CHRISTMAS 2014

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Ebel Family Photos

LARGE PHOTO IS OF OUR FUN-TO-BE-WITH TEN GRANDKIDS. LEFT TO RIGHT: BACK ROW WITH US: BROCK MCNOWN (15), JJ MCNOWN (19). 2ND ROW OF BOYS: JUDE EBEL (ALMOST 8), JOSIAH EBEL (10), ROWEN MCNOWN (11), MAX MCNOWN (13). FRONT ROW: ISLA EBEL (5), PETRA EBEL (6) EVANGELINE EBEL (8), & SELAH MCNOWN (8). SETH & VANESSA'S FAMILY IS AT UPPER RIGHT. BRANDON & CORRIE'S DAUGHTERS ARE WITH HIM & ALL 3 KIDS ARE AT LOWER R. JEFF & HEATHER MCNOWN'S FAMILY IS ABOVE LEFT. SEVEN OF OUR TEN GRANDS ARE PICTURED STANDING BY THE CARDBOARD/WOOD THREE-ROOM FORT I BUILT FOR THEM. (MORE FAMILY PICS ARE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE.) AT RIGHT IS LINDA'S MOTHER, ANNE SCHELLACK, WHO MOVED HERE IN MARCH FROM BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. SHE LIVES IN A CARE HOME IN SILVERTON. LINDA LEADS A BIBLE STUDY WITH THE RESIDENTS & LOVING CARETAKERS THERE & ONE COMMITTED HER HEART TO CHRIST IN OCTOBER. HALLELUJAH!

Joy to the World!

"And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."" Luke 2:10

When God became man, and Jesus was born, true joy entered a world of sin. The Magi, who had been long anticipating the Savior's coming, *"rejoiced with exceeding great joy"* when they saw the star standing over the young child. Matthew 2:10 This is the first mention of "joy" in the New Testament. The heavenly host also rejoiced as their angelic captain (probably Michael the archangel) shared with the shepherds in that field of Bethlehem the "good tidings of great joy!"

Although He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3), the Lord Jesus "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." Heb. 12:2



LINDA'S MOTHER, ANNE, WITH GREAT-GRAND SELAH MCNOWN



JOSIAH, EVANGELINE AND PETRA EBEL

He prepared His disciples for His sufferings by conveying to them His own joy. "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." John 15:11 He also prayed for His followers to the Father, "that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves." John 17:13 He also promised to answer prayer offered to the Father in His name "that your joy may be full." John 16:24

Those of us who follow Christ can agree with Peter that even though we do not see Him, by believing we rejoice *"with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory."* I Peter I:8 As we celebrate the past miraculous conception of our Lord Jesus Christ we can affirm with Jude the confidence we have in Christ for our future deliverance from this world of sin.

"Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy ..." Jude 24







DALE'S FALL:

- RIVERCREST CHURCH SERVICES, SEPTEMBER
- 2. BEACH RETREAT WITH RICK HENNESSY'S MEN'S GROUP, SEPT.
- 3. MILWAUKIE COVENANT MEN'S MIN., OCTOBER
- 4. GOOD SHEPHERD MEN'S MINISTRY, OCTOBER
- 5. RIVERCREST MEN'S MINISTRY, NOVEMBER

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Joyfully celebrating Christ's birth with you, Dale and Linda





Book Recommendations Dale recommends Never Surrender by Gen. William Boykin (his photo at top), America by Dinesh D'Souza, The Unstoppable Force by Erwin McManus, The Shape of Things to Come by Alan Hirsch, and The Founders Bible. Linda recommends Lynn Austin's series, Chronicles of the Kings based on the Biblical King Hezekiah, and Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum's The Footsteps of Jesus.