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Happy summer to all - the time to play "catch-up ball" with the activities the school year interfered with for the last nine months.



Summer also puts us in the growing and harvest seasons - a time to truly count our blessings. Food and produce is more than ample for our survival, so we must be planting properly - reaping what we sow.

On that subject, there has been lots said recently about a different harvest and what must have been "planted" to produce this harvest. Many suggest that TV violence has a direct bearing to the extent that network sponsors are listening to viewers/consumers. Less viewers, less exposure, less purchase, less sponsorship. This gets the networks' attention.

Are we expecting network TV and their sponsors to "cure" our ills by modifying their programming? It seems we should be demanding excellence which would leave less time for the trash, but that hardly is likely with the full-blown evolution in values and morals we have allowed by acquiescence well into its second generation.

Anymore, good, wholesome programs don't even last a season, or they become infiltrated by trash and/or violence.

Society is already paying the price but one day will have to answer to or otherwise alter its perspective or method of judging values.

Before I switch soap boxes, one more note. I neglected to make a count of drive-bys, simple murders, multiple murders, and other stupid or irresponsible accidents, or reports of drug or alcohol involvements. Appears completely out of control - think about it. But no small wonder when our

government retaliates against an alleged plot - no attack, no injury, no death. For your meditation.

A month ago Moses started a "Question and Response" column. Your opinions are important. We hope you will respond. Please write to the above address and share with us what you feel. Here is July's questions: Days of remembrance - Memorial Day, of commemoration - Flag Day, and of celebration - July 4th cause a person to think. Can a professed Christian still be a loyal American? Turn it around - can a loyal American still be a good Christian? Though not synonymous necessarily, substitute Mennonite for Christian - do you still come up with the same answers?

Next month we may deal with methods of displaying those respective allegiances.

Have a good summer! *Bill Klassen*

Members of Joy Mennonite Church are sharing a loss with Shirley Watkins and her children in the passing of her mother and their grandmother in Gulfport, Miss. earlier in June. Reflected in Shirley, her mother was a warm, loving, caring person and a devout Christian. As she is at peace we pray the peace of comfort and love of friends be with Shirley and family.

### MINISTERIAL SCHEDULE

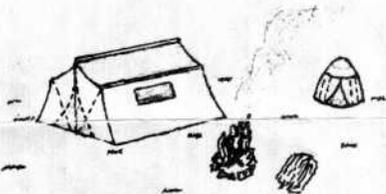
The Worship Committee went to work on 26 June. With Moses and Sadie being out of service while they chaperon (with Mike Bogard) some young people on a trip to Central America through July, the following tentative worship service schedule was developed - mostly following family lines:

- 11 July - Thea and Bill Klassen
- 18 July - Marlis and Jerry Nickel
- 25 July - Cheryl Crichley and women of the Church
- 1 August - Kay and Peter Brueckner

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The group gathered at Joy Mennonite Church Wednesday, 23 June, was not large but enthusiastic, as Cheryl Crichley shared with us two of the children's stories she authored. Several morals or lessons could be seen depending on one's perceptions. Many thanks, Cheryl.

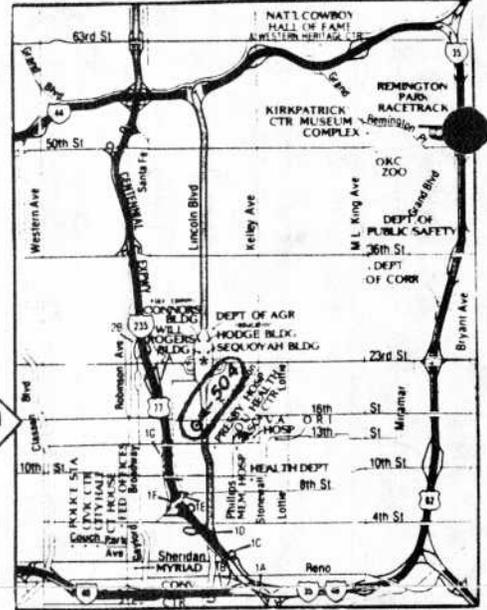


Joy Mennonite's June camp-out at Lake Thunderbird must be termed a success. Spirits weren't dampened by the heavy rains although much did end up a bit soggy. At its peak Saturday p.m. some 25 were in attendance for supper. Thanks to all who contributed so much time and effort.

We do hope that churches receiving this letter are also posting them to be seen or read.



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



Church Address: 504 NE 16th St.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Sun. 4 July '93 Independence Day
- Mon. 5 July '93 Celebrate the 4th
- L o n g D r y S p e l l
- Mon. 6 Sep. '93 Labor Day



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