

A Blessed Christmas & New Year!

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Our Ebel/McNown Family Greet's You!

We hope you and your family are doing well this year! We were very blessed to see our whole family Thanksgiving week, though not all at the same time. Brandon came with his three for a Beavers game and then later he, Sarah, and the rest of our family were with us Thanksgiving Day for a few days. Gathering everyone from three states is a fete! We missed Sarah's sons - our bonus grandsons - but are pleased we saw them recently.

Newest News (not about everyone!): We have five adult grands now and all the rest are teens. Two are in college: Rowen McNown at Univ. of Oregon and Josiah Ebel is at Gonzaga. This year's HS senior graduate to be is Evie Ebel!

Max McNown paused college to begin his singer/songwriter career in country/folk, just since April this year, and is grateful to God that he just made the Billboard Chart of Emerging Artists. Max will have released about 45 songs his first year, by this next April. To listen to his songs and videos, just put his name, MAX MCNOWN, into your search on the music platform of your choice. He has a very easy to listen to voice!



Petra, Josiah, Brandon & Evangeline Ebel



Ministry Highlights: Writing Articles on my Blog & these are sent out in emails. Mentoring. Zooming Discipleship/Bible Study Groups. Photos are of mentoring and discipling. Linda's & my Zoom groups are not pictured in this letter. Donations to this ministry may be made online at www.daleebel.org or sent to our home address. We appreciate the support!

Joy to the World!

Luke 2:10 KJV, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Amidst the challenges that we are facing here and abroad as *Christ Followers* we have a message of hope, joy and confidence. When God became man, and Christ was born, true joy entered a world of sin and sadness. 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. (Matt.2:10 KJV) This was **the first mention of joy in the New Testament** (better named, *The Renewed Covenant*). The armies of heaven rejoiced as their angelic captain shared with the shepherds the "good tidings of great joy." Christ later said, "I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" (John 15:11 NLT) He prayed for His disciples "that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves." (John 17:13 KJV) Thus, it is that all who truly are His followers can testify with Peter, "You love Him even though you have never seen Him. Though you do not see Him now, you trust Him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy." (1 Peter 1:8 NLT). When we meet Jesus Christ face to face, "He will bring you with great joy into His glorious presence without a single fault." (Jude, verse 24) Joy To the World!

MINISTRY UPDATE: Once a pastor always a pastor ... Consistently I • Counsel couples and individuals as they face the challenges in relationships. • Clarify Bible Truth with seasoned Followers of Christ and those in the beginning stages of their walk with Christ. • Recently have led two young men to Christ and I am discipling one of them weekly. • Plan to restart a young men's Zoom discipleship gathering involving young men from Washington, Arizona, and Oregon. • Write culturally related articles that have been reaching people inside and outside Oregon. • Find myself clarifying the Biblical understanding of war and prophecies regarding Israel, especially with the rise of anti-Semitism. • Am writing young people involved in the persuasion to dismiss and minimize the Old Testament (Book of the Covenants) under the banner of the mis-applied understanding of the New Covenant and the Old Covenant, with Biblically accurate Truth. From my perspective, addressing this is crucial for future generations. Several young guys are requesting I address these trends. (Look to my two most recent articles on my blog: www.daleebel.org.)

PRAYER: Our disciples will pass on what they learn to others - 2 Tim. 2:2. Also, our 24 year old grandson, **Brock McNown's**, Hodgkins Lymphoma diagnosis was six years ago. He has been in treatment for six years, including chemo, radiation, immunotherapy and stem cell transplant. It is now *wait and see* with periodic scans - thank you for continuing to pray that God totally heals him. He recently went with his family to the Mayo Clinic and to Seattle to leading oncologists in the field, and he has been assured he has been doing the correct protocol. This has been one of the most difficult challenges our family, and especially Brock himself, has encountered. **Jude Ebel's** seizures continue at night since his recent brain surgery, ... thanks for continuing to pray for him!

Love and Joy to All, Dale and Linda Ebel