

# Joy Mennonite Church

## PASTOR'S CORNER

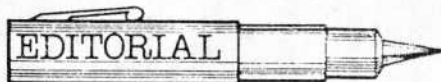


The Sojourners community has put out a call to people of faith and conscience to act together on the weekend of May 2 to deal with racism in America. This weekend marks the first anniversary of the Rodney King verdict and the riots in Los Angeles. Shirley Watkins is going to speak at Joy Mennonite Church this Sunday morning on Christians and racism.


From the time that Europeans began to settle in America there has been a systematic violence, first toward the indigenous people of America and later toward Africans. Racial violence could be called the original sin of America in that it has been part of America from the beginning. America has been built on violence. While there are many good things about America, it does not erase that original sin. While we have made some progress in our treatment of blacks in America, we have not repented that original sin. We must face this sin in a way that we really have not done yet.

Your Pastor,

*Moses Mast*



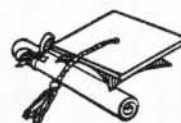
Dear Friends,



Easter '93 is now a memory with all its predecessors, but I would hope that the meaning of the season has long been etched in our memories - better still, in our hearts and minds. Many celebrated Easter as they have habitually for how many years. This may have been showing off the new bonnet, dress, or suit and/or going to the Easter parade. For others it may also have been the humdrum of dutifully going through all the motions (or ceremonies) normally attributed to the season, and having done so, fulfilled the "law and prophets." I do hope and pray that it was none of the above - that in the quest for spiritual renewal many may have been able to cry "eureka."



To break into the last category one must, together with the church fellowship family, compete with AT&T in having your own reach-out club. To touch something one must reach out the hand, but to really touch other people, reaching out with the heart is a recommended approach. We at Joy Mennonite are taking lessons from our pastoral team for whom that comes second nature. They believe in "servanthood" to humanity.



The months of May and June are traditional "reach-out" months - the May graduates reaching out to flex their muscles as they attempt to blend into our mainstream. June will see many reaching

out to accept someone they love at the marriage altar for a journey through life together.



Across this country and around the world some (too many) with other perceptions of reaching out will be doing it in hate and with violence and killing. These will have far-reaching and long-lasting effects that are to be our bill of fare through the media in whatever form.



It would seem there needs to be a turn-around, and the church with its professions may get the nod to lead the charge on the issues of freedom and justice for all - including (presently) native Americans, blacks and gays, together with any other groups and categories that are discriminated against, harassed, or deprived of their civil or human rights as citizens or residents, and who may even be our neighbors.



All conceivable combinations of love, tolerance, compassion and forgiveness will be required at all levels to impact this global plague.

We all proclaim a desire for resolution. Will we create the atmosphere where it can happen? Will we see it happen?

create  
peace

Let's all have a good Memorial Day.

*Bice Klaman*

**COMING EVENTS**



Ernest Harder from Newton, Kansas, and our own Peter Brueckner are on the program as the Peace House and various community churches sponsor an inter-faith seminar on 2 May at 4:00 p.m. in the University Place Church, 1444 NW 28th St., OKC, on "Nonviolent Alternatives to Military Resolution of Conflict." Case study - Yugoslavia. Two students from Yugoslavia will also make presentations.

The Hemisphere Reconciliation project meets at the Joy Mennonite Church every third Saturday morning. This is a group concerned about raising the consciousness of injustice and suffering in our hemisphere. Anyone is invited to come and join us.

The Pastors for Peace caravan going to Nicaragua will pass through Oklahoma City and give a presentation at Kelly Ave. Christian Church on Saturday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.

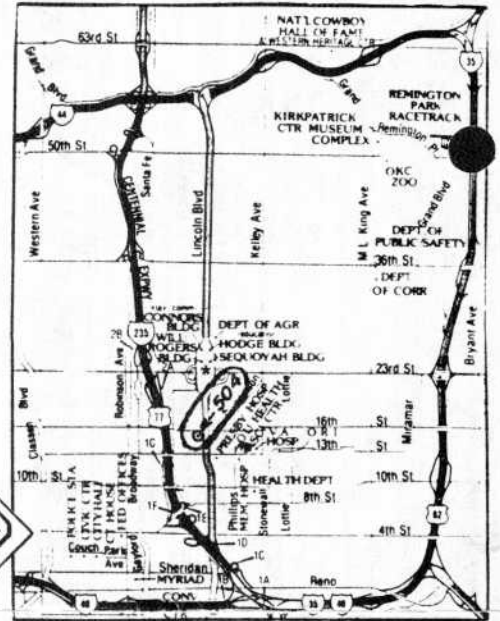
The Oklahoma Mennonite pastors will meet at the Joy Mennonite Church on Tuesday, June 1.



Spring



**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.



Church Address: 504 NE 16th St.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sun.	9 May 193	Mother's Day
Sun.	30 May 193	Trad. Memorial Day
Mon.	31 May 193	Memorial Holiday
Mon.	14 June 193	Flag Day
Sun.	20 June 193	Father's Day

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For our family night out we are having a cookout and games at the Hamilton's home on Saturday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. Early arrivals will get in on more fun pitching horseshoes. The Hamilton's live at 11300 Ivy Terrace, OKC.

The Sojourners group met at Cheryl Chrichley's house on Monday evening, 26 April.

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