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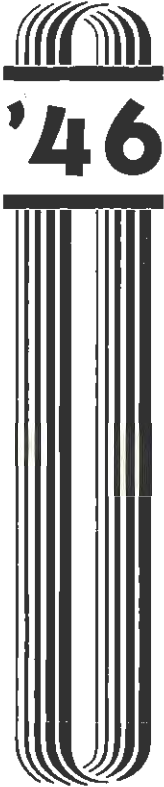
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President Luttrell Says:

"Let Us Go Forward"

The motto of our graduating class, "LET US GO ON," should be an invitation to us all to go forward.

Recently, while attending a national convention of Baptists, where more than 40 states were represented, brethren from the East, West, North and South were inquiring and making complimentary remarks about the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland. I was reminded of Romans 1:8, for, like the faith of the early Roman Church, we are "spoken of throughout the whole" United States.

This graduation means to many of us what the harvest means to the farmer—a time of real rejoicing at the end of a period of much labor and prayer. We now feel like the man whose sheep was returned on his shoulder after much searching; like the woman whose coin was found after much sweeping; and like the father whose son returned after much praying and longing.

So we say to all, let us go forward, rejoicing.

—David E. Luttrell

"Let Us Go On"

Hebrews 6:1

"For the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ"

Rev. 1:9

Class of 1946

OFFICERS

President Rev. Clyde W. Somers

Vice President William M. Bennett

Secretary-Treasurer Martha Manas

Class Colors: Red and White

Class Motto: "Let Us Go On" (Heb. 6:1).

Class Verse: Colossians 1:10,

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all blessing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."



William Bennett

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

This verse sets forth the goal of the Bible Christian. As the competitive spirit drives the athlete to do his best to win the game and the prize, and as the individual strives for the honor and prestige of a high business position, so the Christian should strive for his prize—the high calling of God.

This verse is mine to ever keep me mindful of my duty.

To be in the running, one must obey the admonition of Col. 1:10, "Increasing in the knowledge of God." This has been my privilege at B. B. I. To be "fruitful in every good work" is my present endeavor.



Zelma Clinesmith

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

I thank God that I can say I am a sinner "saved by grace." I was saved when a child and I praise Him for His keeping and guiding power.

I'm so thankful for the privilege of studying the Word of God at the Baptist Bible Institute under Spirit-filled, faithful teachers.

It is my prayer that I may be used in full time service for Christ and that those about me may see only Christ living in me.



Harry Hemminger

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor., 5:17).



How true is this verse of Scripture in my life. The things I now love I used to hate, and those things I now hate I used to love. I was lost and on the road to a drunkard's grave, when on the night of Sept. 13, 1939, at 9:30, I became acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ. That night I not only took Him as my Saviour, but I made Him Lord of my life.

How true, also, is that precious verse in Phil. 4:19. He not only supplies your every need on this earth, but saves your soul for time and eternity. Praise His holy Name!

COMMENCEMENT

Tuesday Evening, June

Prelude: Marimba, Trumpets, Piano, Organ

Processional: "*March of the Priests*" Mendelssohn

Hymn: "*Faith of Our Fathers*" Congregation Standing

Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy When e'er we hear that glorious word!	Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death.	Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Scripture Reading: *II Peter* 1:1-21 Rev. Paul M. Cell

Prayer: Rev. William S. Ross, D. D.

Greeting: President David E. Luttrell

Institute Choir: "*The Awakening Chorus*" Gabriel

"Let Us Go On" Zelma Leona Clinesmith
Class of '46

"Pleasing God": Rev. Clyde W. Somers
Class of '46

Hymn: "*How Firm A Foundation*"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled!

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand."

NT PROGRAM

h, 1946 at 7:45 P. M.

Address to the Graduates:

The Rev. Clarence E. Mason, Jr., Th.M., D. D.,
Dean of the Philadelphia School of the Bible

Institute Choir: "*Ready Am I*" Schuler

Roll Call of Graduating Class: Registrar Kathryn Roberts

Presentation of Diplomas: Dean Kenneth A. Amsler
President David E. Luttrell

Class of '46 Memorial: William M. Bennett

Announcements:

Hymn: "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*" Runyan

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

CHORUS:

"Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness,"
Lord, unto me!

Benediction: Rev. Gerald V. Smelser

Organ Postlude: Charles Barrett

Musical Director Organist Song Leader
Vivian Kretz Amsler Charles Barrett Rev. James Comstock

Instrumentalists

Bessie Bohatec, Donald Luttrell, Glenn Miller, Charles Ohman



Martha Manas

"Ye are complete in Him" (Col. 2:10).

I'm thankful that Christ became my Saviour early in life, when I realized that my self-righteousness was not sufficient to meet God's requirements. By simple trust in Christ's finished work, I became a child of God.

Christ does satisfy and He gives joy and peace that passeth all understanding. I can truly say that life would be worthless without Him.

I'm thankful, too, for B. B. I., where I have learned to more deeply love the Word of God and also how to give it out to others. My prayer is that I may know and do the will of God at all times.



Ethel Papp

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (II Pet. 3:18).



This verse is the testimony of my life. I found Christ as my personal Saviour in 1925. I was given a Sunday School class to teach and, as I knew very little of the Bible, I learned while the class suffered! I have been studying the Word ever since.

I thank God for the ministers who founded the Baptist Bible Institute. I started attending the classes four years ago, as its beginning, just to become a better Sunday School teacher, but this last year God has called me into full time service. On September 1st, I shall start serving Him as Parish Worker at the church where I am a member.



Clyde Somers

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"
(Phil. 1:21).

Having been raised in a Christian home, I came to know Christ as Saviour when quite young. There followed a great desire and a definite call to Christian work. Then for a number of years I turned aside from the call of God, but on March 14, 1929, I dedicated my life to Him for Christian service.

I praise God for the way He has been leading me, especially in regard to the activities of service, the study of His Word at B. B. I., and the leading of many souls to the knowledge of Christ.

My desire is to serve the Lord better in the days to come.

Mary Schoun

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (II Tim. 2:15).



I learned this verse and came to love it even before I knew its true meaning. Reared in a Christian home, I had all the opportunities to learn and know the Word of God, but I did not know the Author of the Word.

I recall, even as a child, the fear I had of sudden death and meeting God. Jesus was seeking me, and in the fall of 1935 I accepted Him as my personal Saviour.

John 14:27 gave me the assurance I needed, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." Today I have peace instead of fear in my heart, and I praise Jesus for it.

I am also thankful for the privilege I have had to attend classes in B. B. I. to study the Word of God. My prayer is that I may be a workman for the Lord, rightly dividing the Word of Truth until He comes.



Joseph Schoun

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast"

(Eph. 2: 8-9).

I thank God that He opened to me a better understanding of these Bible verses.

About five years ago I had my eyes opened as to how far the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ can reach. Previous to this time I was striving to work for my salvation by the keeping of the law. Although I was a Christian, my testimony did not have life, for only the preaching of the cross of our Lord has life eternal to offer. Also I wasn't the happy Christian that I am now, since knowing that Jesus has paid it all for me and that all to Him I owe.

These four years of school at B. B. I. have brought to me a better knowledge of the Word of God and, best of all, a closer walk with Him.

Opal Wharf

"The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God"

(Rom. 8:16).



Although raised in a Christian atmosphere, I did not know the personal blessing and experience of having been "born again" until January, 1921—then this witness of the Spirit was truly mine. A few weeks later, I received a definite call to full time service in the Salvation Army. Many and varied have been my opportunities.

What a privilege it has been to learn more of God's Word at B. B. I. and to understand how to apply it in daily life.

I have proven that "He is faithful that promised" and "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise."

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During the past four years the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland has been housed in the Educational Building of the Hough Avenue Baptist Church. We are deeply grateful to the Pastor, officers and members of the Hough Church for providing free facilities to the Institute.



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