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WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

When angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

(Words by William C. Dix, -1837-1898)

THE JOY OF THE LORD

Just last week, my husband, Dr. D. A. Waite, and I spent THANKSGIVING Day with family. Though we had seen our daughter and son-in-law and their adult children at another time last year, it had been almost three years since we'd been at their home. What a joy of the LORD to walk into their door and see their beautiful house! There is something heart-warming to be a guest at the Manor of mature "children" and taste their lives once again. The joy of the Lord was ours as we observed their love for Him and His Words.

Of course, one of our joys is seeing our GREAT GRANDSON! He is nineteen months old and overflowing with new words! He and "GREAT PAPA" (my husband) hit it off so well that after we left, he thought every place he was going was to visit his great grandfather once again to play the game of *imaginary ball*.

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. (Psalms 127:3)

As I'm sitting here writing you today, I've become rather sentimental in my thoughts. Perhaps it is because I've been with family in Florida and tasted their lives so far from where I live. Our oldest son and his wife stopped by his sister's to see us—a pleasant surprise! Of course, I missed our other children and grands. Some are in Maryland and others are home in New Jersey HOLDING THE FORT! Others sent me pictures by way of "text." (I wonder what our parents—long in Heaven now—would say about such speedy communication. I remember when my father-in-law was mystified by the computer. He called it *the wonder machine*.)

HOW TIME HAS TICKED ON! WE ARE NOW THE GRAY HEADS!

The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head. (Proverbs 20:29)

A LETTER FROM A HOME-TOWN FRIEND

YOU MENTIONED YOUR GRANDMA BARKER! She was a dear lady! You mentioned *the girls* she opened her home to—and who went to the youth group at church on Sunday nights. I do not know who usually gave them a ride. Sometimes, my husband and I would pick them up.

THE FOLKS AT BEREA BAPTIST LOVED YOUR GRANDMA. We all called her *GRANDMA BARKER*. I guess we all thought of her as *OUR* Grandma! **Sometimes I would stop and visit and we would talk and visit.** Grandma Barker was always looking beautiful in a pretty house dress—with a full length apron on—very neat and co-ordinated.

One day she told me that she had an apron to "go with" each dress. The apron would be of a different fabric, but would *go together* beautifully. As soon as she put her dress on in the morning, she put on the *matching apron also* to wear at home. I don't remember what she wore to church. The apron was to wear at home. She always was gracious and lovely. **SO, TODAY WHEN I'M IN MY KITCHEN FIXING LUNCH, I GRAB A HANDY LITTLE APRON, AND I KNOW I LOOK BEAUTIFUL!** (Written by Terry Jandeka)

👉 SOME RECENT E-MAILS

👉 “PASTOR, WAITE, I thank God for you, for not being a coward and telling the truth according to the Word of God. You are Informing the church of false teachers & doctrines--also political error on issues like abortion, homosexuality, and other wickedness going on in this nation. I HATE EVERY FALSE WAY .”(MA)

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