

## **Make God Your Anchor, Baptist Convention President Tells FUTA Staff, Students**

Reverend Samson Ayokunle, the Convention President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, has urged management, members of staff and students of the Federal University of Technology Akure, FUTA to put their trust in God who is the rock of ages in order to have a successful year. The Cleric made the call during 2014 edition of the Annual New Year Prayer and Thanksgiving Service held at the Theodore Idibiye Auditorium of the University on Thursday January 2, 2014. The Baptist Minister who titled his sermon, "The purpose of Divine Presence and its Pre-conditions" took his text from the book of Exodus Chapter 33, verses 12-23. He advised members of the FUTA community to imbibe team spirit and also urged them to be cheerful at all times as they extend the grace of God in their lives to the younger generation. Reverend Samson Ayokunle further advised staff and students of the institution to obey God in totality so as to enjoy his presence always.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola assured members of staff that more good things would happen in the University in the year 2014. "In 2013 we recorded many major milestones in our declared mission to take FUTA to the market place. We repositioned our university and our leadership position as the country's foremost university of technology was not in doubt. Our students came out tops in two major software competitions organized by the Institute of Software Professionals of Nigeria and the Federal Ministry of Education in conjunction with the British Council. Four of our students also took advantage of our collaboration with the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, FAMU, they are there now to complete their degree programmes. Our dean, students' affairs, Dr Kayode Alese in conjunction with his team presented a paper at the international conference for internet technology and security organized by the world congress in internet security in England. The paper was adjudged the best out of 1241 papers from 96 countries. We have every reason to be grateful to God," Professor Daramola said.

Professor Daramola, who commended the staffers for their peaceful conduct, patience and tolerance in 2013, also thanked them for their dedication and cooperation at all times.

The service was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic ,Professor Adedayo Fasakin , Deputy Vice Chancellor Development , Professor Tolulope Akinbogun, the Registrar ,Dr Mrs Modupe Ajayi , principal officers , deans , academic and non academic staff and students .

#### Photo Caption

From Left , Dr Femi Oguntuase, University Librarian , Mr P. K Akindele , Acting Bursar , Dr Mrs Modupe Ajayi, Registrar , Mrs Daramola , wife of the Vice Chancellor ,Reverend Samson Ayokunle , President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and his wife , Professor Adebisi Daramola, Vice Chancellor , Professor Adedayo Fasakin ,Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and Professor Tolulope Akinbogun , deputy Vice Chancellor Development during the Annual New Year Prayer and Thanksgiving Service which took place on Thursday ,January 2, 2014.