Bible For Today Update–October 2013

THE BIBLE FOR TODAY MINISTRIES

900 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey 08108 Internet: <u>www.BibleForToday.org</u> E-Mail: <u>BFT@BibleForToday.org</u> Phones: 856-854-4452, Order Phone Only 1-800-John 10:9

Bible For Today Baptist Church

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY: 1998-2013

And the LORD Said Unto Him. "What Is That In Thine Hand?"

It was fifteen years ago this month that Dr. Waite and I opened up our living room, took all our furniture out, except the piano, and began a HOUSE CHURCH. It was a new venture for us. Previously we had Bible Study in our parlor every Thursday night for more years than I could remember, BUT A CHURCH? IN THE HOUSE? That was a different story! (*BibleForToday.org*) *GOD WAS LEADING US!*

I wonder how many years Philemon and his wife had a <u>church in their house</u>! If you remember, it was in a letter to PHILEMON that Paul greeted two other people. One was named APPHIA. In one of my Bibles, next to that name, I have written "*Philemon's wife*." (I checked with my husband just now, and he told me that this name is feminine.) Since reading Pastor Waite book, <u>COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON PREACHING</u> <u>VERSE BY VERSE</u> (BFT#2988 @ \$14.00 + \$7.00 S&H), I read that *APPHIA* means *fruitful*. Would that mean that APPHIA had many children? Or that her life bore fruit in other areas of living? Or both? And was she really Philemon's wife?

Then, there is the mention of ARCHIPPUS. Who was he? What was he doing in that house church? Paul thought of him as a *fellow soldier*. In my own handwriting, next to his name, I have written *Philemon's son*; in the margin, as plain as anything, I also wrote the following: "*Maybe he is the pastor in the church that met in Philemon's house*." What do you think? "GOD SETTETH THE SOLITARY IN FAMILIES" (Psalm 68:6)

THE SIXTH " Q & A" BOOK BY DR. WAITE OFF THE PRESS!

Before I forget it, I want to tell you about a new book that Dr. Waite has written. It is the SIXTH such book. I'm sure you know how valuable these books are. **THE SIXTH 200 QUESTIONS ANSWERED** (BFT 4958-BK @ \$15.00 + \$7.00 S&H) by Dr. D. A. Waite is valuable indeed. There are 189 pages. This includes a complete and detailed index.

ON PAGE 57, I READ THE FOLLOWING QUESTION #1080:

QUESTION: I sincerely believe that the King James Bible is the best translation. I have spent some time studying this very controversial issue. I would like to know if there is a Bible other than the King James Bible that is based on the Received Text, the Textus Receptus.

<u>ANSWER:</u> Of the current English translations, only the King James Bible is solidly based on the Textus Receptus and carefully translated from it. The New King James Version claims to be based on the Textus Receptus, but I found (just by accident) at least three places where it was translated from the Gnostic Critical Text. Another friend told me that he had found over 100 other places where it was not based on the Textus Receptus....

Many people have walked into our front door here at 900 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey 08018 to attend our church. PEOPLE FROM MANY STATES AND SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE COME. They have worshipped with us. Some only visit. Some stay. Some rejoice. Some get mad. Others move from the area. But Dr. Waite is like *old man river* He just keeps rolling along. God has called him to do a work for Him, and my husband does it to the best of his ability, preaching and teaching verse by verse.

My husband was seventy years old when he started BIBLE FOR TODAY BAPTIST CHURCH. Other men retire at that age or before. The perils of Christian work have worn them to a frazzle and they welcome less stressful days. But Pastor Waite enjoys the church, studying the Words of God, and helping those with burdens too much for them to bear alone. It is not my husband's goal to have huge numbers and build a big building. It never has been. BFTBC is a place where weary-worn Christian soldiers have found like-mindedness. It is a place where those who long to hear the old hymns and gospel songs of the faith can sing them together to beautifully piano music. It is a place where the Words of God are reverenced and believed. And it is a place where the King James Bible in all its beauty and textual accuracy is revered. **BibleForToday.org** "WHAT IS IN THINE HAND?" (Exodus 4:2)

ORDER: BFT 4055bk @ \$10.00 + \$6.00 S&H CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC IS NOT THE PROBLEM

IT IS ONLY A SYMPTOM

by David C Bennett, D. Min.

IN OUR RECENT CHURCH BULLETIN, I READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION *The Month of OCTOBER, 2013, WILL BE OUR CHURCH'S 15th ANNIVERSARY MONTH. We*

praise the Lord for His faithfulness for all these 15 years and look forward to His continued blessings and provisions during our 16th and successive years to come. During these 15 years, our records indicate that a total of <u>621 families</u> have visited our church services. Each month we get a report of messages that have been downloaded each month from <u>all 50 states</u> and <u>60 to 70 foreign countries</u>. There have been a total of **751,180 downloads of our messages** thus far. Click on **BibleForToday.org** for our church services.

"FOR WHO HATH DESPISED THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS?" (Zechariah 4:6b)

Now Pastor D. A. Waite, Th.D. Ph. D. is 85 (86 in December, 2014) and he is looking forward to more years in active ministry. (WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS!) He remembers his teacher Dr. M. R. DeHaan's words, at the Detroit Bible Class when my husband was a college student at the University of Michigan. "AS THY DAYS SO SHALL THY STRENGTH BE." (Deuteronomy 33:25)

My husband's example is MOSES who began his Wilderness Leadership at age eighty! Then there was CALEB, a favorite of mine, who claimed a mountain at the age of eighty!

NOTHING HUMBLES US MORE WHEN PEOPLE LIKE YOU SAY THAT YOU PRAY FOR US.

In God's wise care- Uvonne S. Waite