

Joy Mennonite Church

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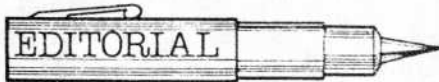
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Our newly formed worship committee suggested that we take some time to focus on the inner life. This suggestion was made just before the Lenten season. While it is fitting to focus on the inner life in this season, our desire to do so is not because it is the right season but because we feel the need of an inner anchor for our lives. We do not want to suggest to anyone that now is the season to feel sorrow for your sins or the time to search for a closer walk with God. Temptations do not come in seasons. The ups and downs in life are not planned or scheduled. The focus on the inner life is not meant to manipulate anyone's feelings. It is more an agreement to walk together for a time and explore ways to grow toward God in our inner lives. For me the Lenten season, which ends on resurrection Sunday, is a time when I feel an urge to bind my heart and mind, my innermost being, to the heart and mind of God.

Moses Mast



Dear Friends,
Different faiths and different churches prescribe different methods or rituals for the celebration of the Lenten season; a time for reflection, repentance, sacrifice, or something. Joy Mennonite is plodding along - yes, we too have acknowledged Lent, but we are continuing to cultivate in our church family the qualities that will enable us to work more effectively together and in the community.



Our adult Sunday school and our Bible study have opened up dimensions too seldom or not strongly enough stressed. While the Bible is indeed scripture, it is so much more.

Out of context one might feel that the Bible's history, novels and drama are irrelevant; that the drunkenness, illicit sex, crime, violence, and some of the love stories are a warning of doom and condemnation; or that hate and war are the norm and to be expected.



In context we can see a struggle in life that we are a part of and must deal with collectively in our world and nation, and individually in our communities, churches and our personal daily lives.

Through it all there is still hope, peace of mind and soul, and salvation in whatever form you believe in it. One sees love throughout the Bible - too often "conditional," until Jesus. His was of total commitment and unconditional. What conditions do we tack on to our expressions of love? The bottom line: Love everyone more.



Bice Klassen

Special
ANNOUNCEMENT

The Joy Mennonite Church building was the meeting place for "The Hemispheric Reconciliation Coalition" on Saturday, 27 February.

Oklahoma Mennonite pastors met in Enid at Grace Church on Monday, 1 March.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

COMING EVENTS

For the "Women's World Day of Prayer" on Friday, 5 March, Moses and Sadie will speak at Del City's United Methodist Church.

Leland Clegg Methodist Church is hosting Pastors for Peace with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 5 March, and presentation by the El Salvador bound caravan drivers.

Our own Cheryl Crichley will present the morning service on Sunday, 14 March.

The quarterly meeting of the Joy Mennonite Church Advisory Board will be held in Deer Creek at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 19 March.

Bethel College Choir will bring us a musical evening program on Friday, 26 March. For information call (405) 799-7836 or 324-7644.

Work schedules dictate weekly Bible study through March to be on Sundays - time 7:00 p.m., at Bill and Thea Klassen's home - 10301 Hollyhead Way, Yukon, OK.

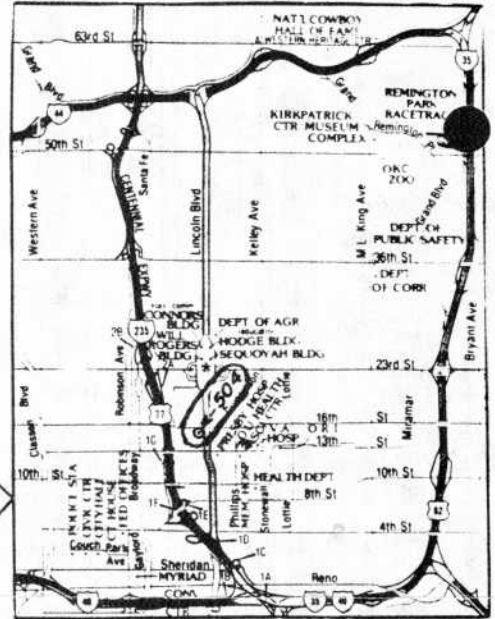


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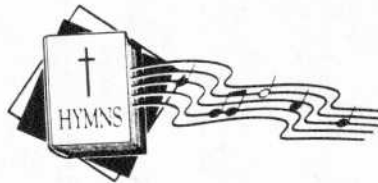


WORSHIP SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.



Church Address: 504 NE 16th St.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed.	17 Mar.	1993	-	St. Patrick's Day
Sun.	4 Apr.	1993	-	Palm Sunday
Thurs.	8 Apr.	1993	-	Maundy Thursday
Fri.	9 Apr.	1993	-	Good Friday
Sun.	11 Apr.	1993	-	Easter Sunday

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