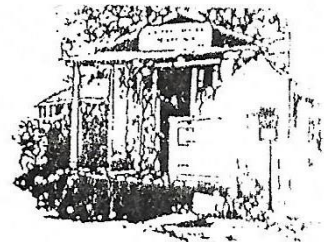


The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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One in Christ

February is Black History Month in which we remember to be grateful to God for black persons who have added value to all lives.

It first began in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week."

It coincides with the February 12th birthday of President Abraham Lincoln, who freed the slaves in 1865, and the February 14th birthday of Fredrick Douglass, a slave who after freedom became an American statesman. The black community had celebrated these two dates together since the late 1800's.

Woodson promoted his idea to encourage black history to be taught in schools. He said: *"If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world... The Hebrew keenly appreciated the value of tradition as attested by the Bible itself. In spite of worldwide persecution, therefore, it is a great factor in our civilization."*

In the 1970's, recognizing Black History was expanded from a week to a month. It is also sometimes called "African-American Month."

One notable person to be valued is Harriet Tubman. Born a slave in March of 1822 in Dorchester County, Maryland, she was named Aramina "Minty" Ross. She was beaten and whipped by her various masters as a child. She suffered a traumatic head wound when an irate owner threw a heavy metal weight intending to hit another slave, but hitting her instead. The injury caused dizziness, pain, and spells of sleepiness. She began experiencing visions and vivid dreams which she ascribed to premonitions from God who spoke to her soul giving her guidance.

In 1849 using the North Star as her guide, she escaped on her own to freedom in Pennsylvania. Taking her mother's name, she changed her name to Harriet Tubman. Tubman was not satisfied in a free land without the freedom of her family.

Slowly, one group at a time, she brought relatives with her out of Maryland. Over an 8 year period, she made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved family and friends using the network of anti-slavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. Known as "Moses," this petite, five-foot-tall disabled former slave traveled in secrecy and at night. She never "lost a passenger." She often sang "Go Down Moses" while changing the words to alert slaves whether travel was safe or not.

During the American Civil War, Tubman worked for the Union Army, first as a cook and nurse, and then as an armed scout and spy. The first woman to lead an armed expedition in the war, she guided the raid at Combahee Ferry, which liberated more than 700 slaves.

After the war, she retired to the family home she had purchased in 1859 in Auburn, New York, where she cared for her aging parents. She was active in the women's suffrage movement until illness overtook her, and she had to be admitted to a home for elderly African Americans that she had helped to establish years earlier. After her death on March 10, 1913, she became a celebrated icon of courage and freedom for all races.¹

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
(Galatians 3:28)

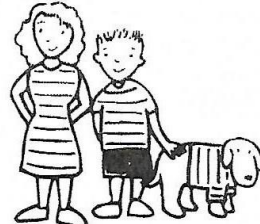
¹Wikipedia. Harriet Tubman.

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 80

Draw a line to match each child with his or her family.



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

Look Here:

***"Beloved, let us love one another, for love
is of God; and everyone who loves is born
of God and knows God."*** (1 John 4:7)

Digging In:

God loves us and wants us to love others.
God wants us to love people in our families.
God wants us to love people not in our family.

When we love people, we are being like God.
Loving is being truthful, kind and sharing.
Love is saying, "I love you and so does God."

The Acmar Community Quilt

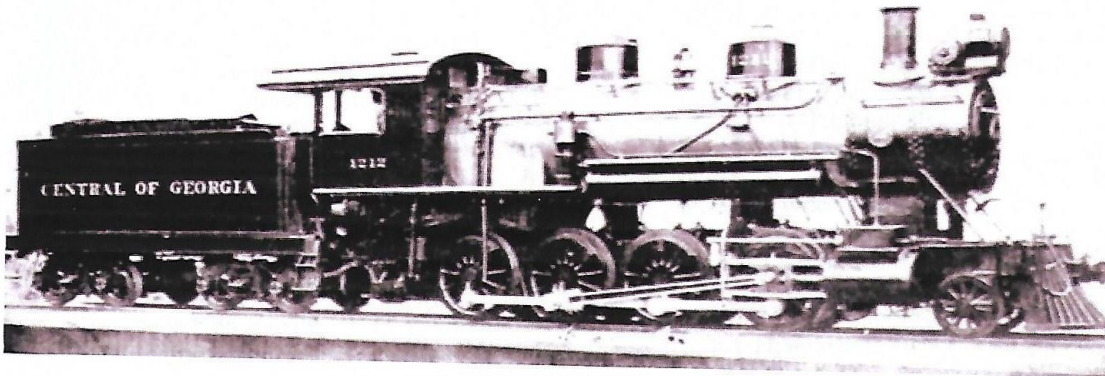
In 1936, long-term employee and company historian, R. W. Bain, wrote about the history of the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company and included the role the railroads played in the development and success of the company.

Henry DeBardeleben began working in the coal and iron business in Alabama in 1872. Before that, he had been working in the manufacturing of cotton gins for his father-in-law, Daniel Pratt. Part of his responsibilities was acquiring the pig iron needed for the machines. After the death of Pratt, Henry became head of the company which he successfully expanded in coal and iron ore and added to his inherited fortune. But everything was lost during the Panic of 1892, and he found himself starting over. Once again, he acquired properties for the coal and iron business and made another fortune. But an unwise venture in Georgia meant the loss of his second fortune. At sixty years old, he was starting over again with just his experience in the coal and iron business and what must have been a charismatic personality that helped him convince investors to join him in developing properties in St. Clair and Shelby counties that had previously been dismissed as unworkable to be productive for coal. The seventeen investors named their new company the Alabama Fuel & Steel Company in 1905, and young Charles DeBardeleben was hired as manager.































The company purchased properties where Margaret is located and leased property where the Acton mines were located. The Central of Georgia Railway Company had no coal mines on their rails, so they were having to pay freight charges to bring in the coal needed for their locomotives and steamships. DeBardeleben convinced Central of Georgia to foot the bill to build several miles of rail tracks and spur tracks connecting the operations from Margaret to the Acton mines at a cost of about \$600,000, and signed a long lease for the rail company to purchase coal from the company. In 1908, the company purchased the land where Acmar is located from the Tennessee Coal, Iron, & Railroad Company. The coal from the Acton mines was a premium grade and did not require washing, but DeBardeleben knew a coal washer was needed for coal from Margaret and the future Acmar mines. So, more investors were needed. He brought in New Yorkers Everit Macy and James Colgate and reorganized as the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company. Once again DeBardeleben was able to convince Central of Georgia to build new tracks connecting Margaret to Acmar and the new coal washing facility and power plant at no cost to the company!

Henry DeBardeleben died in 1910. Charles later became president of the company and then expanded to the Overton mines where he was able to convince Central of Georgia to build more tracks in 1921.

With the help of the railroads, Alabama Fuel & Iron became the largest commercial coal producer in the state in 1935.



February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">Leap year is a calendar year containing an extra day to keep the calendar year aligned with the earth's revolutions around the sun. Leap year occurs every four years. Leap Day is February 29.</p>						1
2  CHURCH 9 am  GROUND HOG DAY	3  Amy Gable	4 	5  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel 	6	7  Serenity Johnson	8  Micah Patrick Roof Candice Turner 
9  CHURCH 9 am Henry Walker Sims 	10  Ashley Anderson	11 BIBLE STUDY "Twisting the Truth" Byers Home 6:30 pm 	12 BIBLE STUDY Church 10 a CHURCH SUPPER  6:30 pm	13	14  VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16  CHURCH 9 am Church Meeting 10:15 am 	17  PRESIDENT'S DAY Jim Anderson 	18  BINGO Moody Sr. 10:30 am Brent Bonham	19  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Carpenetti's  6:00 pm	20	21  Johnny Lee	22  Sandi Nicholson
23  CHURCH 9 am	24  Brenda Cash Jessie Turner 	25 BIBLE STUDY "Twisting the Truth" Byers Home 6:30 pm 	26 BIBLE STUDY Church 10 a ASH WED. WORSHIP 7:00 pm 	27  BINGO Leeds Sr. 10 am	28	29  LEAP DAY

Mon., January 27
Tue., January 28
Wed., January 29
Thur., January 30
Fri., January 31
Sat., February 1

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12
Psalm 33:6-9
Exodus 13:17-22



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Travel 1 mile; Right on Acmar Rd; travel 2 miles;
Left onto Old Acton Rd.; Church is on the left

Mon., February 3
Tue., February 4
Wed., February 5
Thur., February 6
Fri., February 7
Sat., February 8

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 89:1-4
Psalm 78:1-7

Mon., February 17
Tue., February 18
Wed., February 19
Thur., February 20
Fri., February 21
Sat., February 22

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 103:1-8
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Mon., February 10
Tue., February 11
Wed., February 12
Thur., February 13
Fri., February 14
Sat., February 15

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
Colossians 3:12-17
Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Mon., February 24
Tue., February 25
Wed., February 26
Thur., February 27
Fri., February 28
Sat., February 29

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Proverbs 3:1-10
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18