



The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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Continue to Learn

"Some of you might not go on to higher education," Mrs. Clark said, "but you can continue to learn."

Dorothy Clark, the English teacher at McKenzie High School in Vida, Oregon, gave each of her students two mimeographed sheets with the title, "Mrs. Clark's Book List."

In the late 1960's, she created a list of 153 fiction and nonfiction books, plays, and short stories from the United States and abroad. It covered science, history, economics, politics and literature. *The Holy Bible* was on the list. Clark believed it would form the equivalent of two years at a liberal arts college.

The sharing of this list is in the *July/August 2022 Reader's Digest*. The article is by Tom Hallman and is the story of Steph Clemence.

Despite a nomadic life of living in 25 places by the time she was a senior in high school, Steph Clemence had good grades and intended to go to college. When her stepfather died tragically in a car accident, leaving her mother to support three daughters on a modest income, she knew college was out of the question.

Additionally, before her husband shipped overseas with the Navy, they married. As he was to be deployed for four years, she lived with her family, found a job and tried to figure out what to do with a life that had deviated from her plans.

Inside a box of keepsakes, she found "Mrs. Clark's Book List." In 1970, she began to improve herself by reading each book on the list as its time came up. Treating it as an adventure, she would prowls flea markets and bookstores looking for the next book up.

Steph feels that each book has added to who she is. In *Madame Curie*, the author, Eve Curie, writes: "Each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those with whom we think we can be most useful."

"The only book I skipped over was the Bible," says Steph. "I'd read parts of it during my life, and I figured I'd eventually get to it. Then 9/11 happened. That day I began reading the Bible, and I read it from start to finish."

Steph is now 70 and she never did get to college. She has only four books left to read from the list and expects to complete them sometimes in 2023. ¹

Mrs. Dorothy Clark's words apply to all of us ... "you can continue to learn."

No matter our starting point or age, we can learn. Never skipping *The Holy Bible*, we can learn through books we read, shows we watch, projects and conversations we have.

We can learn each and every day and through each and every experience. We can make learning an adventure. We learn not only for our own improvement but for the improvement and well-being of all people.

To Timothy, the Christian for whom he was a mentor, the Apostle Paul wrote these words: ***All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*** (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

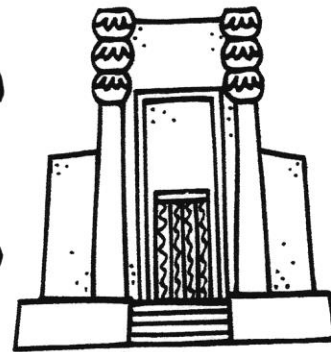
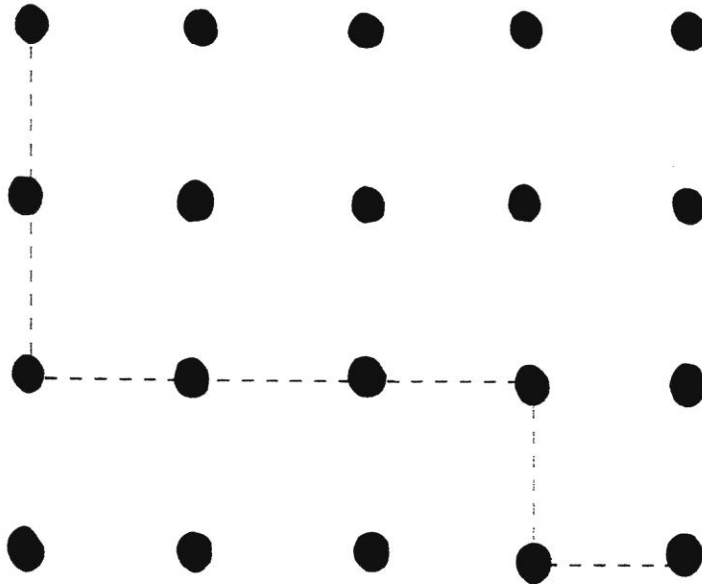
¹ *July/August 2022 Reader's Digest*.
"Instead of Going to College, I Read These Books," by Tom Hallman. Pages 59-63.

Children's Camp

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

Puzzle 99

Help the girl get to the Temple to hear King Josiah read God's Word. Draw lines in different colors to show some of the different paths she can take.



The wisdom of God.

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

Look Here:

"Teach me, O Lord."

(Psalm 119:33)



Digging In:

In 2 Kings 22, King Josiah had the Temple where the people worshiped repaired.

They found the lost Book of the Lord's Law.

They called all the people to hear it read.

The men, women and children came.

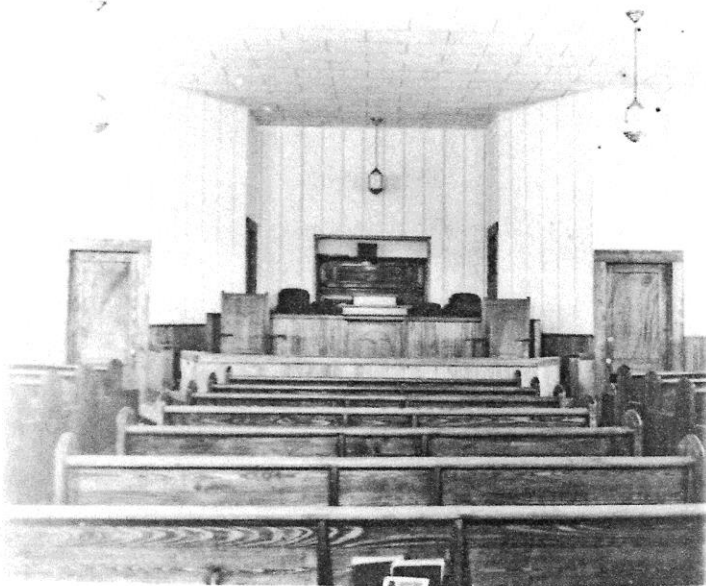
The Acmar Community Quilt

A new year is often depicted as an old man supposed to be Father Time to represent the year or years gone by, and a baby to represent the new year of new beginnings.




















A recent visitor to the Acmar church was curious about the history of the church and asked how old it was. We're not certain, but know the community was established in 1908 and we have a picture of the church with 1920 written on the back. So that gives a general idea during the time it was built. Through the years people changed, the church changed, and the world around us changed. For many, many decades the church was never locked. As Buddy Wilson once said, "Anybody could go in and pray, or just get out of the rain." Former residents of Acmar would be driving around showing their grandchildren where they grew up or where they worked and would sometimes leave little notes on the pulpit saying what good memories being in the church brought back. They often mentioned the things at the altar that hadn't changed, like the pulpit and the large oak chairs on either side.

Sitting in a middle pew, looking at the kneeling bench at the altar, you start to wonder how many people had knelt there and found their lives changed. For many, it was the place where Jesus was accepted as their Savior, pledged their commitment as they joined the church, or even a solitary person who prayed for strength in a difficult time. There were weddings, infant and adult Baptisms, Holy Communion, children's Christmas plays, and guest speakers. There were Baptist and Methodist pastors at the pulpit over the years, many for the beginning of their service and several at the end of their career.

Time bring changes with each new year. In order to keep insurance on the building, we were required to install locks. (But if anyone ever wants in other than service times, there are plenty of people with keys who would happily oblige!) One thing that will never change is that the altar is always open.



January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHURCH 9 am NEW YEAR'S DAY 	2	3	4  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	5 	6  EPIPHANY	7  Zac Goodner
8  CHURCH 9 am	9 	10	11  CHURCH SUPPER 6 P	12 Moody BINGO 10 a Job Howard Jeni  Navert	13 Scott Skinner Sonja Baker 	14  Marsha Ramsden
15  CHURCH 9 am	16 MLK JR DAY Gudrun Rominger Tamm 	17 	18  MCA 3-5 Karen Byers	19  David Wimberly	20	21
22  CHURCH 9 am	23  Grace Howard	24	25	26  Sharon Turner	27	28
29 CHURCH 9 Special Offering: MCA 	30	31			Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery

Soul Food for January

Mon. January 2 **Isaiah 42:1-9**
 Tue., January 3 **Psalms 29**
 Wed., January 4 **Acts 10:34-43**
 Thur., January 5 **Matthew 3:13-17**
 Fri., January 6 **1 Kings 19:11-18**
 Sat., January 7 **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

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Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. Rd. 10
Take County Rd. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;
Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left

Mon., January 9 **Isaiah 49:1-7**
 Tue., January 10 **Psalms 40:1-11**
 Wed., January 11 **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**
 Thur., January 12 **John 1:29-42**
 Fri., January 13 **John 11:17-27**
 Sat., January 14 **Psalms 13:1-6**



Mon., January 23 **Micah 6:1-8**
 Tue., January 24 **Psalms 15**
 Wed., January 25 **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**
 Thur., January 26 **Matthew 5:1-12**
 Fri., January 27 **Psalms 96:1-3**
 Sat., January 28 **Philippians 4:4-9**

Mon., January 16 **Isaiah 9:1-4**
 Tue., January 17 **Psalms 27:1, 4-9**
 Wed., January 18 **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**
 Thur., January 19 **Matthew 4:12-23**
 Fri., January 20 **Luke 18:15-17**
 Sat., January 21 **Psalms 18:25-36**

Mon., January 30 **Isaiah 58:1-9a**
 Tue., January 31 **Psalms 112:1-9**
 Wed., February 1 **1 Corinthians 2:1-12**
 Thur., February 2 **Matthew 5:13-20**
 Fri., February 3 **Psalms 23:1-6**
 Sat., February 4 **Colossians 3:12-17**