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"Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."
—Colossians 1:10





1. A Bible-centered, Christ centered curriculum.
2. A state chartered school offering standard courses.
3. Approved for training of veterans under the G. I. Bill of Rights, with full subsistence.
4. Free tuition and nominal registration fee.
5. A scholarly and spiritual faculty of fifteen members.
6. A Three-Year Master Bible Course in the Day School.
7. A thorough Four-Year Evening School Course.
8. Teacher Training Course complete in one year, one night per week.
9. More Bible, higher standards, with emphasis on victorious Christian living and service.
10. Precious "*unity of the Spirit*" with sixty churches and twenty denominations represented in last year's enrollment.
11. Cleveland is the best location in the nation with 75,000,000 people within a 500 mile radius. Our city is a great center of education, industry, science, art and music.

Class of 1947

OFFICERS

VERNON R. MITCHELL *President*

FRANCES B. VANDERKOY *Vice President*

CELENA R. TIGNEY *Secretary-Treasurer*

Class Colors: Green and Silver

Class Motto: Philippians 2:15, 16

"Shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life."

Candidates for E. T. T. A. and B. B. I. Diplomas

Vernon Roscoe Mitchell

Celena Rouskulp Tigney

Frances Betow Vanderkoy

Candidate for E. T. T. A. and B. B. I. Diplomas

Jane Curwin

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Samuel Barring Harris

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Charlotte K. King

June Phyllis Sturr

Agatha Kramer

Isabelle K. Tillman

Lula Mai Martin

Frances M. Vander Sluis

Dorothy Markham Welton



Vernon Mitchell

"And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth" (John 9:1).

If but blindness had been my plight, I at times could have rejoiced, but O! the horror of it all. I could see, yet I was blind.

I was in bondage to I knew not what. I searched for light. I longed for peace. I waited, but thank God, not in vain. For as Jesus passed by I found in Him the answer to my every need. He satisfied every longing of my heart. Now as onward I go I can sing as this man who was born blind:

*"This one thing I know,
This one thing I know,
God in great mercy pardoned me,
Snapped sins fetters and set me free;
Once I was blind, but now I see,
This one thing I know!"*

I thank God for a Gospel that liberates, for a Saviour that can make one whole, for the ministry of the Holy Spirit in instruction and intercession, and for the faithfulness of godly Bible teachers like those of the Baptist Bible Institute.



Celena Tigney

*"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;
and he that winneth souls is wise"*

(Prov. 11:30)

This verse became a reality in my life through earnest study in the Word of God at Baptist Bible Institute. I thank and praise the Lord for the work of grace He has wrought in my life in preparation for the work He called me to do.

It was during my first year of Bible study in the Old Testament, that the Lord instilled in my heart a love for the Jew, and gave me a burden to go to him with the Word, revealing his need of the Messiah. It has been a privilege and joy to serve the Lord in a house-to-house missionary endeavor, to turn needy souls to the Word of God, and to impart the way of salvation. As a trained teacher I am better equipped to teach youth.

I thank God for beloved B. B. I. and its Spirit-consecrated ministers and teachers of the Word.

Class Hymn

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!—
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee!
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven,
One with the Father known,—
And the blest Spirit thro' Him given
From yonder glorious throne!
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.



Frances Vanderkoy

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

It is indeed a blessing to know that as a child of God one may receive sufficient strength from Him to do all that He requires us to do. Without Christ we are helpless and can do nothing.

I praise Him and thank Him for my salvation and the privilege of telling others, especially boys and girls, that Christ died for them, too. During the past four years I have been teaching in Sunday School, D. V. B. S. and Bible Club classes.

How very grateful I am for a school such as B. B. I. where we may study and be firmly grounded in the truths of the Word.

Class Verses

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

"Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."
—Phil. 2:15, 16.



David E. Luttrell
President



Kenneth A. Amsler
Dean

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School Motto

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

—Rev. 1:9

School Verse

*"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing,
being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the know-
ledge of God." —Col. 1:10*

Commencement

Tuesday Evening, June

Prelude: Trumpets—Piano—Organ

Processional: "March of the Priests" *Mendelssohn*

Hymn: "Our God, Our Help" Congregation Standing

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same,

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Scripture Reading: *Rev. Kenneth H. Good*

Prayer: *Rev. Charles A. Obman*

Greeting: *President David E. Luttrell*

Institute Choir: "The Old Story" *Oliver*

"Hearing Him" *Celena R. Tigney—Class of '47*

"Knowing Him" *Frances B. Vanderkoy—Class of '47*

"Serving Him" *Vernon R. Mitchell—Class of '47*

Hymn: "O Word of God Incarnate" Congregation Standing

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky,
We praise Thee for the radiance,
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

O make Thy Church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations,
Thy true light, as of old!
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims,
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face!

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rd, 1947 at 7:45 P. M.

Address: "Spiritual Discernment, the Greatest Need of This Hour"

The Rev. Arthur Franklin Williams, D. D.

Pastor, First Baptist Church, New York

Institute Choir: "Onward Christian Soldiers" *Jude*

Roll Call of Graduating Class: *Dean Kenneth A. Amsler*

Presentation of Diplomas: *President David E. Luttrell*

 Class of '47 Memorial: *Vernon R. Mitchell*

Announcements: *Dean Amsler*

Hymn: "Am I A Soldier of the Cross" Congregation Standing

Am I a soldier of the cross—

A follower of the Lamb?

And shall I fear to own His cause,

Or blush to speak His name?

Are there no foes for me to face?

Must I not stem the flood?

Is this vile world a friend to grace,

To help me on to God?

Since I must fight if I would reign,

Increase my courage, Lord;

I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,

Supported by Thy word.

Benediction: *Dr. Hugo H. Foucar*

Choral Response: "Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Organ Postlude: *Charles Barrett*

Musical Director

Organist

Song Leader

Vivian Kretz Amsler

Charles Barrett

Rev. James Comstock

Instrumentalists

Donald Luttrell—William Ohman—Charles Ohman

“Hitherto” and “Henceforth”

“Hitherto hath the Lord helped us” (I Sam. 7:12). *“Henceforth thou shalt catch men . . . They foresook all, and followed Him”* (Luke 5:10, 11).

God's gracious blessing has been upon the work of the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland. As many as 213 students have been enrolled at one time in the classes during this school year. Total enrollment in the first year Freshmen class of the Day School totaled 25 with thirteen coming from other cities.

Students from both Day and Evening Schools have been greatly used of the Lord in personal work and gospel team ministry. Approximately 350 confessions of Christ have been reported during the past few months. We have an increasing number of calls to serve the churches through house-to-house visitation, missionary meetings, youth services, Sunday School teaching and church services. Some of our students are serving as pastors, assistant pastors, Sunday School teachers and others are active in child evangelism and young people's work.

We give praise to God for prayer warriors and regular donors who have helped carry forward this vital ministry for our Lord. The Institute Constitution has just been revised and a new Board of Directors elected. We are looking to God for His grace and guidance to make Baptist Bible Institute a great center for Christian training, Bible teaching and gospel ministry.

As we write, these immediate needs are before us:

A strong Day School meeting all the standard requirements for curriculum, faculty, library, equipment and educational standards as determined by the American Association of Bible Schools.

Dormitories for both men and women for use at the opening of School next September 8.

A practical work department headed by a Spirit-filled, soul-winning leader.

A Christian Grade School and a Christian High School under the sponsorship and supervision of the Baptist Bible Institute.

A regular Institute Broadcast, or a new Frequency Modulation Broadcasting Station through which to herald the "Good News."

Hitherto hath He helped. Henceforth shall He help. "We are God's fellow-workers" (I Cor. 3:9 R. V.).

—Dean Kenneth A. Amsler



Location and Accommodations

The Institute is conveniently located and comfortably housed in the Educational Building of the commodious Hough Avenue Baptist Church, 8273 Hough Avenue, Cleveland. Numerous rooms are used for classes, office and library.

Day and Evening Schools

The Day School offers a thorough, carefully balanced, three-year Master Bible Course, including in the curriculum many subjects not found in most seminary courses, particularly an exposition or analysis of every book in the Bible. Classes meet in the mornings, Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 to 12:25, leaving the afternoons and evenings, as well as Monday and Saturday, free for study, practical work, recreation, and part-time employment. Four 55 minute periods for each school day's schedule.

The Evening School offers a thorough four-year course. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:45 P. M. Three 45 minute periods and chapel are held each evening. Many Evening School students come directly from work on school evenings, while others commute from considerable distances to attend classes.

No charge is made for tuition in either the Day or Evening School. Books and Supplies may be purchased at cost through the Institute office.

Doctrinal Position

The doctrinal basis of the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland will be found in the Articles of Faith of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches—North. All officers and faculty members are requested to sign this confession of faith. Although Baptist views are held of the ordinances and church polity, the Institute functions in friendly fellowship with all evangelical Christians.

Approved for Veterans

B. B. I. is approved by the State for the Training of War Veterans under the G. I. Bill of Rights, with full subsistence granted.

Board and Room for out-of-town students may be arranged through the School.

Registration Fees

A matriculation fee of \$10.00 per year and a registration fee of \$10.00 per semester (2 semesters of 18 weeks each) are charged Day School students.

A registration fee of \$15.00 per year, or \$5.00 per term (3 terms of 12 weeks each) is charged Evening School students. Special students attending one evening per week are charged \$3.00 per term.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 8, 1947

Students Register September 8

Classes Begin, Tuesday, September 9

**Write Now for Catalog and
Application Blank**



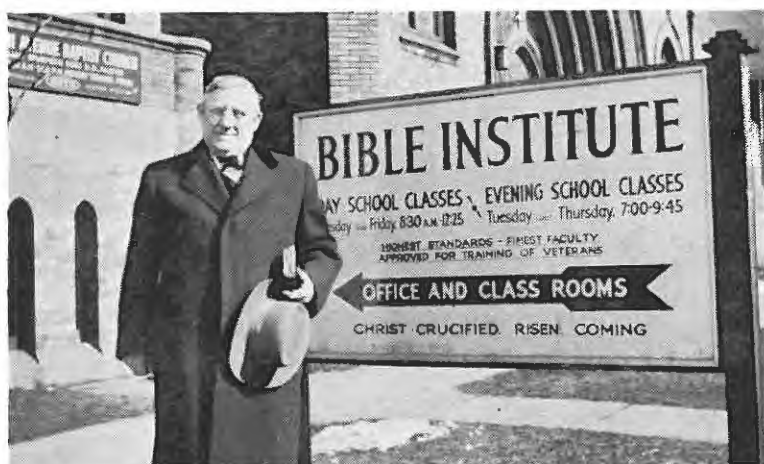
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First Graduates with Dean and President



Dr. Wm. McCarrell—Visiting Speaker





Day School Freshman Class—1947



Evening School Students—1942

