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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*





# Class of 1949

## OFFICERS

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LEON URICH ..... *President*

ERNEST FERGUSON ..... *Vice President*

ROBERTA FERGUSON ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*

### Evening School

JOHN EDVON ..... *President*

JOHN SIMMONS ..... *Vice President*

EDITH SCHNELL ..... *Secretary*

MARJORIE SMITH ..... *Treasurer*

## CLASS COLORS

Purple and Gold

## CLASS MOTTO

"All things through Christ."

## CLASS VERSE

*"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death" (Philippians 3:10).*



## Richard Dean Ainsworth

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"*  
(I Corinthians 15:58).

It has been a real joy to serve my blessed Saviour during the past six years of my Christian life. Previous to that time, I did not know the joy or even comprehend the wonderful blessing that could come to one who did accept the Lord. My own heart was blinded by Satan to the riches of God's grace. After my conversion, I began to see all of these blessings and desired to learn of these truths. By the providence of God, B. B. I. gave me the opportunity to study the Word and now I have a desire to be used of Him in His service.



## Ernest Charles Ferguson

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

I believe I can say as David did in Psalms 106:2, "Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all His praise?" I am thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and for the past three years of Bible School in which I have been able to learn of the wonderful truths in the Word of God.



## Elizabeth Roberta Ferguson

*"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"* (Galatians 2:20).

Even though I had gone to church all my life, I did not know the Lord Jesus. While I was in the Service, stationed in San Francisco, California, in 1945, the Holy Spirit led me to a church that preached the gospel. There I heard that Christ died for my sins and that He rose and is coming again. I accepted Him as my Savior and am looking forward to His return. I thank Him for giving me the privilege to come to B.B.I. and study His Word more thoroughly.

## Alberta Lucille Sherrill

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"*  
(Romans 8:28).



When I entered B.B.I., I took two verses because I knew that there would be times when I would need a word of encouragement as I endeavored to do His will. In my estimation, Philippians 4:13 and 19 furnish this encouragement. First, "I can do all things through Christ." Notice the qualification is through Christ. He is the One that strengthens. He is my sufficiency. Apart from Him, I could or can do nothing. I can say with David of old, "The Lord is the strength of my life." Then, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." I have found that the Lord is faithful when we learn to take Him at His Word. To me, this has not only meant temporal needs, but physical, mental and spiritual needs. I praise my Lord for His abundant love and mercy as I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I can press on only as I continually take Him at His word.

## Joy Louise Taylor

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"* (Isaiah. 26:3).



"The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold" (Psalm 45:13). Because God, in His infinite mercy and love, drew me unto Himself "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," I am a child of the King of Kings. The Lord Jesus, my Saviour, indwells my heart and life, making it "all glorious within." My desire is that of the hymn writer who wrote, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me," that my clothing may be of "wrought gold." I praise Him for the "love that will not let me go," and that He covers me with His feathers. He has said in His Word, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee" (Isaiah 42:6a).



## Leon William Urich

*"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" (Philippians 3:10).*

I can say from the heart "I *know* Whom I have believed." In these days of doubts and waverings, men not knowing where they came from, why they are here, or where they are going, I *know* from experience with Jesus Christ that He has given purpose to my life, He gives a deep-down joy in my heart, I have the consciousness of His presence and the blessed knowledge that I will live with Him for eternity. He is a wonderful Saviour, a real reality to me.



## James Woodrow Wright

*"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" (Galatians 2:20).*

Looking back on my life I can see God's hand upon me even before He called me unto Himself. God used circumstances to sever me from the farm and showed me the need of spreading the gospel to the world. It was while I was serving under Uncle Sam in Africa that Christ spoke to me, saying: "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of man." Being confident of God's call to full-time service I know that, "He which hath begun a good work in (me) will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

## SCHOOL MOTTO

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

Revelation 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 knowledge of God." —Colossians 1:10*





# Commencement

Friday Evening, June 10, 1910

PRELUDE: Organ ..... *Selected*

PROCESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstance" ..... *Elgar*

HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation" ..... *Congregation Standing*

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, and 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.

"When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes,  
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

SCRIPTURE READING ..... *The Rev. Earl V. Willetts*

PRAYER ..... *The Rev. Gerald V. Smelser*

INSTITUTE CHOIR: ..... *Arr. by Soderstrom*  
"O, For a Thousand Tongues"

GREETING ..... *President Kenneth A. Amsler*

INSTITUTE MALE QUARTET ..... *Selected*

Announcements and Offering ..... *President Kenneth A. Amsler*

# ent Program

3rd, 1949 at 8:00 o'clock

HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" ..... *Congregation Standing*

"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!

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... *Dr. H. A. Ironside*  
*Noted Bible Expositor and Author*

INSTITUTE CHOIR: "The King is Coming" ..... *Howard Jones*

ROLL CALL of GRADUATING CLASS ..... *Miss Winona Evans*  
*Secretary of the Institute*

PRESENTATION of DIPLOMAS ..... *President Kenneth A. Amsler*

CLASS of '49 MEMORIAL ..... *Leon Ulrich*

SCHOOL SONG ..... *Congregation Standing*  
*"Wisdom's Dwelling"*

BENEDICTION ..... *Dr. Hugo H. Foucar*



## John William Edvon

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"*  
(Ephesians 2:8, 9).

The Lord saved me on November 24, 1944 and since that day I have enjoyed the best years of my life. My Christian employer testified to me verbally and by his walk. When he invited me to his church, I was ready to come because I saw he had something that made him different. I thank God that this was a fundamental Bible-teaching church of which D. E. Luttrell, one of the founders of B.B.I., was the pastor. As the result of his advertising and encouragement, and a hunger in my heart for more of the Word, I was led to B.B.I. I was a Roman Catholic when I came to B.B.I. but in less than three months under sound Bible teaching, I came to know Christ as my own personal Saviour. I thank God for B.B.I. and for the people that are making it possible.



## Marshall Patton

*"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake"* (II Corinthians 4:5).

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (II Corinthians 4:3). I thank God for the grace of His Son, Jesus Christ my Lord, who loved me and saved me. I am also thankful for B.B.I. and for the privilege of studying God's Word so that I may help others to know Christ.



## John Armstead Simmons

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

Having been raised in a Christian home, Christ became my Saviour at an early age. There followed a great desire and a definite call to the ministry. Then for a number of years, I was unable to equip myself for this Christian service. I am grateful for B.B.I. where I have learned to love the Word of God, and how to impart it to others. May His choice blessing rest with the ministers who founded the Baptist Bible Institute.

## Edith Spellman Schnell

*"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart"*  
(Psalm 37:4).

"Deep in my heart there's a gladness; Jesus has saved me from sin." My background is that of a Christian family. My father was a Baptist deacon and we had daily family prayers. My praying, godly parents would sing gospel songs to the accompaniment of my father's zither. I loved this, and my earliest recollection of this is that of falling asleep in the corner, sitting upright, as I heard the dear old hymns. My greatest joy comes from the study of His Word and giving it out to others. My aim is to bring salvation to as many children as possible through Child Evangelism.



## Marjorie Ellen Smith

*"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"*  
(Philippians 1:6).

My favorite verse could very well be paraphrased. Being sure of this very thing, that the Saviour who hath given you assurance of working in you will keep on perfecting that good work in you until He returns to reward you for His own work in you. This is His graciousness to me. Because He worketh in us, He leads us out into the whitened harvest fields. In His choice for me, He has asked me to "go" to mine "black diamonds" out of the "mines of Cleveland." Pray that His handmaiden will be faithful.



## Marie Berg Starke

*"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"*  
(Ephesians 2:8, 9).

I thank God that I can say I am a sinner, "saved by grace." Being a Sunday School teacher for many years, I had the desire to learn more of the Word, and I thank God for leading me to B.B.I. where I have had the privilege of studying under Spirit-filled teachers and have learned to love the Word with a deeper spiritual insight. My prayer is that I may ever be in the will of the Lord to serve Him better.



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The Baptist Bible Institute is an independent, fundamental Baptist school which takes an irrevocable stand upon the authority of the Word of God and the historic Baptist distinctives to which true-to-the-Bible Baptists are committed.

The school was born in September, 1941, at a Bible conference at the Calvary Baptist Church of Cleveland. Having been founded by Regular Baptists, the statement of faith, position and practice of the Institute continues to be that of the G.A.R.B.C. However, the school desires to serve all born-again, Bible-believing Baptists and to have fellowship with scriptural, separated, spiritual and Christ-centered groups.

## **BIBLE**

Taking a positive stand against all the denials of the faith once-for-all delivered to the saints, the Institute places the inspired, infallible and inviolable Word of God at the very center of its curriculum. The courses are designed primarily to give a practical working knowledge of the Bible. In both Day and Evening Schools, subjects are included in the curriculum which are not found in many seminary courses, particularly an exposition or an analysis of every book in the Bible. If commonly accepted Baptist polity, practice or procedure should ever be contrary to the Bible, the Institute would follow the inerrant Word of God, and in doing so it would continue to be a truly Baptist school.

## **INSTITUTE**

The emphasis on prayer, the Spirit-filled life, victorious witnessing for the Lord, gospel team ministry and practical Bible knowledge guarantees the maintenance of the unique and distinctive features which comprise a Bible Institute. Day School work has been maintained on a college level and it is hoped that, in the next few years, degrees will be granted in Bible, theology, Christian education and missions. Courses offered at the Institute provide varied training for students who desire to become full-time teachers, pastors, missionaries and evangelists; for young people who desire to become established in the fundamental truths of God's Word before attending college or seminary; or for graduates of colleges or seminaries who wish to supplement their training by a thorough study of the Bible under a consistent pre-millennial and Baptist interpretation.

The School is small enough to be interested in the personal problems and individual guidance of each student. The total enrollment for the year 1948-49 is 286. Fifteen cities and towns are represented in the Evening School and students in the Day School come from eight different states. Nineteen denominations are represented in both Day and Evening classes.

## **CLEVELAND**

The city of Cleveland has been nationally acknowledged to be the ideal convention city, "the best location in the nation," with one-half of the population of United States and Canada within a radius of 500 miles. Our city has the second largest public library in America. The lake frontage, the beautiful homes, trees, and parks; the cultural, historical, educational and financial advantages make it one of the finest cities in our land.



Day School Class of '49



Evening School Class of '49

# WISDOM'S DWELLING

## B. B. I. Song — Proverbs 2:1-7

*Words by Joy Taylor, '49*

To Wisdom's quiet dwelling place	In Wisdom's dwelling there is peace,
We come with eager hearts to trace	And joyful anthems find release.
The silver which we know is there	Our hands are privileged to hold
And hidden wealth beyond compare.	God's perfect jewels, His gleaming gold,
We ask that we who have His call,	That lost impoverished souls may live.
Who know that Jesus paid it all,	In Wisdom's dwelling jewels abound,
May own a deeper love toward men	The Savior's gems are ours to give
For whom Christ died and rose again.	And Christ's unchanging grace is found.

Chorus: Our paths have led to B. B. I.  
Where forward is the battle cry.  
We must impart the living Word  
And rescue those who have not heard.  
Let us who have been amply fed  
Provide a dying world with bread.  
O let us be God's humble tool  
That He may use us and our school.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 10—10:00 A. M. Registration of New Students.  
Sept. 11-13—7:30 P. M. Youth Conference.  
Dr. Roy Brown, Speaker.  
Sept. 12—10:00 A. M. Registration of Former Students.  
Sept. 13—8:30 A. M. Day Classes Begin.  
Sept. 13—7:00 P. M. Evening Classes Begin.

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