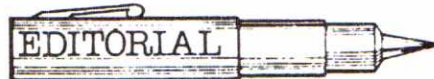


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This column nearly drew a blank; totally uninspired and agonizing over issues that are not being faced squarely or dealt with effectively, the Rodney King vs. LAPD acquittal verdict was aired, giving me inspiration of sorts. I was discouraged, disappointed and furious. Has this proclaimed "Christian Nation" learned nothing since Watts 27 years ago?

If an issue is unpopular or makes one uncomfortable, Christians may pray a lot rather than speaking out or showing support for the oppressed or underprivileged. Minorities often fall in both categories - blacks brought here as slaves and native Americans routed from their land and homes. We may still be working on our six million in our version of the Holocaust while continuing to stir up Hitler's Holocaust of 50 years ago. That diverts our attention away from our own national tragedy while Americans preach around the world about human and civil rights violations.

Man's inhumanity to man is still alive and well today as witnessed in the King vs. L.A. case, and supporters of justice, seeing the unedited tape of animals going in for the kill on their prey, must weep in frustration. We have become the world's laughing stock, or object of their contempt.

It will do no good (has done little) for minorities to say at interviews "we won't stand for this any longer" - the majority needs to lock hands and hearts with all victims of hate and bigotry and in unison say "we will no longer tolerate these attitudes and their results." Latest count 55 dead and 718 million dollars in damage. Most on both sides proclaim to be Christians - you couldn't tell by looking. How many saw the cross three weeks ago?

BETH

Dear Friends,

Presidents' Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and the like don't go far as milestones, but then they are not holidays. They do, however, mark time with the year's passing, and now we have even passed Easter and it is May.

May is the month of graduations, commencements, new beginnings - very fitting as we see new life in flowers, butterflies, all of nature.



Many of us will solemnly celebrate Memorial Day, remembering loved ones and friends who have gone on before us.

The future and the past celebrated at the same time; that should give us hope - the legacy we inherited now being passed on. We can now add hope to the list with love, forgiveness, and tolerance.

Have a meaningful Memorial Day!

*Beth Klauer*

COMING EVENTS

- 10 MAY MOTHER'S DAY
- 25 MAY (MON.) MEMORIAL DAY
- 14 JUNE FLAG DAY
- 21 JUNE FATHER'S DAY
- 4 JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY (SAT.)



# Special Announcement

Through the Oklahoma Convention, Ted Kuschel from Grace Mennonite in Enid volunteered for a repeat performance as pulpit supply on 17 May. We look forward to Ted and Linda joining us in that worship service.

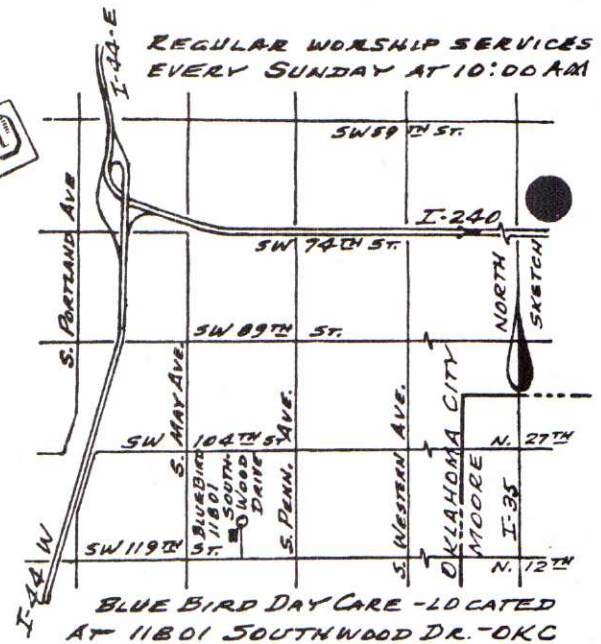
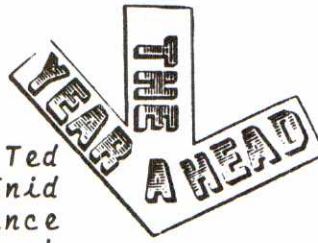
Our third musical worship feast will be on 24 May when Larry Brashear from New Hopedale Church in Meno will bring a musical group, the Kaleo Trio, to Joy Mennonite. We look forward to welcoming Larry and Mary and their group.

Our Church Board has two meetings scheduled shortly: Sunday, 10 May, after our worship service, with Moses and Sadie Mast, and the following ~~Fri.~~ 15 May, 7:00 p.m., at the I-40 & Meridian Shoney's Restaurant with WDC minister Floyd Bartel. Those meetings will work out the details of Moses and Sadie serving as our pastoral team. Members - please plan to attend.

## MINISTERIAL SCHEDULE

- 10 May Moses Mast
- 17 May Ted Kuschel, Grace Mennonite Church, Enid
- 24 May Larry Brashear, New Hopedale Mennonite Church, Meno
- 31 May Joy Mennonite Church presents service
- 7 June Moses Mast
- 14 June ???

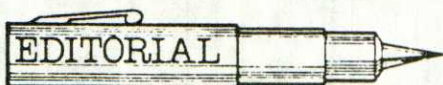
*Joy Mennonite Church*  
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On 26 April the Bell Choir from Eden Mennonite Church in Inola "rang and sang" us our worship service in beautiful style. Included was a sermonette on blessings - what they are and where they come from, how to give them as "blessor" and how to receive them as "blessee." There was no doubt in our minds that we were certainly the blessees in their love and sharing. A congregational sing-along followed. With our heartfelt thanks, may God bless them all rightly.



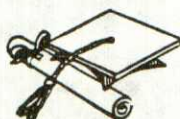
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Dear Friends,

Happy summer to you, or vacation, or whatever you will be doing with it. Was once, that the day after Memorial Day and you were in June. Well, the government took care of that. It's not all bad, the "extra" week will allow this to get out in a timely manner, and we can even talk about the emotions that were stirred on 24 and 25 May 1992 during the Memorial Day weekend.

Commencements - new beginnings -: May graduations to June's brides and weddings, with a day of reminiscing (Memorial Day) wedged in between should provide inspiration or at least insight into the challenge of the future. Many use this time period for graduating



classes and families to get together and reaffirm their love and their heritage - absolutely a marvelous time, when in proper perspective.



Also in June we celebrate Flag Day, and this year a week

later we honor our fathers on Father's Day.



This period seems to tie in nicely with a major topic of conversation in this election year - values. Hopefully with those special days you will have a very special summer.

*Dice Klanssen*

I saw a word in "the other column" that together with a word deriving from it, stands out more and more in the Christian or believers' world: Value and valuable. This column has dealt with a number of words in recent months - from love and forgiveness to tolerance and justice. Those are words that express something about each of us.



They are valuable when used as tools of faith and commitment. When they become visible in our lives and our endeavors in church and community they often are lumped together as

values. Be they moral or ethical, family or church, neighbor or community, and whether in public scrutiny or private appraisal, we will be measured by how valuable these values are to us.



As our emotions have been stirred this Memorial Day weekend, most of us will solemnly acknowledge the blessings of family, heritage, church, and even our country that aided in our development and allowed us to become and be what we are. Our response to the "all knowingness" of our Creator (Psalm 139) can determine the visibility of the values we have chosen.



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