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SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS

As I begin this letter to you, a burden has been lifted. Our dear daughter-in-law, Jeanette Lazar Waite, is in Heaven now. At the rising of the sun, she was carried by the angels to Glory (Luke 16:22) the morning of October 8, 2012. She's "safe in the arms of Jesus"! After 41-years of marriage to our oldest son, D. A. Waite, Jr., he is left to suffer her loss. You may remember that he is the footnote research editor of the *DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE*. This is the Bible that the BIBLE FOR TODAY MINISTRIES has published for many years.

PLEASE PRAY

For many days, JEANETTE lingered between earth and Heaven. We thank God for those precious days of the LIFE'S BREATH that she had been given--the same breath that the Creator breathed into Adam so long ago when man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

Only God knew the hairs of JEANETTE'S head, and the numbered days of her earthly life (Luke 12:7). So we trusted Him for her life's holy diagnosis. We thank you for your prayers, dear Bible For Today friend.

HER HUSBAND, D. A. WAITE, JR., FOOTNOTE EDITOR OF DKJB

Many people think that my husband, Dr. D. A. Waite, Senior, did all those hours and hours of word definition work in **THE DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE**. No, it was our son, D. A. Waite, Jr., Jeanette's husband who did this detailed work. He spent laborious days doing that unending defining of "uncommon words." You can find them at the end of most of the pages of the **DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE**.

ACCIDENTS, SURGERIES, & RECOVERIES

In the past, our daughter-in-law had known suffering and unending days of recoveries, but this time, it was a different diagnosis and a different "recovery." In spite of a former injury-laden automobile accident, a fall, and previous unexpected surgeries, the sudden shock of cancer about two-and- a-half years ago was unexpected!

WEAKNESS, LOSS, & CONTENTMENT

As the imprisoned Apostle Paul, Jeanette Waite, a woman of faith and prayer, had learned CONTENTMENT the hard way (I Timothy 6:6). She found herself in a new imprisonment of pain and weakness (II Corinthians 12:10). So, in these days, in such a *state*, as she neared her Heavenly Home, she learned to live those final hours and long nights (Philippians 4:11)–**DAY BY DAY** (Deuteronomy 33:25)–with a steadfast purpose (I Corinthians 5:58; Philippians 1:21; Psalm 55:22).

A PLACE "FAR BETTER"

Because Jeanette knew the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, we read in God's Words that her "times" were in God's "hand" (Psalm 31:15). God reached down, with that "hand" and took his "little girl" HOME. **PRECIOUS JEANETTE** is in a "Place" prepared by the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:1-3) which the Bible says is "far better" (Philippians 1:23). Bless her memory to her husband, her children and grandchildren, and even to me, her mother-in-law. Good bye, our precious "little girl."

Whithersoever

LUKE 9:57

*Whithersoever,"
I heard Him call,
And so I replied,
"I give my all."
"Reflect on your answer,"
He spoke at the start.
For He knew the breach
Twixt my words and my heart.
So He led, and I followed
Thru each waiting day
Till my heart and words
Had but one voice to say,
"Whithersoever!"*

(This poem was written by my mother, Gertrude Sanborn)

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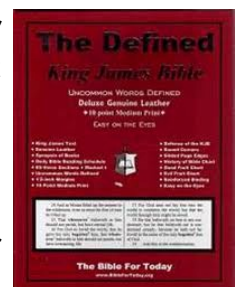
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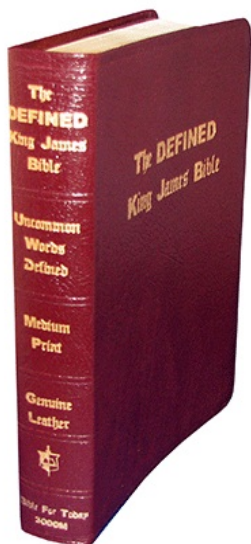
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OUR GRANDDAUGHTER CALLED FROM FLORIDA

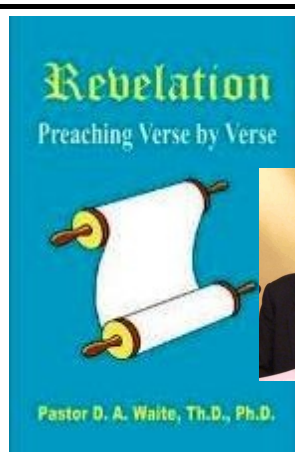
Just the other day, our oldest granddaughter called. She lives in Florida! She attends a large church in her city. Last Sunday night, there was a special speaker at her church. She was so excited and surprised! WHY?

**“GUESS WHAT, PAPA,”
“THE SPEAKER WAS USING YOUR BIBLE!”**



Well, our granddaughter saw the Bible the speaker was using. It was Grandpa Waite's Bible! Yes, the same Bible that her grandfather and *THE BIBLE FOR TODAY* published! Yes, it was the **DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE!** It was the very Bible the guest speaker was using—right up there at her church's pulpit. She was so thrilled that she called us right away and said, *“Guess what Papa, the guest speaker was using your Bible!”*

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REN O. SANBORN & CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

My father, Ren O. Sanborn, was instrumental in BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE, which was a DAY BIBLE INSTITUTE, becoming CEDARVILLE COLLEGE. He had been the chairman of the board of trustees.

*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving your own selves.*

(James 1:22)

My FATHER & THE EARLY DAYS OF CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

I would like to help you with some of the earlier memories of what is now known as CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY. You may not know about THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD starting from its being a Presbyterian college to becoming a BAPTIST COLLEGE. Sad to say, it seems to me, that some of these memories and facts have been lost to the history of the school. If they are known, I have not seen them or heard of them. Yet, to make its history complete, some things should be said. MY FATHER, REN O. SANBORN, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN CEDARVILLE COLLEGE IN THOSE EARLY DAYS. I only wish I had paid more attention then, or had the facts and remembrances in writing! In my defense, during much of that early, pre-Cedarville, Ohio, time period, I was married to my husband, D. A. Waite, and living in Dallas, Texas. **That was in 1948.**

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF MY FATHER

My memories of those days are combined with personal memories of my dad who was a good HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, and a CHRISTIAN MAN, who used his business talents to serve His Lord and Saviour. I remember back in his day, the state's Ohio Hebron Association's youth rallies. My father's leadership and enthusiasm stirred that group of about one hundred young people in attendance to an overflowing crowd of a thousand. This was done without gimmicks, buses, and special prizes, clowns, or ice cream cones.

HE LOVED MY MOTHER

REN SANBORN WAS BORN-AGAIN AS A YOUNG TEEN. From then on, his life was not his own, but it belonged to Jesus Christ. Soon he fell in love with Gertrude Barker, my

mother, but would not ask her to marry him until she became a Christian. He waited patiently for

her to come to the Saviour. He did not push her or cajole her into such a decision. In fact, he did not tell her of his love for her until she saw herself as a sinner and in need of a personal Saviour. **They were married in November of 1923, until that day in June that the Lord took Mother "home." My father followed her eight weeks later. That was the summer of 1988.**

DADDY WAS THE FATHER OF THREE DAUGHTERS. Each one of us suffered in our own way. Beverly was born with a birth injury that limited her life in a significant way until the day she died. Audrey had Hodgkin's disease that took her HOME to GLORY after much pain and suffering. She was only twenty. And I, the writer of these memories, was a sick child spending three years in a hospital bed for poor and crippled children.

A PAST MEMORY OF HIS YOUTH

Perhaps I should interject some of REN SANBORN'S history so the reader may know him better. My father was a faithful Christian man, full of courage and determination. **Daddy came from a poor family. Often, as a child, he went to bed hungry.** One night he was awakened from his sleep. His father had brought home beans for the family to eat. After his mother cooked them, she awakened her children from a sound sleep to feed them. They were so hungry!

YOUTHFUL MEMORIES WERE STIRRED

I remember as my Dad told us children that account, he began to cry. I never saw him cry before. His memories were stirred. **This man, my Dad, knew deprivation! Because of this, he learned to be steadfast in his convictions. He saw the benefits of an unmovable spirit for the right! (1 Corinthians 15:58).** Let us be like R. O. Sanborn and like Ezekiel! They both faced much opposition. **BUT THEY STOOD!**

MY FATHER'S BUSINESS DEALINGS

God gifted my father in business dealings. In 1930, he opened the first office in Canton, Ohio, for the Fuller Brush Company. He gave it all up when he had to move back to Cuyahoga County, because I was in Rainbow Hospital for Poor and Crippled Children in that county. My parents had to live in that county so I could remain in that hospital. Later in 1934, my father was invited to be a part of the newly-formed Stanley Home Products Company out of Westfield, Massachusetts. **He was a pioneer and a leader in sales with that company until his retirement, as well as helping the company develop the Hostess Party Plan. This is a plan that companies like Tupperware and others use to this day.** After a few years, R. O. Sanborn opened the first Stanley office in Cleveland, Ohio. Soon he built a successful branch in the Cleveland, Ohio, territory. In the 1940's, it was the second largest Stanley branch in the United States.

REN SANBORN'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

JOSHUA 1:8

*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;
but thou shalt meditate therein day and night,
that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:
for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous,
and then thou shalt have good success.*

MY FATHER'S BUSINESS ACUMEN

I tell you this to introduce you to my father's business acumen and why he, as a Christian business leader, was used of the LORD in the founding of CEDARVILLE COLLEGE as a Baptist institution of higher learning in those early formative years. My Dad dedicated his life and business ability to the Lord and took any success from the Lord. He never worked

was a monetary sacrifice but he never wavered from this determination to put God first in his time and money.

ENTERTAINING THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD ON BAKER STREET

I remember when all the BBI trustees and the then-president of BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE (Kenneth Amsler) were guests in my parents' home in Berea, Ohio, on Baker Street. I can still see them sitting at my parents' dining table in the back sunroom. I am not sure if that was before or after D. A. Waite and I were married. We were married in August of 1948. I only tell you this to give you a time frame for reference. Now that I think of it, I believe that sunroom was recently finished just before my wedding. The president's wife (I think her name was Vivian) was the author of the beautiful gospel chorus "*THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE.*"

MERGING BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE WITH CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

My father, REN O. SANBORN, was instrumental, along with other board members, of BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE'S (a day-school) merging into CEDARVILLE COLLEGE. I recall, the Bible Institute met in HOUGH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH there in Cleveland, Ohio. MY FATHER WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING THAT TIME. When the merger came, MY FATHER, a successful Cleveland business man, and GEORGE MILNER (a man of means about whom you probably know) were CO-CHAIRMEN after the purchase of the Cedarville, Ohio, campus. This is a fact. In other words, when the Baptists took over the college and at its beginning at in Cedarville, Ohio, the TWO men (Sanborn & Milner) were *co-chairs*. At first, the college was re-named CEDARVILLE BAPTIST COLLEGE but they had to return it to its original name, CEDARVILLE COLLEGE, because of something in the original charter of that former Presbyterian school.

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE WAS BIBLICALLY SEPARATED AND POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE THEN

I remember well, before the merger, when my mother told me that a big step of faith was being considered for the Baptist Bible Institute. She said she could not talk about it at the time in any detail and did not tell me what it was. It was a matter of prayer. It turned out to be the merger of BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE, then a day school, with CEDARVILLE COLLEGE. When the college was formed, it was to be a BIBLICALLY SEPARATED and POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE institution. From my personal observation of the present university, it seems like it is a long way from that now.

LEONARD WEBSTER THE FIRST PRESIDENT

The first president of the new CEDARVILLE BAPTIST COLLEGE was not PRESIDENT JAMES JEREMIAH, as most would think, but a man by the name of DR. LEONARD WEBSTER. I know this for a fact. We lived across from the Websters in Cedarville at the time. That would be in the years from 1953-1954. Our third-born son was born in the nearby Xenia hospital. A dear friend, Mel Entingh, one of my husband's Greek students, watched our two young sons while my husband and I sped to the hospital. My husband taught at Cedarville one year before we went to Purdue University studying for his graduate work in speech. He was a *teaching-fellow* at Purdue, earning his Ph.D. in Speech there. We lived, while at Purdue in Lafayette, Indiana, with our three sons in a three-apartment barracks by Purdue University's pig farm (an agricultural school) and near the University's flight training

DR. WAITE'S ORDINATION TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Though my husband did not know Dr. Webster until this ordination period, he preached my husband's ordination service, in April, 1953, at BERA BAPTIST CHURCH, BERA, OHIO. This church started in my Grandmother and Grandfather Barker's living room. Because of some problems, Dr. Webster did not stay at Cedarville. He had been in Cleveland, Ohio, as President of Baptist Bible Institute before it moved to Cedarville. Dr. H. K. Finley, editor of the Ohio Independent Baptist, gave the charge.

MY DAD WAS ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH'S NEW BUILDING

My dad was on the ground floor of the church's financial plan in the first church building on West Street after it moved from Grayton Road in Brook Park, Ohio. I remember when we were home from Dallas Theological Seminary on vacation. My husband and I viewed the church in its early construction. It was unbelievable! From recently reading a note in my father's handwriting, I learned that my father helped meet the payments of the new building when the funds were low.

FIVE YEARS IN A TWENTY-SIX FOOT TRAILER

At the time in my husband and my life, when Dr. Waite had worked on his Th.M. and was working on his Th.D. at the Dallas Theological Seminary on Swiss Avenue in Dallas, Texas, prior to living in Cedarville, Dr. Waite planned to become a military chaplain after seminary graduation, but something about the quota slowed up that appointment. (A few years later, my husband became a Navy chaplain.) I was not at the ordination back in Ohio, but stayed in Dallas, Texas, with our two sons at the Seminary. Those were precious days of living five years in a twenty-six foot trailer—no bathroom in the trailer or a drain, for that matter. The water from the kitchen sink spilled to the ground. If I would tell you who some of our neighbors were in our TRAILERVILLE, you would be amazed! You would recognize their names. I came to Dallas as a bride, and left five years later as a mother of two sons with another baby boy on the way.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN CEDARVILLE'S EARLY DAYS

In the early years, the small college had financial problems. The reason I say this is because I was going over some old correspondence the other day that I wrote my parents back then (1953-1954). In a letter, I mentioned that Cedarville Baptist College was in need of \$40,000 at the time. It must have been public knowledge for me to know this. Maybe the teacher's salaries were not being met. Perhaps, Mr. Smelser, a board member, who visited me while we were in Cedarville, would have remembered. But I learned before this writing he, too, had passed away.

JAMES JEREMIAH BECOMES PRESIDENT

After that brief time when there was no president, the trustees pondered if they should have a business manager first instead of a president. The situation was that dire. My mother told me this. (My husband and I were no longer living there but had moved to Purdue University.) She said that the trustees were thinking of having my father be the business manager, as he was good in business and money matters. Instead, they decided to ask Pastor James Jeremiah, who lived in Dayton, Ohio, I believe, rather close to Cedarville, to be the president. That was a good choice!

ENGLEMAN & DRAXLER BECOME TRUSTEES

As a matter of interest to you and me, two men, that my husband and I know, became trustees at Cedarville, as well as others. They were GEORGE ENGLEMAN and JOHN DRAXLER (presently "with the Lord"). As younger men, they were in the same church in Berea,

Ohio, that my family was. They enjoyed my father's friendship, wisdom, and guiding hand.

It wouldn't surprise me if my father had not recommended them to the board. I am not sure.

"I LEARNED EVERYTHING FROM YOUR FATHER"

I saw Mr. Engleman probably over 25 or 30 years ago at some meeting and greeted him. Seems like yesterday. I remembered him and his wife and his sons and his kindness to missionary friends of mine. He gave them a car or station wagon. Can't remember which. **He had been a member of BERA BAPTIST CHURCH. He told me, "I learned everything from your father!" That was nice to hear, but I passed it off as phatic communication. Then one day I learned that Mr. Engelman was the chairman of the Cedarville board at the time.** (I think that would be around 1980 or before—not sure.) I thought to myself, **"Maybe he did learn from my father!" Many people did!**

MY FATHER RESIGNED TOO EARLY FROM CEDARVILLE'S BOARD

When my parents moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, sometime around the year 1952, my Dad resigned from CEDARVILLE's board of trustees. (My twenty-year-old sister, Audrey, died in 1952. That was a terrible shock to our whole family.) **Years later, my mother said that Daddy thought, perhaps, he resigned from Cedarville's board too early. His influence would have been felt longer at the college if he would have stayed there.** Today, people fly to board meetings from all around the country. He could have done that. Instead, at the time, he felt the trustees should be from Ohio or close by. Looking for my father's name in the history of Cedarville College, by an Internet search, I found no mention of him, either in the Baptist Bible Institute, or in the early years of Cedarville College archives. For some reason, either intentional, or unintentional, what R. O. Sanborn did for the school has been erased. Now Cedarville has become a university and is endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention. **Times have changed. AND SO HAS CEDARVILLE!**

IN GOD'S CARE,
Yvonne S. Waite

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