



# The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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## Witness Marks

“See that?” The clock repairman pointed his flashlight beam on a small, fine mark roughly engraved inside the old grandfather clock he was working on in Jim Banks’ home.

“Another repairman could have put that there almost a century ago,” he said. “It’s called a ‘witness mark,’ and it helps me know how to set the mechanism.”

Before the age of technical bulletins and repair manuals, “witness marks” were used to help the person making a future repair align moving parts with precision. They were more than just time-saving reminders; they were often left as a simple kindness to the next person doing the work.

The Bible encourages us to leave our own “witness marks” as we work for God by serving others in our broken world.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome: “Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up” (Romans 15:2).

Our “witness marks” may seem like small things but they can make a vital difference in someone’s life. An uplifting word, a financial gift to someone in need, a listening ear, a helping hand – all are kindness that can have a lasting impact.<sup>1</sup>

Jesus was a “witness mark” of God in the world. The life that He lived and the works that He did help us to know how to set the mechanism that we may live like Jesus. We calibrate our soul to be like Jesus. We want to be like Jesus because Jesus is God.

Some Jews surrounded Jesus demanding, ***How long do You keep us in doubt? “If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”***

***Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me.”***  
*(John 10:25)*

The works that Jesus did revealed clearly that He did the work of the Father. The work that Jesus did revealed the Father as a loving heavenly Father who cares for His children.

When Jesus walked this planet, He blew away everything clouding the typical perception of what God was like. God is no longer to be seen as an impersonal force ruling creation.

He is not a tyrant sitting in the clouds awaiting every opportunity to foil personal goals and dreams. He cares about what’s going on down here. Jesus described God using two simple, yet profound words ... *Our Father.*

Once when Glen Martin was putting his son David to bed he asked, “When does Daddy love you the most, when you’re fighting with your brother or when you’re a good boy?”

David’s answer? “Both times.” Not anticipating this answer, Glen probed, “Why, Son?”

Nine-year-old David said, “Cause I’m your Boomer!” David knew that no matter what, he will always be his father’s “Boomer.”

God the Father loves us in a similar way. He loves us unconditionally and persistently because we are His children.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Our Daily Bread* April/May/June 2022. Banks, James, “Witness Marks,” April 1, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Martin, Glen & Ginter, Dian. *Drawing Closer*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1995, pages 87, 89.

# Children's Camp

## Puzzle 16

Draw an ✕ on all the silly things in this picture.

(There are at least 7.)

Draw a ○ around the ways this family obeys God.



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

**Look Here:**  
*Jesus said, "When you pray, say, 'Our  
Father in heaven.'"* (Matthew 6:9)

**Digging In:**  
God is our Father in heaven.  
God loves us and cares about us.

We can talk to our heavenly Father.  
We can ask our Father for what we need.



# The Acmar Community Quilt

On the news, you might hear the phrase “A Power Couple” referring to some business and/or political husbands and wives. If you “Google” the phrase, you’d learn it refers to: *a couple consisting of two people who are each influential or successful in their own right... A power couple is a couple who both compliments each other's strengths and supports each other's individuality.*

Looking back through the years, Acmar has been blessed with some “power couples” of our own. Many Acmar pastors came with no spouse, but so many times, the pastor’s spouse filled a role in the church and community as important as the pastor’s. One such couple would be “Rock” and Nora Nations. Rock and Nora moved to Acmar in the 1930s. He worked as a company carpenter and taught music, and Nora became the local postmaster. They also served very important roles in our church. Nora played the piano during times when we had no one else who knew to play and also taught Sunday school. Rock played saxophone some Sundays, and became the church treasurer in 1940. He took that stewardship very seriously for the next forty years!



The Conference sent us Ralph and Wanda Powell in the summer of 1979. Ralph brought renewed love and enthusiasm to our services. Wanda played the piano. She and Ralph started doing “Children’s Minutes” each Sunday that helped children get the main idea of what the scripture or sermon would be about. Before long, it would be hard to say who enjoyed it more: the children or the adults! (And Children’s Minutes is still a part of our services today!) Ralph and Wanda became involved in the community and our extended families. Wanda brought back the idea of Christmas programs and Bible School with the children, and now, there’s a generation of Acmar kids who look back on those programs fondly. When Rock Nations had served his forty years as treasurer, Ralph decided to hold a special Sunday event to honor that service with a plaque showing the appreciation of Rock’s dedicated service. This was also at a time when it

was becoming obvious that some improvements needed to be made to the church building, and Ralph worked with members to see that what was needed was done that would preserve the church building for decades to come.

Andy Wilson grew up in Acmar and joined the church in 1960. When he and Belinda Gooch got married in 1973, she became an active part of our church. In 2000, Belinda Wilson became our new pastor! This husband and wife team may be a little different from that typical “power couple” notion, but a powerful couple indeed! Belinda has implemented so much community and local involvement, and Andy was the number one go-to guy for any problems that needed fixing or advice until his untimely death in 2021. But Pastor Belinda carries on with many functions that Andy had established over the years., and many of us still benefit from what we learned from knowing him.



# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Audio Sermon Podcasts on Acmar Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> on Acmar Website under Gallery		1 MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	2	3	4
5 CHURCH 9 am PENTECOST Meeting 10 a	6	7	8 CHURCH SUPPER 6:30 pm	9 BINGO 10 a Moody Sr. Center	10	11
12 CHURCH 9 am Gideons Offering	13	14 FLAG DAY	15 MCA 3-5 White's Chapel James Turner	16	17 Maggie Lamphear	18
19 CHURCH 9 FATHER'S DAY	20	21 FIRST DAY SUMMER	22 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Von Braun Huntsville	23 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Von Braun Huntsville	24 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Von Braun Huntsville	25 Heather Reeves
26 CHURCH 9 am Henry Turner	27	28	29	30 Clara Byers Calye Fernandes		

**Soul Food for June**

Mon., May 30  
Tue., May 31  
Wed., June 1  
Thur., June 2  
Fri., June 3  
Sat., June 4

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 11:28-30

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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 6  
Tue., June 7  
Wed., June 8  
Thur., June 9  
Fri., June 10  
Sat., June 11

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15  
Acts 10:9-16  
2 Kings 6:1-7



Mon., June 20  
Tue., June 21  
Wed., June 22  
Thur., June 23  
Fri., June 24  
Sat., June 25

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62  
Psalm 66:16-20  
Colossians 3:12-17

Mon., June 13  
Tue., June 14  
Wed., June 15  
Thur., June 16  
Fri., June 17  
Sat., June 18

1 Kings 19:1-15a  
Psalm 42  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39  
2 Corinthians 1:3-7  
Matthew 6:25-34

Mon., June 27  
Tue., June 28  
Wed., June 29  
Thur., June 30  
Fri., July 1  
Sat., July 2

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:1-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20