

## *The Acmar Soul Miner*

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



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### **The Power of a Seed**

Want to see a miracle? Try this. Take a tiny seed. Put it under several inches of dirt. Give it enough water, light and fertilizer. And stand back. A mountain will be moved. It doesn't matter that the ground is a billion times heavier. The seed will push it back.

In *The Applause of Heaven* Max Lucado wrote: Never underestimate the power of a seed. God didn't.

When God's kingdom was overtaken by pagans and His people forgot His name, God planted a seed. When the soil of the human heart had grown crusty, He planted His seed. When religion had become a ritual and the temple a trading post, God planted His seed.

God's seed was placed in a young Jewish girl. The seed sprouted and grew into a tender shoot. The seed made a ministry out of shoving away the rock that cluttered his father's soil: the stones of legalism, oppression and prejudice.

It was the final stone that proved to be the supreme test of the seed. The stone of death – rolled by humans and sealed by Satan. For a moment, it looked like this rock was too big to be budged.

Then somewhere in the heart of the earth, the seed of God stirred, shoved, and sprouted. The ground trembled, and the rock of the tomb tumbled. The mountain was moved. And the flower of Easter blossomed.<sup>1</sup>

***The women found the stone rolled away from the tomb. The angel said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" (cf. Luke 24:6)***

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<sup>1</sup> Lucado, Max. *The Applause of Heaven*. Dallas, TX: Word Publishing, 1990, p. 137-142.

### **The Power of a Community**

People knew there was coal in the ground in St. Clair and Shelby Counties. Geologists said it was worthless and industrialists said it was too difficult to get out of the ground.

That did not stop Henry Fairchild DeBardeleben and Jesse M. Overton from opening mines in Margaret, Acton, Overton and Acmar. They did more than open mines. Under the management of Debardeleben's son, Charles, they built communities.

The community of Acmar was formed in 1908. Coal mining was the primary employment. There was also a commissary, barber shop, community house, tennis court, baseball field, carpet golf, library and even a hotel. With power generated by the mines, Acmar had electric and running water in homes long before many of her neighbors. A doctor's office, school, post office, park and church made Acmar a complete community.

Built by the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company and employees, the church was dedicated by Charles F. DeBardeleben with the prayer: *Father, make the door of this house we have erected to Thee, wide enough to receive all those who need human love and fellowship and a Father's care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy and hate.*

Since the closing of the mines in 1950, many of the characteristics of Acmar no longer exist. There are, however, many which not only exist but expand to include new individuals.

**Acmar Community Gathering**  
Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.  
Singing ~ Stories ~ Snacks ~ Prizes

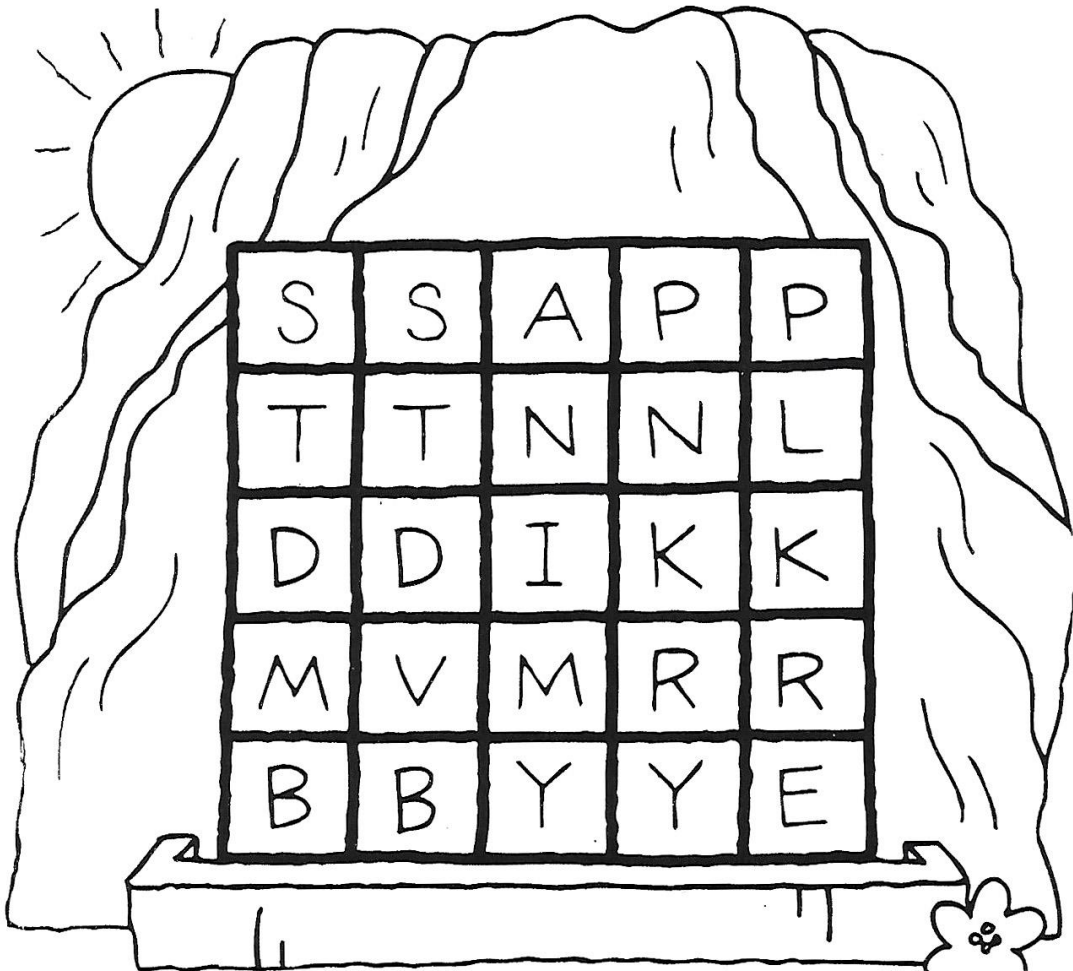
**Acmar United Methodist Church**  
4107 Old Acton Road, Moody, AL 35004  
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# Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #2.

## Puzzle 56

Draw an ✕ on all the letters you see twice.



Write the leftover letters in order on the lines to spell the secret word.

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*The wisdom of God.*

*We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.*

**Look Here:**

*Our Bible says, "It is true! The Lord has risen."  
(Luke 24:34)*



**Digging In:**

Some women went to the tomb of Jesus. They were surprised the grave was empty.

Two angels told them, "Jesus is alive." The women ran and told their friends. We can tell our friends, "Jesus is alive!"

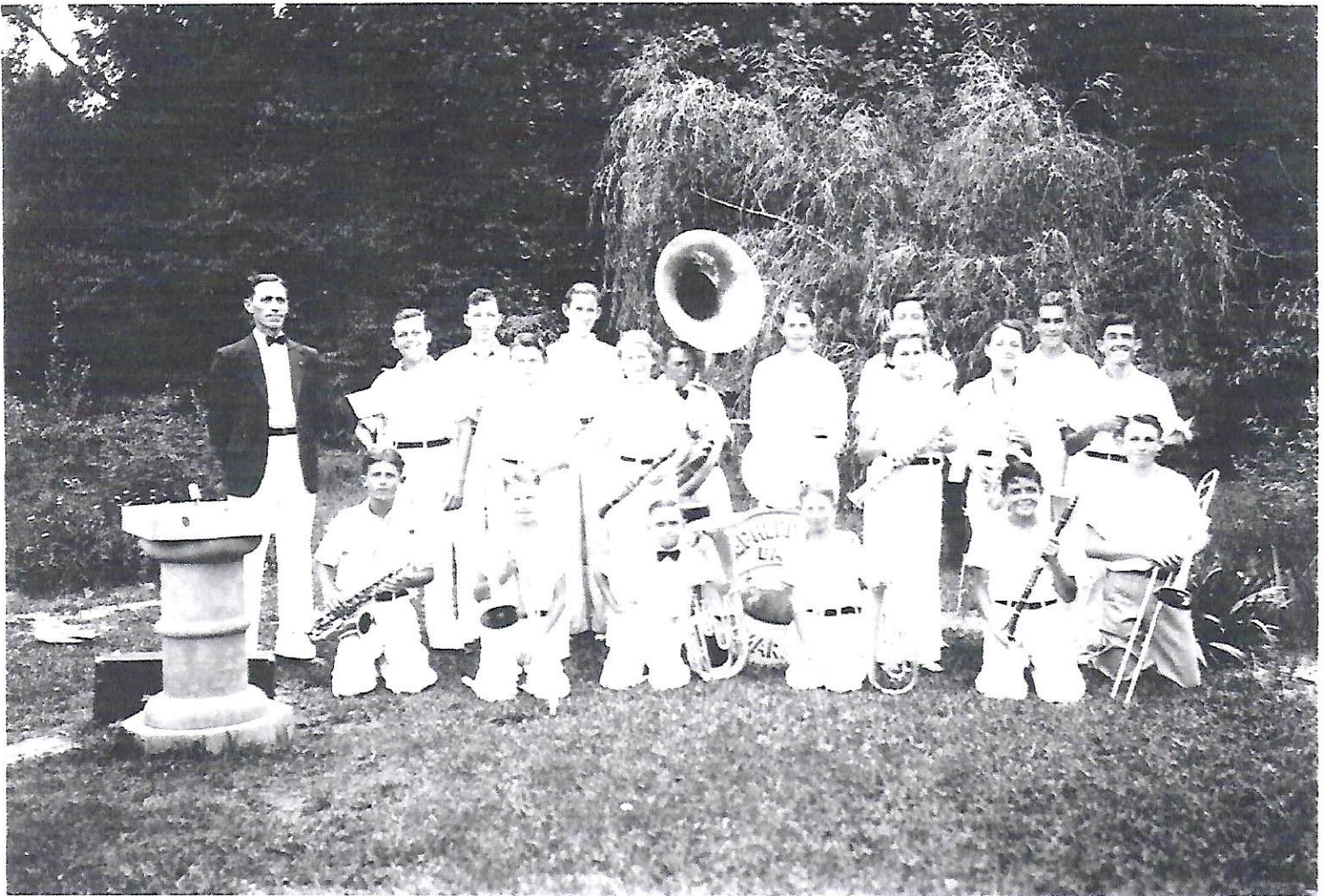




# *The Acmar Community Quilt*

Several years ago, we shared the story of H.H. "Rock" Nation, Sr. who was hired in 1934 to come to Acmar to teach music and create a company band. We had a photograph of the band, but the only person we could easily identify was Rock Nation. A recent find of a note (in a totally unrelated file!) listed the names of some of the original band members. It was called "The Shepherd Band," possibly due to the fact that Charley Shepherd was the superintendent over the Acmar mining operations.

So here, for an 'encore performance', is our photograph of The Shepherd Band.



Horace H. Nation, Sr., is the gentleman on the far left.

Some of the other band members are: Fitz Douthit, Jug Smith Bass, Roy Chapman, Jane Jones, June Nation, Sue Jones, Mary Shepherd, Anon Bosworth, Jr., Bud Phillips, and Richard Pyle.

(If anyone can identify any other band members, please let us know! )



# April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Receive "The Acmar Soul Miner" by e-mail Contact Donna Turner at <a href="mailto:msdturner@aol.com">msdturner@aol.com</a> Soul Miner is on website at <a href="http://www.acmarumc.org">www.acmarumc.org</a>						
2 CHURCH 9 am Holy Communion	3	4	5 Easter MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Lester Gable	6	7	8 Children's Easter Celebration Egg Hunt 2 pm
9 CHURCH 9 am Palm Sunday Helen Gable	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 p	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15
16 CHURCH 9 am EASTER PICTURES	17 Bonnie Goodner	18 BINGO Moody 10:30 Sarah Payton	19 MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Acmar at Bluegrass BBQ 6 pm	20	21	22
23 CHURCH 9 Acmar Gathering 3 pm	24	25	26	27 BINGO Leeds 10 a Daniel Baker Dave Navert	28	29
30 Church 9 MCA Sp. Off Hands-On Pell City 2-4 Brooklyn Smith	Directions: Moody Crossroads Intersection of Hwy. 411 & Cty. Rd. 10 Take Cty. Rd. 10 W. toward Trussville; Travel 1 mile; Turn right onto Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles; turn left onto Old Acton; Church is on left					

## Soul Food for April

Saturday, April 1

Isaiah 43:1-4

Monday, April 3

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Tuesday, April 4

Philippians 2:5-11

Wednesday, April 5

Matthew 21:1-11

Thursday, April 6

Matthew 21:12-17

Friday, April 7

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Saturday, April 8

Isaiah 26:1-9

Monday, April 10

Acts 30:34-43

Tuesday, April 11

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Wednesday, April 12

Colossians 3:1-4

Thursday, April 13

Matthew 28:1-10

Friday, April 14

John 15:9-17

Saturday, April 15

Romans 5:3-5

## Acmar United Methodist Church

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Monday, April 17

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Tuesday, April 18

Psalms 16

Wednesday, April 19

1 Peter 1:3-9

Thursday, April 20

John 20:19-31

Friday, April 21

Luke 15:11-32

Saturday, April 22

Psalms 103:1-12

Monday, April 24

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Tuesday, April 25

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

Wednesday, April 26

1 Peter 1:17-23

Thursday, April 27

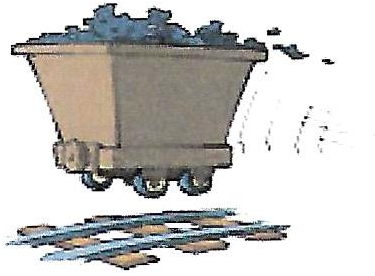
Luke 24:13-35

Friday, April 28

Psalms 139:1-18

Saturday, April 29

James 5:13-16



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3:00 p.m.*

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4107 Old Acton Road / P. O. Box 85  
Moody, AL 35004*

*Special Music: AL & Pashion Lewis  
Singing ~ Sharing Stories ~ Door Prizes  
Refreshments ~ Casual ~ No Charge*

*Everyone is invited!*

*Directions:*

*From traffic light at Moody Crossroads (intersection of Hwy. 411  
& Park Avenue which is County Road 10); Travel 1 mile West on  
Park Avenue (County Road 10 West toward Trussville);  
Turn right onto Acmar Road; travel 2 miles to Stop Sign;  
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