



SEPTEMBER 1993

PASTOR'S
CORNER



Dear Friends,

It seems only yesterday that young people, or students of any age, were being encouraged to strive for excellence and given best wishes for the new school year. More and more one hears/reads of the disaster of our educational system - students not being taught "readin', 'ritin'" and "rithmetic," nor English, nor history, nor geography - what are they taught? Certainly little of "values" and "morality," but plenty of high-tech and computers. That's important also, just to be able to keep up and be competitive, but is that all there is to life?

Dealing with allegiance last month I threatened to continue with the closing of that pledge we all know so well. Here goes:

"One nation, under God (supreme court hasn't heard that part?), indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." There is a large segment of our population, including vast numbers of Americans, that don't daily experience that last portion about liberty and justice - sometimes it comes out being for certain groups or individuals, or even only when it seems politically expedient or convenient (as in not creating inconvenient considerations).

It would seem, and don't we witness it every day, that in the absence of liberty and justice for all aren't we nullifying the word "indivisible"? The hate that we manage to generate truly divides us to the extent that we have a number of ethnic subsocieties instead of a cohesive society of Americans. Maybe we should demand that our legislators be better role models as Americans than merely party faithfuls. Think on these things. Best wishes. Care to respond?

Bill Klassen



Peace

Moses Mast Pastor



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon. 6 Sept. 93 - Labor Day
- Tue. 7 Sept. 93 - (Variable) Begin new school year
- Sat. 11 & Sun. 12 Sept. 93 - Governor's Festival - Lincoln Blvd.
- Fri. 17 Sept. 93 - JMC Support Committee Meeting
- Sat. 18 & Sun. 19 Sept. 93 - Oklahoma Convention in Hydro
- Sat. 18 Sept. 93 - Begin Oklahoma State Fair, OKC

As Joy Mennonite Church bids farewell to Michael King, we do so with many mixed feelings; it was painful to only be able to watch this young man of 36 years, slowly at first, then rapidly, waste away and finally expiring on Saturday, 7 August 1993. Such a tragedy - a victim of AIDS. His suffering and torment are over now, and he is at peace, and God be praised for that. Rest your soul, Mike. To the end Mike expressed his love and appreciation for us here at Joy Mennonite, and for his brief association with us. We hope those memories can be shared with Mike's family, together with our condolences to them in Christian love to ease their pain and brighten their remembrance of Mike.

Joy Mennonite Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

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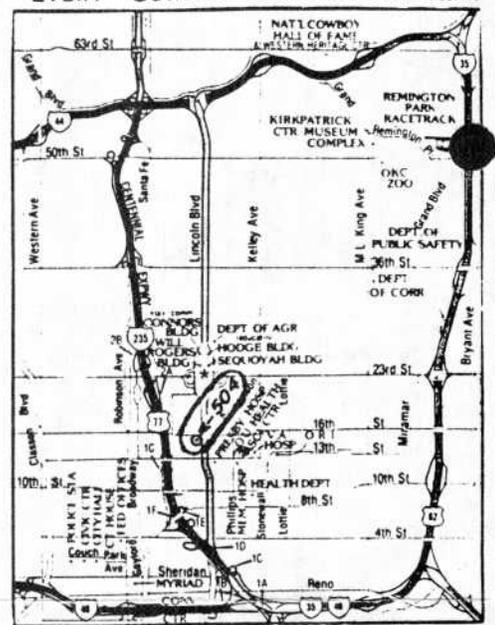
"Work day at the church" was set for the first Saturday of each month (normally following worship committee meeting), and it falls on Saturday, 4 September of the Labor Day weekend. This gives those not traveling or with no other special plans a chance at fellowship while being constructive.

Joy Mennonite Church will be having booth space at the Governor's Festival on Lincoln Blvd. south of the capitol building on Sat., 11 and Sun. 12 Sept. 1993. Our members will alternately be manning the booth. We will be displaying and selling selfhelp craft items from the Etcetera Shop in Weatherford while handing out fliers/memos regarding Joy Mennonite Church, its existence and location in the community.

Joy Mennonite Church Support Committee will be at the church on Fri. 17. Sept. 93 for their "quarterly" meeting. A fellowship meal will be served to committee and church members at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m. Members, try to plan to attend.

The annual meeting of the Oklahoma Convention of Mennonite Churches will be held at Bethel Church in Hydro, OK on Sat., 18 and Sun., 19 Sept. 93. We hope Joy Mennonite will once again be well represented at this vital and inspirational convention.

Special music September Sundays will be provided or handled by Cheryl Crichley



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