



# JOY MENNONITE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## PASTOR'S CORNER

This month we connected in a small way with the church of Native Americans. we helped the Hammon Mennonite Church put a new roof on their building. We also had Menno and Mary Loewen share their experience with the K'ekchi' Indians of Guatemala. Christian missionary efforts have often been criticized for participating with the conquering powers and religious conversion is another way to bring the conquered people under the

subjection of the dominant culture of the conqueror. It is also common for the conquerors to admit they did wrong after the conquered are sufficiently subdued as to be unable to resist anymore. All of this may be true, and Mennonites too have sinned greatly in their participation with the conquering powers but it is not the whole truth. It is also true that a redemption story was shared and people were redeemed. Leaving people alone as if they did not exist is not the only alternative to participating with the conquering powers to evangelize. Even now as we confess our sins of the past we must seek the understand true missionary effort or evangelism as common children of God

and a common people sharing the planet earth. First, all cultures and people have fallen and need God's redemption. Second, only the redeemed from the sins of their culture can truly evangelize. Evangelism becomes, as someone has said, one beggar telling another beggar where the bread is. Evangelism is a redemption story that is shared, not a faith tradition to be propagated and imposed. We must share the gospel not only for the sake of the lost but for our own sake. We are like the alcoholic who, in helping another overcome their addiction are helping themselves overcome their own addiction. We must share in order to keep. Remember Jesus' words, "If you lose your life for others

you will find it, if you seek to save your life, you will lose it."

*Moses Mart*

## Holy Bible



### A poem by Mike...

What is love  
 is it something from above  
 Can you see it  
 Can you hold it  
 Is it really there  
 or is the tree just bare  
 What is love  
 Some say it can be held  
 Is it something you can sell  
 Some say it can be heaven  
 Is it written like a coven  
 What is Love

**Notice!!!**  
**The Church picnic and business meeting are Sunday, May 3rd, at Ray Trent Park in Del City, after morning services!**

### The Church Campout!

The church campout at Lake Thunderbird will be held on June 12-14. More details in next month's newsletter. Mark your calendars. This is a great time to be together and enjoy a worship service in the great outdoors!

### Work day planned...

A work day is planned at the Agape Ranch on Saturday, May 2nd. Please contact Moses or Sadie if you would like to attend, and do not yet have directions. Carpooling would be a great idea!



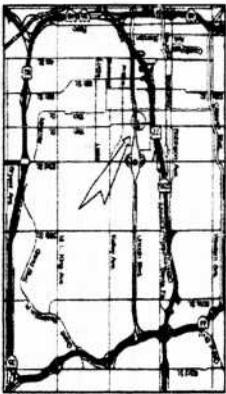
# Joy Mennonite Church

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mornings.  
Everyone is  
welcome!



weekend of April  
19th, and Amzie  
preached for the  
Sunday service.

### Other news...

April the 11th the  
Masts and  
Klassens were at  
Mount Scott for a  
picnic.

Sadie, Ethel Posar  
and Martha  
Shoemaker  
enjoyed a time  
together at a  
restaurant and  
then went to visit  
Willie C. Berry.

Joy Mennonite  
Church is located  
at 504 NE 16th,  
just west of the  
oil derrick on  
16th.

We meet at 10:00  
am on Sunday

### Good News...

P.T.L. the roof on  
the church in  
Hammon, OK is  
finished!  
Saturday, April  
25th, Terry,  
Donna, Amanda,  
and Solomon  
Hostler, Ralph  
Ediger, Jarod  
Austin, and Moses  
and Sadie Mast  
and Alex Cortes  
were there.

### Visitors...

Menno and Mary  
Loewen from  
Belize, but  
working in  
Guatemala for the  
last year or more  
for MCC, were in  
Oklahoma and  
Texas on a  
speaking tour for  
MCC for the past  
two weeks. They

were with us at  
Joy Mennonite on  
Easter Sunday, in  
Texas that week  
and back with the  
Masts again from  
the 20th through  
the 21st. Sunday  
night they were at  
Edmond  
Mennonite  
Brethren, and  
Monday night at  
the Masts showing  
videos, where ten  
others also  
attended.

Wednesday was  
spent in Boley,  
Oklahoma with  
Colony  
Mennonite and  
others. Thursday  
night they were at  
the Agape Ranch  
in the Frank Bliss  
home.

Amzie and Eleva  
Yoder from  
Carlsbad visited  
the Masts the