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—COLOSSIANS 1:10

Class of 1950

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CLASS COLORS

Crimson and White

CLASS MOTTO

"To know Him and to make Him known."

CLASS VERSE

"That in all things he might have the preeminence"

(COLOSSIANS 1:18B)

CLASS HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

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



Donna Jean Anderson

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusted in him, and I am helped:
therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and
with my song will I praise him"*

(PSALM 28:7).

I have a joy and a song in my heart today, because I know the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour. I gave my heart to Christ in 1945. Since then my life has been filled with spiritual blessings. I praise Him for the inward peace and joy that only He can give. Also I praise the Lord for leading me to B. B. I. For truly the past three years of studying God's Word and of serving Him in word and song have been precious. I can truthfully say with the hymn writer:

*"All that thrills my soul is Jesus,
He is more than life to me
And the fairest of ten thousand
Is my blessed Lord I see."*



Samuel Brindiar

*"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which
cannot be moved, let us have grace,
whereby we may serve God acceptably
with reverence and godly fear"*

(HEBREWS 12:28).

I thank God for saving me from sin and making me His child by grace. The least I can do to show my appreciation for what God has done is to give myself to Him for service. I praise God for leading me to B. B. I. to prepare for the ministry of the gospel. What I learned at B. B. I. shall not be taken from me. I cherish the study of God's Word which I received there. I pray and desire that the verse I have chosen might be fulfilled in my life, *"Let us have grace to serve God acceptably,"* that we might be a profit to all.

Benjamin Harry Garlich, Jr.

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I JOHN 5:13).



It has been a grand and glorious three years that I have spent at the Baptist Bible Institute. It actually seems as but a week. I truly thank the Lord that He led my path to a school that stands upon the Word of God and teaches it uncompromisingly. If you want to know God's Word and His will for your life, I would unhesitatingly recommend Baptist Bible Institute. The Lord has been good to us here and has enabled us to go on when it seemed impossible. I surely can say, "Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord will provide;" and I, with confidence, can say, "Jesus never fails."

Mary Alice Jackson

"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).



The Scripture verse that God used to reveal my sin was Romans 6:23. I was convicted of unbelief until my whole being was stirred. I received eternal life in Christ Jesus at the age of sixteen by simply believing that He died on the cross in my place and paid my debt for the wages of my sin. Now I can truthfully say that Galatians 2:20 is true in my heart and life.

I am rich—a child of the King and He has given me a definite call, "Go ye into Venezuela and preach the Gospel to every creature."



Ruth Lucile Nephew

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (ROMANS 5:8).

"How I praise Thee precious Saviour, that Thy love laid hold of me!" These words of the hymn writer have been ringing in my heart, causing me to rejoice in that great love of His which drew me up out of the pit of sin and placed my feet on a firm foundation. The more I realize my unworthiness, the more I marvel at His wondrous love for me. I rejoice to know that His love is a saving love, a keeping love and an abiding love. My desire is that my life might be lost in His love and that His love might dwell in me richly.



Charles Noffsinger

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (ROMANS 5:8).

God has put gladness in my heart because of the peace and joy that has been mine since I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, over four years ago, in a little Bible class in the Hawaiian Islands. Surely it was only amazing grace that could save a wretch like me. Since that time Christ has indeed been precious to me. I feel that He has laid hold of me for full-time service for Him. It is truly my humble desire, though unworthy as I am, that I may say with Paul, *"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus"* (PHILIPPIANS 3:12).

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Commencement

Friday Evening, June 2

PROCESSIONAL: "Pomp and Circumstances" Elgar

HYMN "O Word of God Incarnate" Congregation Standing

O Word of God incarnate,	It floateth like a banner,
O Wisdom from on high,	Before God's host unfurled;
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,	It shineth like a beacon
O Light of our dark sky,	Above the darkling world:
We praise Thee for the radiance	It is the chart and compass
That from the hallowed page,	That o'er life's surging sea,
A lantern to our footsteps,	'Mid mists and rocks and darkness,
Shines on from age to age.	Still guides, O Christ to Thee.

The Church from her dear Master	O make Thy Church, dear Saviour,
Received the gift divine,	A lamp of purest gold,
And still that light she lifteth	To bear before the nations
O'er all the earth to shine.	Thy true light as of old!
It is the golden casket	O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
Where gems of truth are stored;	By this their path to trace,
It is the heaven-drawn picture	Till, clouds and darkness ended,
Of Christ the living Word.	They see Thee face to face!

SCRIPTURE READING *The Rev. Edwin Miller*

PRAYER *The Rev. Donald MacDonald*

INSTITUTE CHOIR: *F. Melius Christiansen*
"Lost in the Night"

ANNOUNCEMENTS *President Kenneth A. Amsler*

INSTITUTE MALE QUARTET *Selected*

OFFERTORY: "Amazing Grace" *Arr. by E. O. Excell*
Instrumental Ensemble

ent Program

nd, 1950 at 8:00 o'clock

HYMN "O Zion, Haste" Congregation Standing

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Behold how many thousands still are lying
Bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Saviour's dying,
Or of the life He died for them to win.

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul for them in pray'r victorious;
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay.

Chorus: Publish glad tidings;
Tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus,
Redemption and release.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS *The Rev. Vernon Grounds*
Dean of Baptist Bible Seminary

INSTITUTE CHOIR: *Arr. by Oliver & Latham*
"Coronation"

ROLL CALL OF GRADUATING CLASS *Miss Winona Evans*
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SCHOOL SONG: Congregation Standing
"Wisdom's Dwelling"

BENEDICTION *The Rev. Paul McCullough*



Alice Virginia Seatter

"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love"

(JOHN 15:9).

Each day it is a source of rejoicing anew that I can perceive the love of God because His Son laid down His life for me.

Having laid hold upon His love, I know that I have life in Him! During these three years at B. B. I., His Word has become unto me "the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." I desire that His commandment to "love one another, as I have loved you" might be fulfilled as I endeavor to go forth.



Martha O. Anderson

"I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye" (PSALM 32:8).

I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour nine years ago and I can truly say life begins when Christ comes in. "There-

fore 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).

"The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few" does not necessarily apply to Africa and other heathen lands. The business world is a needy field. As a secretary in the business world, I find many spiritually hungry hearts in offices. The study of God's Word at the Baptist Bible Institute has enabled me to present Christ to a needy group right here in our own city, and has helped me to "grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II PETER 3:18).

Marion I. Skaggs

"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him"
(II TIMOTHY 1:12B).



I rejoice that I know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. The more I study the Word of God, the more I realize His greatness, and my own unworthiness. He saved me by being "made sin for us (me), who knew no sin; that we (I) might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (II COR. 5:21).

Once I belittled the Lord by thinking that He could not keep me saved. I thought that it was presumptuous to say that I knew I was going to heaven. I know that it is not my being good that assures me of Heaven, but only the precious blood of my Lord Jesus Christ.

I PETER 3:15 is the reason I came to B. B. I. As I witnessed for my Lord, I realized my need for a fuller knowledge of the Word. I thank God for every precious hour spent at B. B. I., and pray that my life may glorify Jesus to the end that many lost souls might be won to Him.

John Gazdik

"He must increase, but I must decrease"
(JOHN 3:30).



I cannot understand the grace of God, how that while I was yet a sinner, Christ died for me. It is a miracle that He saved me from my sin and has given me eternal life. He has changed my life, filled it with peace and joy unpeakable, and has given me a blessed hope.

Because I know in whom I have believed, I will give my best and all for Him who loved me and gave Himself for me. I count it a real privilege to come to the United States and attend B. B. I. The Lord has blessed me in the fellowship of His children in this Institute. My prayer is that the school, faculty and the students may be used of Him to the praise of His glory.



Merit B. Skaggs

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

The words of a hymn, "Only a sinner—saved by grace," describe me perfectly.

By the righteous laws of God, as given in the Bible, I am a lawbreaker, a sinner, and deserving of condemnation. No matter how hard I try, I continually "miss the mark" in living according to God's laws. Indeed, Romans 3:23 tells us that "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." That verse includes me. Such is the estate of fallen man since the time of Adam. But, the very next verse brings us the glorious gospel: "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Although I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour when I was about sixteen years of age, I have not redeemed the time by yielding fully to His will and to His work as I should have done. Bible study has given me new zeal in these things.

I am very grateful for the privilege of attending the Baptist Bible Institute during the past few years. I have learned many precious truths from the Word of God. Whole sections of the Bible have been opened to me in a way that is awe-inspiring! I know that the Lord can and does use Bible-trained people to gather needy souls into His flock. I hope to be of further service to Him in many ways.



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 coll,	The Saviour's gems are ours to give
Who know that Jesus paid it all,	That lost impoverished souls may live.
May own a deeper love toward men	In Wisdom's dwelling jewels abound,
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 omply 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. 9—10:00 A. M.—Registration of New Students.

Sept. 10-12—7:30 P. M.—Youth Conference.

Sept. 11—10:00 A. M.—Registration of Former Students.

Sept. 12— 8:30 A. M.—Day Classes Begin.

Sept. 12— 7:00 P. M.—Evening Classes Begin.

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