

The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Letters to Anne Frank's Father¹

Twelve-year-old Cara auditioned for Anne in the 1959 movie *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She didn't get the part but she never forgot.

Anne Frank's life burned in Cara's thoughts: how "like a canary in a cage," she hid from the Nazis in a tiny annex above her father's Amsterdam office. She hid for two years with her parents, Otto and Edith, her older sister, the Van Daan family and a dentist. Anne still believed that "people are really good at heart."

Cara read they were caught and imprisoned in a concentration camp, where Anne died.

Cara wrote Otto Frank who lived with his second wife, Fritzi, in Birsfelden, Switzerland. He wrote a letter that she read over and over.

August 21, 1959

I received your kind letter and thank you for it. Anne's ardent wish was to work for mankind, and therefore an Anne Frank Foundation has been incorporated in Amsterdam to work in her spirit. You are right that I receive many letters from young people all over the world, but you will understand that it is not possible for me to carry on correspondence, though, as you see, I am answering everyone. Wishing you all the best, I am with kindest regards.

Yours, Otto Frank

Cara replied that he didn't have to answer her but he always did. At fifteen she poured out her longing to be an actress. He replied: *Continue to study dancing, continue to work on literature and drama, but let it be your hobby.... To have acting and dancing as a job is very difficult.*

In college, where she changed majors as fast as she changed socks, Otto Frank was there. He was a dear distant "guidance counselor."

She sought advice on courtship and marriage. In 1968, despite being joyous about her marriage, it was a difficult year. She wrote: *Bobby Kennedy is dead. Martin Luther King, Jr. is dead. John F. Kennedy is dead. Medgar Evers is dead. All shot by madmen. How can I bring a child into this world?*

Otto Frank wrote back:

Never give up! I once read, "If the end of the world were imminent, I still would plant a tree today." Life goes on, and perhaps your child will bring the world one step further.

In honor of her birthday she received a note: *Two trees in Israel in the name of Mrs. Cara Wilson for her birthday. Planted by Mr. O. Frank, Birsfelden.*

Years later as a young mother, Cara traveled to Switzerland. She was warmly greeted by Otto Frank with a hug, "Cara! At last!"

He had saved her letters. There were wall-to-wall notebooks with letters from others with whom he had corresponded. Otto had honored his daughter and helped to change the lives of many "letter" sons and daughters.

We can write letters to our Heavenly Father. We can journal on paper or write on our mind. We may find answers through Scripture, a still small voice, circumstances or Godly persons.

After His resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene, *"I am ascending to My Father and your Father ..."* (John 20:17)

Sermon Podcasts

Hear Audio Sermon Podcasts by Pastor Belinda Wilson on Acmar UMC Website.

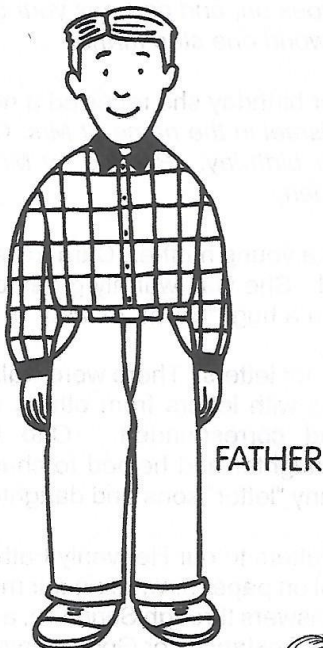
¹Wilson, Cara. *A Second Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul*. Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, Inc., 1998, p. 223-228.

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 98

Look at the pictures and the words describing some people we can show God's love to. Then find the words in the puzzle.



M	A	B	G	C	F
O	F	N	I	H	A
M	U	B	R	O	T
A	K	A	L	M	H
P	Q	B	R	S	E
B	O	Y	W	X	R



Look Here:
We cry out, "Father." We are children of God.
(Romans 8:15-16)

Digging In:
God is our Father in heaven.
We have a father here on earth.
Who is in your family?



The Acmar Community Quilt

Acmar's congregation is an interesting group which also includes some "official" authors who have shared some of their thoughts on the current situation after we received such positive feedback from last month's newsletter.

I missed my Church and my MCA friends. All my planned trips were canceled, and I had to put away my dancing shoes! I spent these pandemic weeks reading, gardening, playing music and writing poetry! One of my greatest accomplishments during this time was my prayer garden which gave me a closeness to God and nature! I also set up "Oma's Academy" to help my grandson, Daniel, complete his school year! I would like to share a few of my thoughts during these weeks of uncertainty.

Kay Hammett

COVID 19

I'm isolated with
Facts not fear
As I know who
Holds my hand
Embracing me
With love through
This pandemic
Of uncertainty
And Comforts me
With eternal assurance
I look to the heavens
Singing a Hallelujah
song

Journey

My heart travels
Down a dusty road
To a little brown
church
In the Wildwoods
Beckoning me through
It's welcoming doors
The inviting wooden
pews
Singing Old Rugged
Cross

As I kneel at the
altar
A catalyst for my
joy
And happiness and
I surrender

Comfort

A short time ago
Life was ordinary
Now I breathe sorrow
The anguished world
Rains tears and I pray
To the heavens for
A rainbow promise
As I fly into the arms
Of gentle wings

These are dark days, sprinkled with dabs and dashes of hope. Spring came amidst the pandemic, and maybe like me, you noticed flowers, birds, or other hints of nature in a greater degree than you had since childhood. Maybe that is because there was magic in the air. It seemed a fair balance since for the first time since I was a wee lad, monsters were real. Real in the form of Covid-19. Real in the deaths and infections and families and friends separated. Yes, flowers brought rainbows during the thundering rage that continues to plague us still. But we will endure. That is what humans do. We have bounced back through countless civilizations. And no doubt, with God's grace, we will recover from this and our great-great grandchildren will read about it online or through some undiscovered virtual format. All of humanity has seen darker days, but we all share the promise of a brighter tomorrow... Go smell some flowers and let monsters sink back into lakes where they will be forgotten, at least for the duration of a mid-afternoon walk. May God's grace be upon you all.

James Matthew Byers

From *Shirley Prince*:

Since my health issues keep me almost homebound except for doctor visits, this quarantine time has really not been very different for me. Concerning the virus, I've looked up several scriptures pertaining to the love Jesus has for us, to comfort us during bad times in our lives. God doesn't make bad things happen, but He makes something good come from it. He knows the plan.

Philippians 4:4,5,6,7,19

Rejoice in the Lord always: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Leviticus 26:12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

1st Peter 4:12,13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Flower Magic

Go smell the flowers,
Take a walk.
Forget the powers;
How they stalk-
Coronavirus
Lurking near
Disrupting; pious;
Causing fear-
Just find the magic
On the vine
Beyond the tragic;
Seek the pine
And know forever
Watching you,
God leaves us never;
Through and through
So, go on walking,
Breathe the air;
The flowers talking-
God is there ... JMB

June 2020 / No Worship or Events Scheduled Due to COVID-19
Hope to return to In-House Worship in June but not sure which Sunday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  FLAG DAY	15  James Turner	16	17  Maggie Lamphear	18	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 1st DAY SUMMER 	22	23	24	25  Heather Reeves	26  Henry Turner	27
28	29	30  Clara Byers Calye Fernandes 				

Mon., June 1
 Tue., June 2
 Wed., June 3
 Thur., June 4
 Fri., June 5
 Sat., June 6

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20
 Psalm 25:4-10
 James 1:2-12



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 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., June 8
 Tue., June 9
 Wed., June 10
 Thur., June 11
 Fri., June 12
 Sat., June 13

Genesis 18:1-15
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35 - 10:8
 Proverbs 3:5-6
 Romans 8:31-39

Food for the soul

Mon., June 22
 Tue., June 23
 Wed., June 24
 Thur., June 25
 Fri., June 26
 Sat., June 27

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42
 Hebrews 10:19-25
 Psalm 103:1-12

Mon., June 15
 Tue., June 16
 Wed., June 17
 Thur., June 18
 Fri., June 19
 Sat., June 20

Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39
 Isaiah 46:3-4
 John 11:32-44

Mon., June 29
 Tue., June 30
 Wed., July 1
 Thur., July 2

Genesis 24:34-67
 Psalm 72
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30