

## SUMMERFEST TUNES



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Drummers Keith Pascall, Jermaine Pascall, 7, and Julio Collymore, 14, accompany the Barbados Overseas Community Canada dancers at the recent Summerfest family day celebrations held at the Markham Fairgrounds. The event was a fund-raiser for Brainchild, an organization which supports the families of children with brain tumours.

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## Focus on Faith

# Thoughts to ponder while mowing the lawn

Next time you're mowing the lawn, here's some things to think about.

Cutting grass is like getting a haircut. If you do it well, it gives delight to the eyes, a lift to the spirit and invigorates the whole being with a job well done that looks great. However, if you mess up and leave scalloped patches, grass is so forgiving. It grows back so you can do a better job next time. Just like a haircut.

Grass is also like a beautician, cov-

ering over unpleasant-appearing plots of dirt and skillfully decorating earth's gaping wounds. Grass, unseen effects are also beneficial, holding the soil down with its mass of roots spreading in all directions. As much as four thousand feet of root hairs may be found in a cubic inch of soil. These rootlets unlock moisture from the soil and the blades of grass spray it out through tiny valves in an invisible mist, modifying our climate. It's estimated that one acre of lush meadow gives off as much as six and a half

tons of water in a summer day.

Soil is the magic storehouse of all the minerals and food properties necessary for our survival. But, without grass and its botanical cousins, we would be unable to extract these vital elements in a form our bodies could use. Grasses transform these ingredients into a form that man and animal can digest.

Grass exhibits great resilience. Even when it's stepped on it comes right back up again. It refuses to lie there and complain. When we mow it and

cut off its ambitions to reach greater heights, it only grows thicker, softer, greener and more vigorous. Good examples for us.

The Bible frequently draws illustrations from grass, especially reminding us of the brevity of life. "All mankind is like grass" (Isaiah 40:6; Psalm 90:5,6).

But, unlike the grass we have opportunity to choose our future destiny because,

as these same scriptures indicate, the offer of salvation revealed in the Word of the Lord endures forever. (1 Peter 1:24).

So, whether mowing or just enjoying its cushion beneath your feet, listen for grass to whisper its faith lessons. The Creator has skillfully fashioned His wonders and spreads them out for us to learn from and enjoy.

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