

The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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Thanksgiving

The word "thank" is rooted in "think." I will think about what has been done for me and will be grateful. The word "giving" is to bestow or grant. I will "bestow thanks." Thanksgiving is giving thanks for what I have received.

Setting aside time to give thanks for one's blessings, along with holding feasts to celebrate a harvest, are practices that long predate the European settlement of North America. It seems that every culture has instituted a time for being grateful.

From the first settlements in the territories which became known as The United States, there were documented thanksgiving services.

The historic thanksgiving which gave rise to "Thanksgiving" as an American holiday was the 1621 celebration at the Plymouth Settlement.

According to Wikipedia, the free internet encyclopedia, the Plymouth settlers, known as Pilgrims, had settled in land abandoned when all but one of the Patuxet Indians died in a plague.

After a harsh winter killed half of the Plymouth settlers, the last surviving Patuxet, Squanto (who had learned English and avoided the plague as a slave in Europe), came to their aid at the request of Samoset, the first native American to encounter the Pilgrims.

Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to catch eel and grow corn. He served as an interpreter until a year later when he died from a plague.

Massasoit, the Wampanoag leader, also gave food to the colonists during the first winter when they ran out of supplies from England.

After a lean year, they had their first harvest in the fall of 1621. They celebrated at Plymouth for three days. There were 50 from the Mayflower (those who remained of the 100 who had landed) and 90 Native Americans.

The feast was cooked by four adult Pilgrim women who survived their first winter in the New World. Their names were Eleanor Billington, Elizabeth Hopkins, Mary Brewster, and Susanna White. Helping were young daughters plus male and female servants.

Two colonists, William Bradford and Edward Winslow, gave personal accounts of the Plymouth feast of 1621. In Mourt's Relation, Edward Winslow wrote:

Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, so that we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labor. The four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week. At which time, among other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which we brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

The American Thanksgiving has continued with thanking God, feasting, and games. Yes, Bradford's account mentioned wild turkeys!

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.*

Psalms 136:1)

Children's Camp

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



Use a different color to trace each line.

Then you will see what God has made so that we can have food.



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

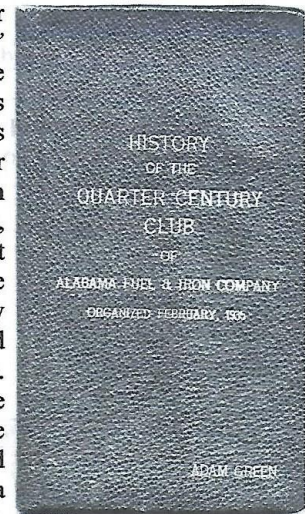
Look Here:
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
Psalms 136:1

Digging In:
We can thank God for everything He made.
We can thank God for the food we eat.

We can thank God for our family and friends.
We can thank God for loving us.

The Acmar Community Quilt

Alabama Fuel & Iron Company was established in 1905, first in Margaret, then in Acmar in 1908. In February 1935, Charles DeBardeleben created "*The Quarter Century Club*" to recognize and honor both black and white employees who had worked for the company from 20 to 31 years. It was evidently somewhat unusual at that time for miners to work for one company for many years. Among the 81 charter members were fathers whose sons were also working for the company and had never worked for any other mining operation. Once the club was established, each member would receive an additional \$5 every month. Although this may not seem like much by today's standards, that \$5 almost covered their monthly rent of \$6.70. Members of the club would meet once or twice a year to recognize new members as they became eligible. Members of the *Quarter Century Club* were also encouraged to attend and participate in the monthly Welfare meetings where employees could voice complaints or concerns which would then be passed along to company officials at one of the monthly staff meeting luncheons. To commemorate the first anniversary of *The Quarter Century Club*, R. W. Bain (one of the charter members) wrote a brief history of the company and the formation of the club. Each charter member received a small leather-bound copy with his name embossed in gold lettering on the front. Each member was also given a gold badge with an insignia representing a friendly relationship between laborer and employer. (Only one woman, Mrs. E. J. Sandlin, company stenographer and secretary, became a charter member.) The book also included the names, date service began, and positions of the original members.



WHITE MEMBERS

Name	Date Service Began
T. R. Akridge	May 1913
R. W. Bain	Mar. 1908
A. J. Bradshaw	Aug. 1914
Ulric Brandt	Jan. 1914
Marshall Brasher	Sept. 1907
E. F. Brown	Jan. 1913
Borden Burr	Nov. 1907
A. B. Crane	Aug. 1909
R. F. Culvahouse	Mar. 1910
Chas. F. DeBardeleben	June 1905
P. L. Dryer	May 1905
W. S. Forman	Sept. 1914
W. P. Frazier	June 1912
W. W. Fulghum	Jan. 1911
Art Fulmer	Sept. 1915
A. J. Garrison	Aug. 1909
Bert Gidewell	Oct. 1914
W. T. Glover	Sept. 1913
Ed. Griffin	Nov. 1912
J. G. Hammock	Oct. 1910
Jim Henley	Oct. 1908
J. M. Hughes	July 1908
E. L. Hurst	Sept. 1912
C. H. Jackson	Dec. 1907
C. A. Jones	July 1910
Leas Lawley	Feb. 1914
H. F. (Foley) Lee	Oct. 1911
Ira E. Lee	Sept. 1914
Jim Martin	Sept. 1914
C. S. Moore	1910
Otis Moore	Sept. 1912
T. F. Moore	Dec. 1912
G. P. Peoples	May 1912
W. W. Pyle	Jan. 1913
W. L. Rainey	Mar. 1908
G. H. Roper	Sept. 1914
Mrs. Eddie J. Sandlin	April 1915
E. H. Sansing	Sept. 1914
R. A. Sansing	Oct. 1910
Chas. Shepherd, Sr.	May 1905
C. H. Shepherd, Jr.	Jan. 1912
W. O. Strine	Aug. 1912
Jim Watkins	Jan. 1910

COLORED MEMBERS

Name	Date Service Began
Ed. Adkins	Oct. 1911
W. J. Beck	Oct. 1913
Wm. Brown	Oct. 1914
Mack Burgess	May 1911
Will Cochran	Jan. 1906
Will Driscoll	Feb. 1906
Rich Ford	Jan. 1906
Amos Forman	Jan. 1906
Jim Gordon	Aug. 1914
Adam Green	July 1912
Jim Hale	Aug. 1914
Frank Hallman	Jan. 1916
John Harris	Oct. 1908
Joe Harvey	Oct. 1911
W. H. Hightower	Oct. 1905
John Hitt	Sept. 1909
Will Hitt	Sept. 1909
Will Holmes	Nov. 1909
W. T. James	Oct. 1914
A. Jones	Sept. 1914
Ross Jones	Oct. 1911
Tom Jones	Sept. 1908
Dave Lauderdale	Oct. 1913
Andrew Mack	Aug. 1910
Geo. Moffitt	Feb. 1913
Robt. McDonald	Jan. 1910
Auston Olds	Sept. 1910
Will Owens	Nov. 1910
Jno. Pickett	May 1914
Geo. Raiford	Mar. 1907
Jeff Robinson	Jan. 1915
Tom Russell	Sept. 1910
Jess Sanders	Oct. 1912
Will Scott	Sept. 1913
C. Skanes	Oct. 1909
Sam Small	May 1915
Andrew Smith	Aug. 1912
Ernest Smith	Sept. 1914
Bob Thompson	Mar. 1913
Oliver Towns	Oct. 1912
Porter Truss	Mar. 1909
John Turnbo	Oct. 1905
Jas. Walker	May 1914
Jeff Washington	Aug. 1912
Milton Whitten	Oct. 1910
Louis Wilson	Sept. 1912
A. Young	Oct. 1911

November 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

To our men and women in uniform, past, present and future, God bless you and thank you for your military service.						1	ALL SAINTS DAY Linda Gregory	2					
3	CHURCH 9 am ALL SAINTS DST Ends Clock Falls Back 1 hr.	4		5		6	MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	7		8		9	
10	CHURCH 9 am	11	VETERANS DAY	12		13		14	Candice Byers	15	Shirley Prince	16	
17	CHURCH 9 am Bring Christmas Boxes	18		19	BINGO Moody Sr. Center 10:30 am	20	MCA 3-5 pm Carpenetti's 6 pm Veronica Anderson	21	BINGO LeedsSr. 10 Olivia Champion	22		23	Children's Christmas Play Practice at Church 9-10:30 am
24	CHURCH 9 am	25		26		27		28	THANKS- GIVING DAY Cindy Raines Carl Tamm Tracey Wilson	29	Decorate Church 10 am Luke Goodner	30	

Mon., October 28
Tue., October 29
Wed., October 30
Thur., October 31
Fri., November 1
Sat., November 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10
Hebrews 11:1-12
Psalm 46:1-11

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Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 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., November 4
Tue., November 5
Wed., November 6
Thur., November 7
Fri., November 8
Sat., November 9

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38
1 John 3:11-24
Romans 8:35-39

Mon., November 18
Tue., November 19
Wed., November 20
Thur., November 21
Fri., November 22
Sat., November 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-69
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43
Psalm 92:12-15
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Mon., November 11
Tue., November 12
Wed., November 13
Thur., November 14
Fri., November 15
Sat., November 16

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
Matthew 21:28-32
2 Samuel 22:1-7

Mon., November 25
Tue., November 26
Wed., November 27
Thur., November 28
Fri., November 29
Sat., November 30

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Galatians 5:13-18