

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I thank our Lord for the opportunity to invite you to become partners in the work we are doing in Africa. To our present partners, we say thank you for joining us in training men and women for the work of ministry. The School of Biblical Studies, Jos, started in August 1989.

Its several programs include:

1. B.A. Ministry
2. B.A Christian Religious Studies (Affiliated to the University of Jos, Jos)
3. Diploma in Ministry
4. Certificate in Ministry.
5. M.A Ministry

In addition to the above programs, the school also has the following activities/events:

- (a) Weekend Evangelism Training.
- (b) Internship with Local Churches.
- (c) Annual Campaigns for Christ Evangelism.
- (d) Annual Lectureship.
- (e) Annual Leaders'/Preachers' Workshop.
- (f) Extension Training in Leadership.

Each of these programs cost a lot of money to operate. We therefore invite you to join us and become a part of the training. You can do this by:

1. Your congregation supporting us monthly with any amount they choose.
2. Individual members to become SBS partners by supporting the school with as little as \$10 monthly.
3. After prayerfully deciding to become a partner with us in this work, please text your name and address to: 731-926-3569 or 256-492-354. We will add you to our quarterly mailing list to receive the Jos Journal.
4. Please make your check payable to the Gadsden Church of Christ, 1203 Piedmont Cutoff, Gadsden, AL 35903. We are grateful to God as you prayerfully consider our request to partner with us in training young Christians for service. God bless you.

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PREACHERS'/LEADERS' WORKSHOP

The 24th Annual Preachers'/Leaders' Workshop of the School of Biblical Studies, Jos, took place on the 26th-27th September, 2024, and it was a huge success. It was a forum for spiritual nurturing and refreshment with the Word of God again. The theme for this year's workshop was, *“Technology and Its Impact on Christian Worship Today.”*

On the first day of the workshop, four papers were presented including the keynote address or thematic analysis. The keynote address was delivered by Brother Jacob Hundu on the topic, **“The Erosion of Reverence and Authenticity in our Christian Worship Assembly in the Digital Age.”** (Paper 1) The second presentation (Paper 2) was on the topic, **“The Distraction Dilemma: How do Phones, Tablets, and other Devices Hinder our Ability to Fully Engage in Worship, Leading to Loss of Focus and Reverence”** delivered by Brother Ikharo Attah. The third presentation (Paper 3) was on the topic, **“Diminishing Authenticity: How can Over-reliance on Social Media Undermine the Genuine Expression of Fellowship and the Sense of Community During Worship?”** delivered by Brother Paul Otal. While the fourth presentation (Paper 4) was delivered by Brother Emmanuel Ojo on the topic, **“Technology Dependence: How Does Dependence on the Projector Affect Christians' Ability to Concentrate Reading the Bible During Worship?”**



Participants at the Workshop

On the second day, the workshop was divided into four groups in which different issues were deliberated based on the workshop paper presentations. Resolutions were arrived at during the workshop by various groups. Brethren were exposed to both the merits and demerits of the use of technological devices during worship. Emphasis was on the proper use of projector, phones, tablets, and other devices in such a way that they would not cause distractions during our worship to God.

OUR BLOCK INDUSTRY

We now have a roof on the two 40-foot sea containers on our permanent site. These steel containers offer excellent protection for the equipment and materials we need to keep on site. We refurbished our old block machine and purchased a new one. Construction has been completed on our concrete water tank. We have an electric generator along with our water pump and hose. After molding each block, it is placed on a wooden pallet and placed in the open where water can be applied to strengthen it as it dries.

We have hired a four-man crew for each block machine. Our own Brother Abok will be the foreman for the two crews. We purchased a motorcycle for Brother Meshack who is a second-year student at SBS. He will act as a messenger between Dr. Tom Udo Tom and our site engineer. The crews will work a normal working day producing 1000 block per day. They will produce 30 blocks for each bag of cement. We estimate we will be requiring a total of 5,333 bags of cement. We estimate it will take 160,000 nine-inch blocks to complete the security wall.

