

The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom
As for hidden treasures...
For the Lord gives wisdom*



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Fall to Rise Again

We might be surprised to learn that Proverbs 24:16 is cited as a favorite verse.

***Though the righteous fall seven times,
they rise again.***

Olympic runner Ryan Hall is the U.S. record-holder for the half marathon. In 2007, he completed the Houston Half Marathon distance of 13.1 miles in fifty-nine minutes and forty-three seconds. He was the first U.S. athlete to run the race in under one hour.¹

While never winning an Olympic medal, Hall had other major accomplishments in the sport of marathon running, including winning the 2008 Marathon Olympic Trials in the U.S. and coming in second in 2012. He helped lead a resurgence of distance running in America.

While Hall has celebrated victories, he's also known the disappointment of not being able to finish a race. Suffering injuries in 2013, he withdrew from several marathons.

In 2014, he was healthy and ran at the Boston Marathon. He did not finish any other races.

In 2016 at the age of 33, Ryan Hall completed the World Marathon Challenge of 7 marathons on 7 continents in 7 days. In Australia, he ran/walked the entire marathon and then symbolically left his shoes at the finish line.

Having both success and failure, Hall credits his faith in Jesus for sustaining him. One of his favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 24:16.

The proverb reminds us that though the righteous of God may fall seven times due to failure, hardship or difficulties, they will rise.

The "rise again" may be different than it was before the fall. Hall said that before his last marathon, he always believed his best races were ahead of him. However, his body was not responding. It was time to stop running.

Years earlier in college at Stanford, he had decided that he was not "a runner who happened to be a Christian" but "a Christian who happened to be a runner."

During a standard drug test in 2011, he was asked to list his coach. He wrote: God.

The regulatory official told him, "You have to list a real person."

Ryan Hall said, "He is a real person."²

Ryan and his wife Sara, who is also an elite distance runner whom he met at Stanford, continue to let God coach their lives. They have donated much money to their nonprofit, STEPS Foundation, dedicated to fighting global poverty through improved health.

In October 2015, the Hall's asked four sisters who had been at an orphanage in Ethiopia for four years, if they would like to be adopted and come home with them. Lily (5), Jasmine (7), Mia (11) and Hana (15), said, "Yes." Their strong Christian faith helps bond them all as the sisters were raised in the Christian faith.

Turns out the sisters are also "Christians who happen to be athletic." As much fun as any race of their own, the Hall's enjoy watching and sometimes coaching their daughters race, participate in gymnastics, and play soccer.

Though a person with the righteousness of God may fall ... they will rise again.

¹ "Our Daily Bread" July/August 2001. August 6, 2021. "Rise Again." Lisa Samra.

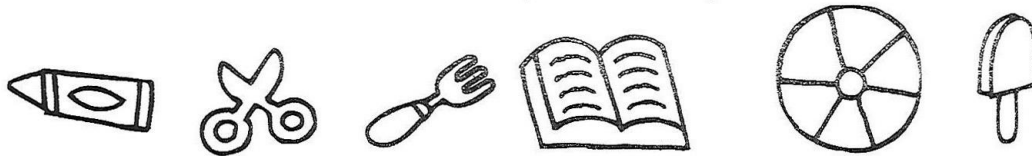
² "The Marathon Runner Who Listed God as His Coach." Ryan Fan, June 26, 2020.

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 26

Draw a O around the people who are showing God's love by being kind.
Then find and color the hidden objects in the picture.



The wisdom of God.
We see it in verses but sometimes we have to
dig to uncover the meaning.



Find these other hidden objects in the picture:

Look Here:

*Though a person who loves God may fall
seven times, they will rise again."*

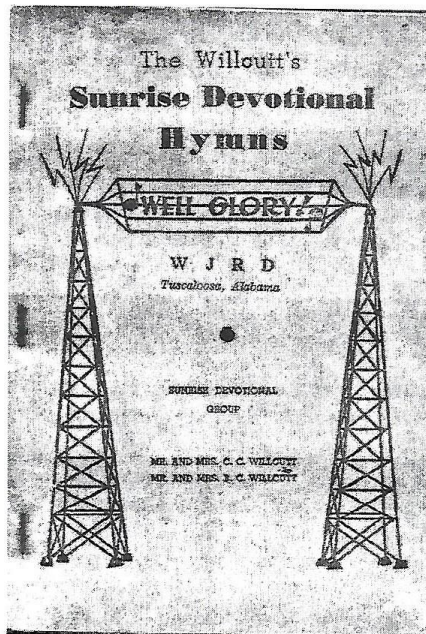
(Proverbs 24:16)



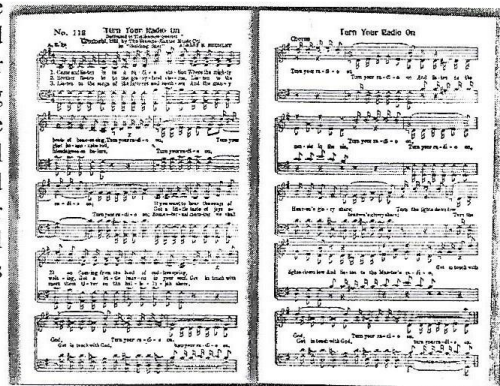
The Acmar Community Quilt

Looking at the calendar, it appears that summer is waning toward fall. Gardens have done pretty much all they're going to do for this year. Kids are back in school and families move into new routines. These nights that feel as warm as the days still have us taking refuge inside with our air conditioners. The old folks talk about how it was when they didn't have air conditioners – and the young folks really don't want to hear about it, or even think about what it was like. But all the talk about warm nights near the end of summer isn't all about how hard it was. Memories of sitting on the porch when it was cooler outside than it was inside the house recall some good times. Something that seems to have been a pretty common activity in the mining company days in Acmar was music and singing. With some folks in chairs on the porch and others sitting on the steps, someone might just start singing a song that most of them knew and others joined in. Maybe not always in perfect harmony, and maybe the memories have been sweetened a bit with the passage of time, but it always sounded good. If one deep voice began to sing "The Old Rugged Cross", others joined in on the chorus, and you could still get goose bumps remembering the quiet stillness the few seconds after the last note. It didn't matter if there were any musical instruments around. Someone might have a guitar or even a fiddle, but it was always pleasant, with or without music. There were some families who knew how to do the Shape Note or Fa-So-La singing that required no instruments. Other neighbors sitting on their own porches on summer nights or Sunday afternoons could enjoy hearing that.

By 1930, almost half of American households owned a radio. Those radios brought more than news, dramas, and FDR's fireside chats. Small radio stations brought sermons and singing hymns into many homes in Acmar. One popular show was The Willcutt's Sunrise Devotional from WJRD in Tuscaloosa. Fans of the show could order the accompanying hymnal for 30 cents (or four for \$1.00) and C.C. Willcutt would even autograph it for you! Just flipping through the hymnbook brings back memories of old favorites as well as many songs that probably haven't been played in decades.
























Now days, there probably aren't many simple radios in Acmar homes. Those radio sermons have been replaced with TV broadcasts. When the Covid pandemic caused Acmar to pause our Sunday morning services, we were a little lost for a while until Andy Wilson suggested recording Pastor Belinda's sermons and putting them as "podcasts" on our church website.



Some people have been able to return to our regular services with many safety precautions in place while others, who are unable to attend, have found new pleasure listening while sitting up in bed with a cup of coffee, or even outside on their own porch at sunrise.

Who knows? They might have a neighbor who's enjoying listening, too!

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bible Study 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday at Acmar	"Short Stories by Jesus"	DVD Study by Amy-Jill Levine	1	2  Alex Sims	3  Nora Howard	4
5  CHURCH 9 am	6  LABOR DAY	7	8  Bible Study Acmar UMC 10 am	9  Mike Denny	10 	11  Paul Goodner
12  CHURCH 9 am	13  Kristi Wolfe Belinda Wilson 	14	15	16	17  Joshua Byers Gwen Bosworth 	18
19  CHURCH 9 am	20  Max Lowery	21	22  Bible Study Church 10 Michele Cash 1 st Day of AUTUMN 	23  Brandon Howard	24  Johnny Bosworth	25  Stan Siegreist
26  CHURCH 9 am	27	28	29	30	Audio Sermon Podcasts on Acmar UMC Website	Soul Miner Acmar UMC Website in the Gallery

SOUL FOOD FOR SEPTEMBER

Mon., August 30 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Tue., August 31 Psalm 125
 Wed., September 1 James 2:1-17
 Thur., September 2 Mark 7:24-37
 Fri., September 3 1 Timothy 1:1-7
 Sat., September 4 James 3:10-12; 4:7-10

Mon., September 6 Proverbs 1:20-33
 Tue., September 7 Psalm 19
 Wed., September 8 James 3:1-12
 Thur., September 9 Mark 8:27-38
 Fri., September 10 1 Timothy 4:1-5
 Sat., September 11 Hebrews 10:19-25



Mon., September 13 Proverbs 31:10-31
 Tue., September 14 Psalm 1
 Wed., September 15 James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a
 Thur., September 16 Mark 9:30-37
 Fri., September 17 Philippians 4:8
 Sat., September 18 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8

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Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 205 640 4325
 Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. 10
 Take Cty. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
 Travel 1 mile; Right on Acmar Rd; travel 2 miles;
 Left onto Old Acton Rd.; Church is on the left

Mon., September 20 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
 Tue., September 21 Psalm 124
 Wed., September 22 James 5:13-20
 Thur., September 23 Mark 9:38-50
 Fri., September 24 1 John 4:7-21
 Sat., September 25 1 John 5:1-4

Mon., September 27 Job 1:1; 2:1-10
 Tue., September 28 Psalm 26
 Wed., September 29 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
 Thur., September 30 Mark 10:2-16
 Fri., October 1 Hebrews 13:1-2
 Sat., October 2 John 1:1-17