan	1924 - 1937
Dr. A. Scott Patterson	1937 - 1940
Rev. B. T. Griffin	1941-1945
Rev. John Mills	1946 - 1951
Rev. G. Lane	1951 - 1953
Rev. Dr. J. A. Adegbite (the first African principal)	1954 - 1975
M. Abayomi Ladepo (an old student of Rev. Dr. Adegbite)	1976 - 1978
Rev. V. S. Adenugba	1978 - 1981
Rev. S. O. B. Oyawoye	1981 - 1982
Mr. Olukunie	1982 - 1983
Mr. Aiyelokun	1983 - 1991
Mr. C. O. Oduleye	1992 - 1994
Mr. A. C. Adesanya	1994 - 1999
Mrs. F. O. Ojo	1999 - 2003
Mr. H. O. Alamu	2003 - 2009
Rev. (Mrs.) B. A. Ladoba	2009 - 2018
Deacon Gbenga Emmanuel Abodunrin	2018 - Present



#### BAAA-NA AT WORK SUPPLYING ... SCIENCE LABORATORY EQUIPMENT











Mr. Odeseye signing for delivery of Physics equipment







&... EXERCISE BOOKS TO BAPTIST ACADEMY, LAGOS







#### THE LEGACY OF DR. JOSEPH ADEJUMOBI ADEGBITE, B.S., M.A., Ed.D. The First African Principal of the Lagos Baptist Academy

#### **Biographical Summary**

Dr. Joseph Adejumobi Adegbite was born on August 2, 1918 at Awe near Oyo in the old Western Region of Nigeria, now known as Oyo State to a devout Baptist family. His father, Pa Josiah Adeleye Adegbite, was the Banishe of Awe and his mother was Madam Mary Ijadunade Adegbite. Dr. Adegbite practiced two professions in his youth; teaching and preaching. He was also the Atayese of Awe and the Asiwaju of Iwo in the old western region of Nigeria. Dr. Adegbite was also the pastor of Shepherd Hill Baptist Church, Obanikoro, Lagos.

1923 – 1931:	Attended Awe Baptist Day School.
1932 – 1937:	Government College, Ibadan; Passed his Middle Sixth Examinations.
1938:	Graduated with Diploma in Physics and Mathematics from Yaba College of Technology, Lagos – Nigeria.
1941:	Joined Baptist Academy, Obanikoro, Lagos as a Science Teacher and Head of Department
1943:	Married Ms. Victoria Adeola Ajoke on December 2, 1943.
1950:	Earned a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia, USA.
1951:	Obtained his Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree from the Teachers' College at Columbia University, New York, NY, USA.
1953:	Dr. Adegbite bagged his Doctor of Education (Ed.D) degree from the same teachers' college as well as a teacher's certificate/qualification to practice in the states of Virginia and
	New York, respectively.
1941 – 1978:	Pillar of Baptist Church, Lagos (37 years of Godly selfless service).
1954 – 1975:	Principal of Baptist Academy, Obanikoro, Lagos, Nigeria.
1955:	Ordained a Deacon on December 25, 1955.
1962:	Trade Commissioner in the emergency government of Western Nigeria
1967:	Co-founder and President of All Nigerian conference of principals.
1964 – 1968:	Member of the Joint Commission on Education of the World Council of Christian Education.
1965 – 1970:	Member, Executive of the Baptist World Alliance as Vice President.
1974 – 1978:	Member of the Executive, Nigerian Baptist Convention
1978:	Made an honorary Chief, the Asiwaju of Iwo by the late Kabiyesi, Oba S.O. Abimbola II, the Oluwo of Iwo.
1975 – 1979:	First National Director of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau.
<b>1</b> 979:	Through his efforts, the church's land was not taken over by the government.
<mark>1982:</mark>	Appointed Justice of the Peace (JP) by the government of Oyo State. Served on the
	National Ethical Re-Orientation. Dr. Adegbite was a Medallion recipient from All-Nigeria
	Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools. Board member and trustee of the All-
	Africa Conference of Churches.

PUBLICATIONS - Dr. Adegbite's publications include the following: Science Education and Developmental Tasks of Nigerian Youth; Youth Organizations in Africa; The Teacher in a Competitive Society; The Problem of School Expansion and Education for Public Morality; Adult Education as a Tool for Church Growth and Evangelism. This later work was published for the Adult Education Department of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Ibadan. He received the Meritorious Service Award of the Nigerian Union of Teachers. Dr. Adejumobi Adegbite served on the Special Committee on the implication of Nigeria's Membership in Organization of Islamic Conference (O.I.C).

1986: An appreciation service was held in his honor by Shepherd Hill Baptist Church on October 4, 1986. Dr. Adegbite went to be with the Lord at the age of 79 on July 11, 1994.

He was survived by his wife, Dr. Victoria Adeola Ajoke Adegbite (nee Adejumo), five children, Mr. Adedapo Adegbite, Dr. (Mrs.) Adetayo Fashola Beyioku, Mrs. Adetokunbo Ojo, Dr. (Mrs) Adejoke Adewunmi and Mr. Joseph Adebowale Adegbite and a total of nine grandchildren.



#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR GREAT BAPTACADS LOST SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2020

Mr. Aderinolu Ademosun (1958 - 2020) Graduating class of 1976

Mr. Christian Olakpe (1954 - 2020) Deputy Inspector General of Police Graduating class of 1972

Mr. Adesoji Onibokun (1959 - 2020) Graduating class of 1976

Barrister Babajide Arije (1960 - 2020) Graduating class of 1978

Mr. Oluyomi Adeyemi (1966 - 2020) Graduating class of 1983

Mr. Adeyemi Thomas (1963 - 2020) Graduating class of 1982

Mr. Olasupo Ibitoye (1966 - 2020) Graduating class of 1982

Mr. Olabode Ayo (1961 - 2020) Graduating class of 1978

Mr. Femi Onifade (1966 - 2020) Graduating class of 1983

Mr. Ojemame Orevba (1959 - 2020) Graduating class of 1976

Professor Lovett Lawson (1948 - 2020) Graduating class of 1966 Mr. Ayodele Newville (1958 - 2020) Graduating class of 1976

Mr. Emmanuel Adedeji Fashoranti (1976 - 2020) Graduating class of 1993

Mr. Babatunde Ekunsunmi (1956 - 2020) Graduating class of 1976

Mr. Adebayo Adebesin (1963 - 2021) Graduating class of 1982

Pastor Deji Daramola (1958 - 2020) Graduating class of 1975

Mr. Babajide Osokoya (1957 - 2020) Graduating class of 1982

Dr. Adeyinka Akinbami (1958 - 2021) Graduating class of 1975

> Mr. Olusegun Dawodu Graduating class of 1973

> Mr. Michel Goalie Graduating class of 1973

> Mr. Bereofori George Graduating class of 1974





### **Our Keynote Speaker**

## DR. ADETOKUNBO AKINYEYE

Dr. Akinyeye, a native of Ilesha, was born and lived most of his childhood years in the Surulere area of Lagos, Nigeria. He attended Government College in Ibadan for his secondary education. He spent one year at the Ibadan Polytechnic before moving on to the College of Medicine/UCH also in Ibadan.



After graduation, he did internship in the same hospital. He served under the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) program in Sokoto State. He came back to Lagos and was in private medical practice for a few years. He subsequently enrolled in the National Postgraduate Medical College and did his training at Egbe Hospital in the current Kogi State, Nigeria.

Dr. Akinyeye left the shores of Nigeria in 1991 and commenced his medical training in the United States of America. He did his Residency program at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center (HSC) in El Paso, Texas. After training he accepted the position of Assistant Professor and Obstetric/Geriatric Coordinator at the Houston Methodist Family Practice Program in Baytown. He had Fellowship training at the McClellan County Educational Foundation in Waco, Texas. He rose to the position of Associate Program Director before leaving for private medical practice in 2004. During his stint as a full-time teacher, he was the recipient of multiple teaching awards. He has also had the privilege of making presentations at various medical meetings, seminars and training courses.

Over the past few years, he has been involved in direct patient care and community medical education. He continues to mentor medical students and practicing physicians in his Baytown, Texas medical office. Quite a number of budding physicians have passed through his office. He serves as a board member of multiple medical groups in the greater Houston area. He is very involved in various social and religious organizations in the Clear Lake area of Houston. He is also involved in a few Nigerian social-cultural organizations.

Dr. Akinyeye is married to his wife Rita Oluwabunmi and they are the proud parents of three adult children, all of whom are also in medicine and dentistry.





President's picture at 2019 Convention

The family of Dr. Simeon Bolaji and Lara Famakinwa congratulates and celebrates with the Executive Committee and the Entire Membership of Baptist Academy Alumni Association of North America, BAAA-NA on the occasion of its 2021 pandemic year, first ever Virtual Reunion Conference & Fundraising Event. To God be the Glory for keeping us all safe during the worst times of the Covid-19 pandemic.



# **162nd Founders Day Celebration - 2017**





# ....1973 - 1977 celebrating 40 years





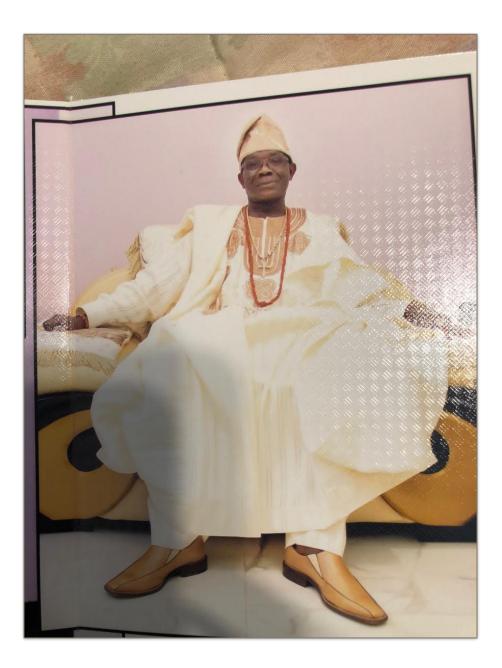


MR. & MRS. HENRY EDMIN

Congratulate the Baptist Academy Alumni Association -North America, its entire membership and the Executive Committee on the occasion of its 2021 Virtual Reunion Conference and Fundraiser.



Congratulations to the Baptist Academy Alumni Association, its entire membership and the executive committee on their very first virtual 2021 Reunion Conference & Fundraising event.



#### HONORABLE CHIEF ADEROGBA ADESHAKIN



### Mr. & Mrs. Oyediran Ajayi-Obe



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#### MR. & MRS. FRANK AFENKFHENA

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### The Family of Peter (Oki) & Josephine Edu

We congratulate & celebrate with Baptist Academy Alumni Association -North America, and the entire membership of the Executive Committee on the occasion of its 2021 virtual reunion fundraising convention.

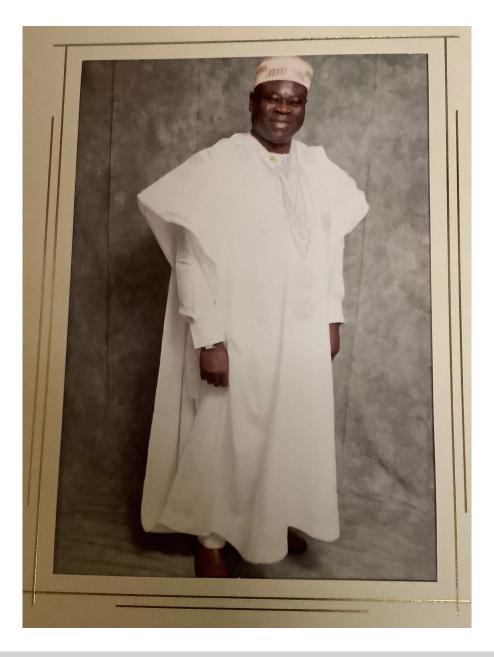


## Mr. & Mrs. Oluyomí Dada and Famíly



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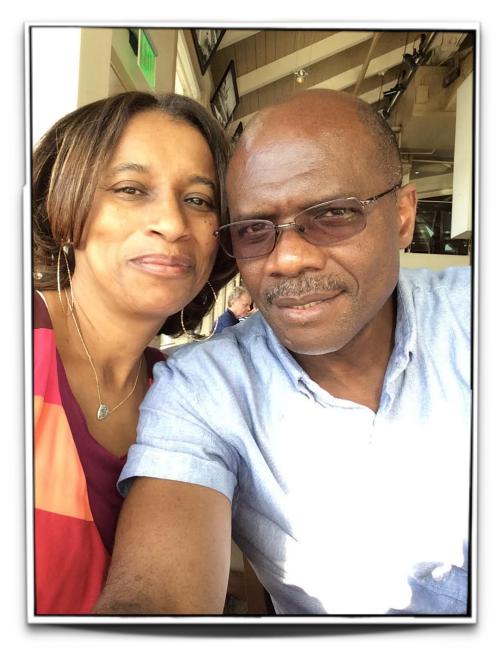


I congratulate the past and present President, past and present executives, and fellow alumni of Baptist Academy Alumni Association - NA for the relentless efforts and significant contributions of everyone, to make this year's fundraising a success in all the association course and endeavor.

I am proud, honored and grateful to be a charter member and also to have served as the Publicity Secretary of the inaugural convention May the Almighty continue to guide us as we uphold the discipline and Christian values instilled in us as young men in our earlier years at our great alma mater.

> CAPT JIMMY N. IKENWEJI Airline Transport Pilot (RET), San Diego, CA





## The Martins Family

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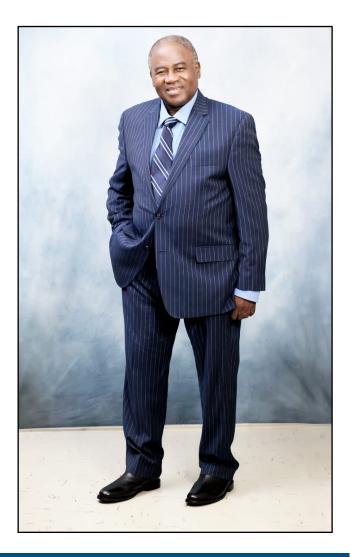






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