

The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Getting Started

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835-1910) was known by his pen name Mark Twain. He was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher and lecturer.

He has been labeled as the "greatest humorist this country has produced." He was witty and could speak volumes in short pithy sentences.

Some of his quotes include:

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."¹

Proverbs is a wisdom book in the Bible which is full of short wise sayings.

***As a door turns on its hinges,
so does the lazy man on his bed.
Proverbs 16:14***

Rather than turn back and forth on their bed, a wise person will get up and get started.

Proverbs also accuses a lazy person of having unlikely excuses to avoid starting.

***The lazy man says,
"There is a lion in the road!
A fierce lion is in the streets!"***

Sometimes a person is not lazy. They are willing to take this most important step of getting started. They may even be busy – yet they are not moving forward to get ahead. Sometimes we don't focus on the important.

In his book, *the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen R. Covey lists seven habits:
(1) Be proactive – take responsibility for making things happen in your life.

(2) Begin with the end in mind – envision spiritual, health, relational & work success

(3) Put first things first – focus on activities which are important for becoming better

(4) Think win/win – look for better way solutions which consider everyone

(5) Seek first to understand, then to be understood – listen to understand someone

(6) Synergize – use principles of creative cooperation to work with others

(7) Sharpen the saw – take time to renew yourself that you might become a better you

Covey highlights four dimensions of a wise life which need to be balanced to be effective.

Physical: caring for your physical body with such things as exercise, healthy nutrition, relaxation, flexibility and stress management.

Spiritual: centering on your core values and your belief system, committing to study and meditate on Scripture and your purpose in life.

Mental: continuing to learn through reading, visualizing, planning, writing and wise counsel.

Social/Emotional: considering and cooperating with others as you seek ways to serve in our world knowing security comes from within.²

The secret of this new year is getting started.

¹ Wikipedia, internet encyclopedia.

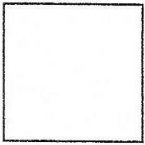
² Covey, Stephen R. *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Fireside. 1989.

Children's Camp

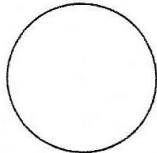
Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #2.

Puzzle 33

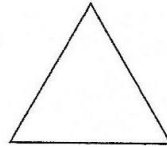
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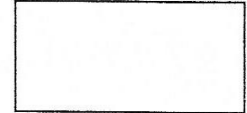
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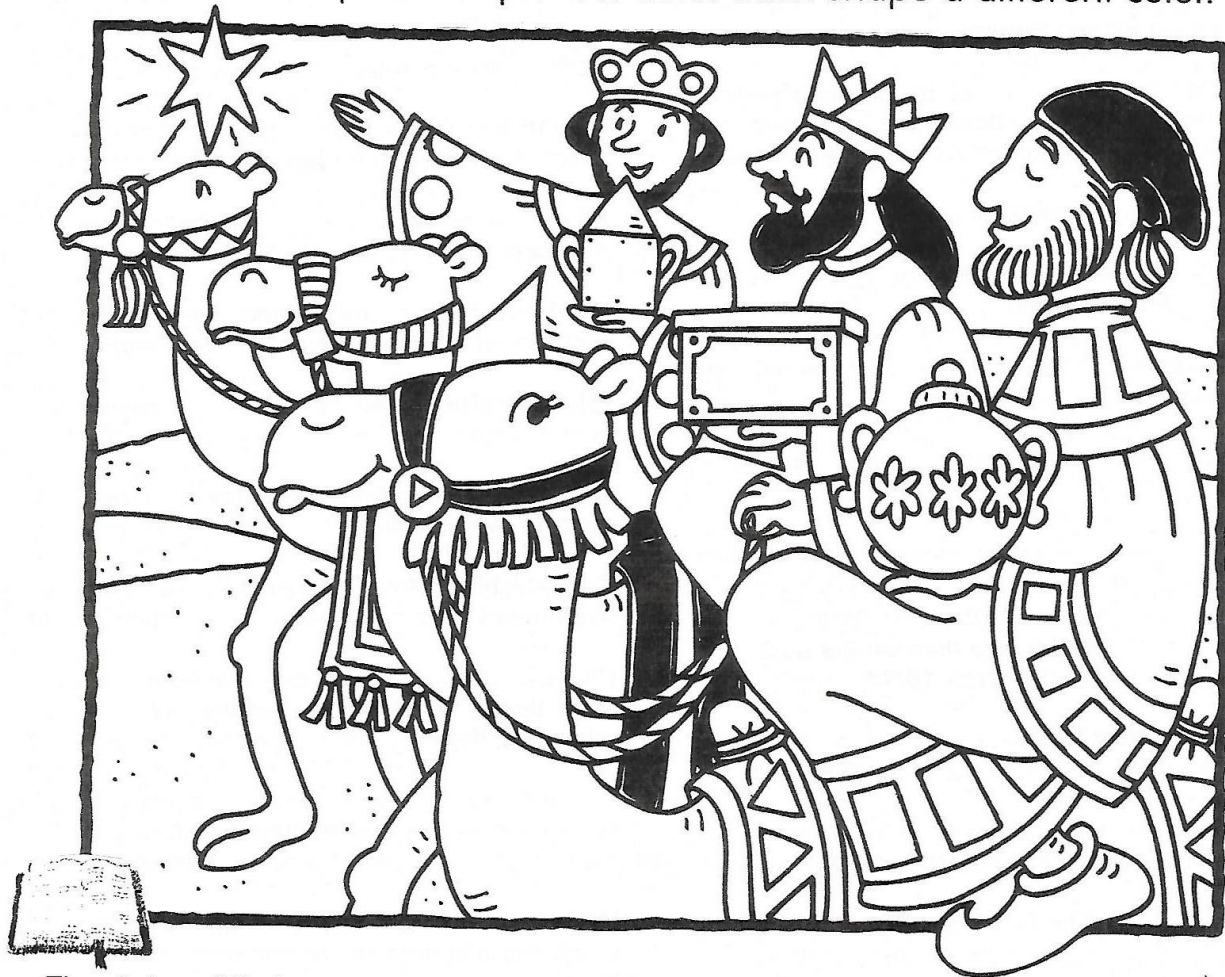


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Find each shape in the picture. Color each shape a different color.



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

Look Here:

"When they had come into the house, they say the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. They presented gifts to Him." (Matthew 2:11)

Digging In:

Wise men in the East saw a star in the sky.
They believed the star shone for a new king.
They followed the star a long way.

When they saw the Baby, they bowed down.
They worshiped Jesus and gave Him gifts.
They gave gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Acmar Community Quilt

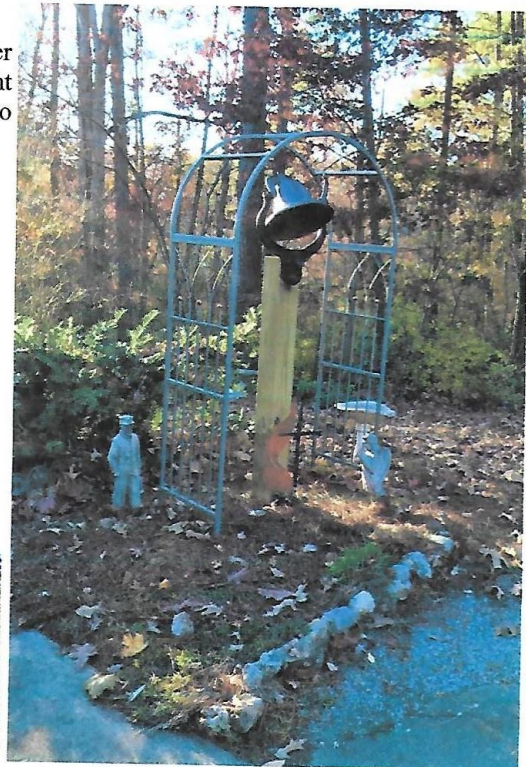
"Ring out the old and ring in the new!"

This is a phrase or sentiment that is often expressed as people look back at the previous year and look forward to new and good things to come in the new year ahead of us. Here at the Acmar Church, we are looking at some old traditions as well as new plans for the coming year.























In the early years of our church, one tradition was that there was a bell that signaled time for Sunday services. Granted, there were probably some near-by neighbors who were not exactly thrilled to hear that bell ring on Sunday mornings. But for many, it truly was a call to worship. The Acmar Boy Scouts had the honor of ringing the bell. The boys took turns and each was excited to be at church when it came time for his chance to climb up (not exactly sure what they meant by that, but it's what we were told!) and ring that bell! Some longtime residents vaguely remember hearing the bell ring on Sunday mornings, but can't remember for sure when the decision was made to remove the bell. Probably near the late 1940s or early 1950s. And we are not sure if the bell was located in the spire on the early church building or in the front vestibule that was added later. (Story has it that company carpenter, Anon Bosworth, was working across the road from the church in its original state with a plain flat front. When he looked back at the church, he decided that it really needed "something" and set about making the vestibule happen.) But we do know there was a bell.

Over the years, the church building has aged and undergone changes to preserve the building in keeping with the original rural church feeling, but also striving to make it more accessible and functional for our present day needs as much as possible. Someone recently donated an old bell, thinking it could bring back the sound of the church bell on Sunday mornings. The bell was sand blasted and painted to preserve it. Then there was much discussion on where the bell should be located. No one wanted to risk any issues by putting it on the roof, so it was decided by members to place the bell at the entrance of the prayer garden with a metal trellis over it and the United Methodist Church cross at the base.

As the sight of the new bell invites us into our prayer garden, we are considering ways in which it might call us and others into worship of God. It is good to have a bell again at the Acmar Church.



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Earhart Luncheon: 11 am Southern Museum Flight 4343 73rd St. N., B'ham Nancy 256-538-2672			1  NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
5  CHURCH 9 am Holy Communion	6  EPHIPHANY	7  Zac Goodner	8  CHURCH SUPPER 6:30 pm	9	10	11
12  CHURCH 9 am  Jeani Navert	13  Sonja Baker  Scott Skinner	14  Marsha Ramsden	15  MCA 3-6 pm White's Chapel Carpenetti's 6 pm	16  Gudrun Rominger Tamm	17	18  Karen Byers
19  CHURCH 9 am  David Wimberly	20  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	21  BINGO Moody Sr. Center 10:30 am	22	23  BINGO LeedsSr. 10  Grace Howard	24	25  AMELIA EARHART LUNCHEON 11 am
26  CHURCH 9 am  Sharon Turner	27	28	29	30	31	

Mon., December 30
 Tue., December 31
 Wed., January 1
 Thur., January 2
 Fri., January 3
 Sat., January 4

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 12:1-12
 Matthew 13:1-9
 Lamentations 3:19-26

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

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17
 Ephesians 6:10-17
 Luke 15:1-10

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

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23
 Genesis 32:22-30
 Psalm 150:1-6

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

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42
 1 Corinthians 12:8-27
 1 Kings 18:41-45

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