



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



Acmar United Methodist Church February 2017 Volume 18 Issue 2 Acmar Post Office

Which Way, Please?

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat.

"I don't much care where –" said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

The above conversation is between Alice and the Cheshire Cat in Lewis Carroll's classic, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

The conversation is retold by Gary Keller in his book, *One Thing*. He suggests that the encounter reveals the close connection between purpose and priority.

Live with purpose and you know where you want to go. Live by priority and you'll know what to do to get there. Priority is the power that fulfills the purpose.¹

Jesus had a purpose in coming to earth.

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Jesus made it a priority to seek and to save the lost by doing the will of God, the Father.

For all of us who didn't know our purpose or didn't have the power of priority to fulfill our lives, Jesus came to seek and to save us.

Jesus demonstrated the character and the love of God by sacrificially dying on the cross for our sins and being raised from the dead.

Like disciples before us, Jesus invites us, **"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."**

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light."
(Matthew 11:28-30)

Jesus gives us a purpose – a direction of where we want to go. It's not a purpose which weighs us down but lifts us up.

Each of us has our own way to fulfill our purpose when we have the priority of fulfilling it according to the purpose of God.

While the way we live out our purpose is particular to each of us, Jesus has given all of His disciples a purpose with priority.

When Jesus' disciples came to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them, they worshiped. Jesus spoke to them saying,

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age." Amen.
(Matthew 28:18-20)

It makes a difference to us where we want to get to. Therefore, it matters which way we go.

At the beginning of each day, we can ask, "What should I do today?" that can make me one step closer to living out God's purpose.

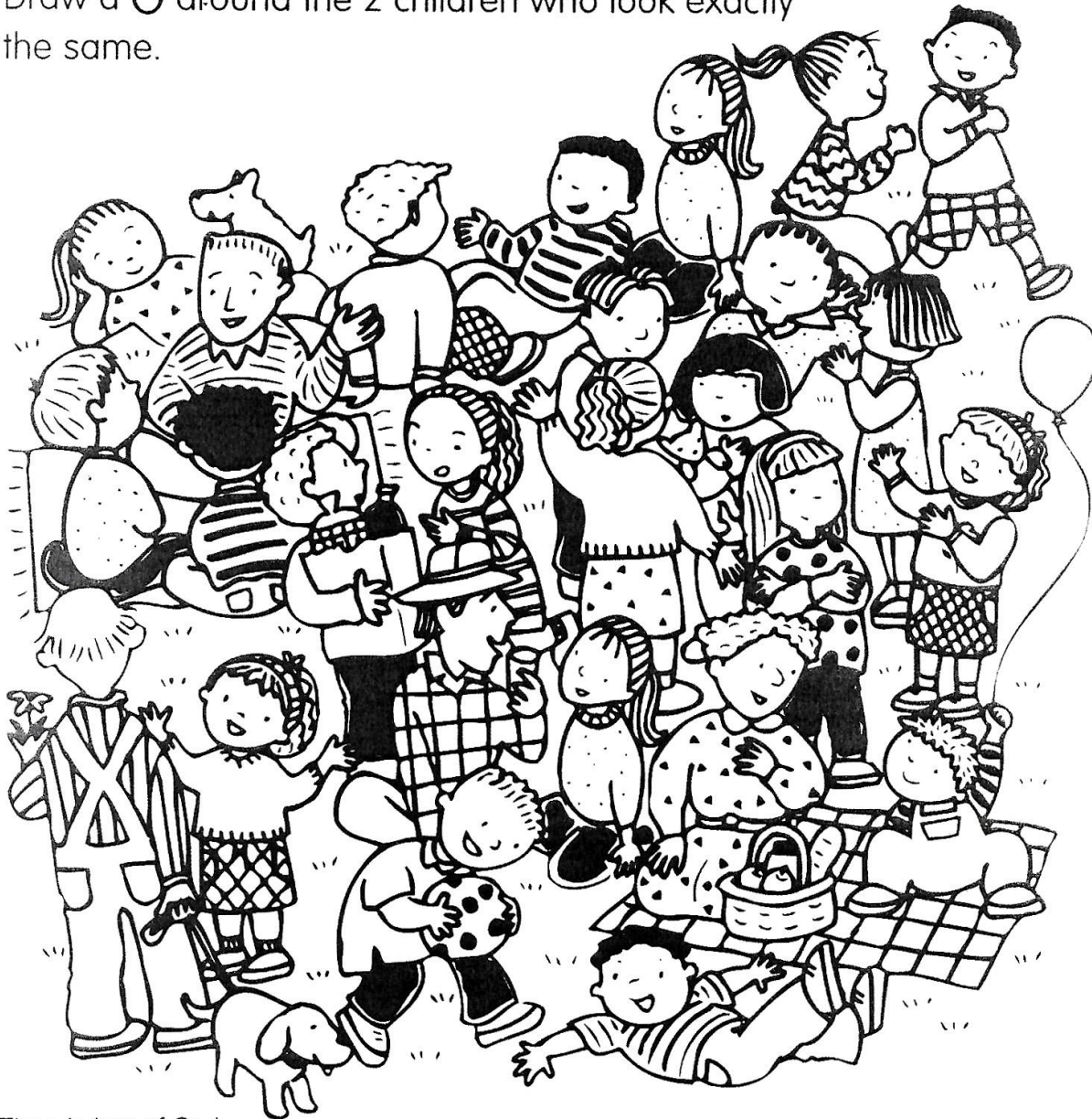
¹ Keller, Gary. *One Thing*. Bard Press.
Page 146.

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 58

Draw a O around the 2 children who look exactly the same.



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



Look Here:

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples... for
I am with you always."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

Digging In:

A disciple of Jesus follows and learns.

We are helping to make disciples, when we
tell others about Jesus.

We can tell them the good news that Jesus
is alive and is with them everywhere.

The Acmar Community Quilt

Most of our attention has centered on the everyday lives of the people connected in some way to Acmar, both long ago and in more recent decades. A recent find in the way of a simple stamp brings a little focus and tribute to something that was really an essential part of the coal mining business.

(Below is information from the U.S. Postal Service: 1988.)

Coal Car Coil Stamp

A 13.2-cent Transportation Series coil stamp featuring an 1870s coal car was issued on July 19 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The dedication ceremony was held at the Mellon Science Center of Duquesne University.

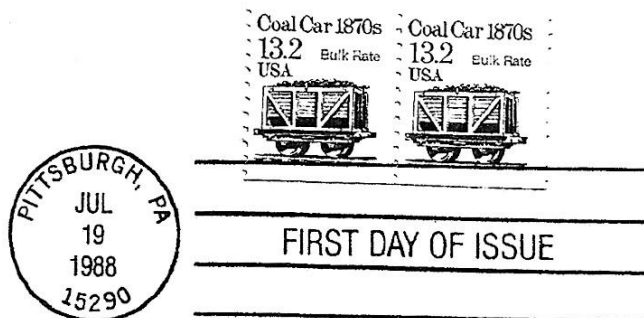
The denomination pays the single-piece rate for third class mailings presorted to five-digit ZIP codes. Richard Schlecht's stamp design is based on a photograph of an actual coal car manufactured in 1873 by the firm of Billmyer and Small.

Though simple in function and appearance, the humble coal car had a great impact on American industry. Up until the mid-19th century, coal was most of hauled to the surface by mules or by miners themselves, a slow and perilous process. Fortunately, the development of safe and practical locomotives, themselves dependent on coal for power, also proved to be a blessing to mining.







Soon, coal by uncountable tons was being carried to the surface in cars pulled by an ingenious variation of the railroad. It was one of fate's more fortunate strokes that the locomotive appeared to power the coal industry just in time for coal to fire the entire Industrial Age.

Loading coal into cars remained a manual task until the 1920s, when various mechanical devices began to appear. Since then modern equipment has continued to add greatly to the complexity and safety of mining. Today massive "continuous mining" machines slice through solid coal walls with little more difficulty than sawing through soft wood. Other stations on the machines simultaneously claw the fragmented rock and shovel it onto conveyors to be transported to waiting shuttle cars. Thus, the most dangerous and difficult work – cutting new, unsupported passages- is accomplished with the miner safely out of harm's way.

Today's coal cars are often self-propelled by diesel or electronic engines, but the basic need to haul coal to the surface remains.



February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Black History Month George Washington Carver changed agriculture in the South. He made over 300 products from the peanut, 118 from the sweet potato and 75 from the pecan.			1  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3  Amy Gable	4
5  CHURCH 9 am	6	7  Bible Study Church 10:30 Byers 6:30 p  Serenity Johnson	8  CHURCH SUPPER 6:30 pm Candice Turner	9	10  Ashley Anderson	11
12  CHURCH 9 am	13	14  VALENTINE'S DAY	15  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Ladies Heart Dixie 6 pm	16	17  Jim Anderson	18  Brent Bonham
19  CHURCH 9 am	20  PRESIDENT'S DAY	21  BINGO Moody 10:30  Johnny Lee	22  Sandi Nicholson	23  BINGO Leeds 10 a	24  Brenda Cash Jessie Turner	25  Safe Sanctuary Training 10 - 12 Pell City
26  CHURCH 9 am	27	28  Bible Study Church 10:30 Byers 6:30 p	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> The Soul Miner via E-mail / Acmar Website Receive "The Acmar Soul Miner" by e-mail Contact Donna Turner at msdturner@aol.com Soul Miner is on website at www.acmarumc.org </div>			

Soul Food for February

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

Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20
Luke 16:1-13
Psalm 127:1-2

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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
Hebrews 10:19-25
Psalm 4:3-8



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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 4:38-48
1 Corinthians 12:7-31
Philippians 1:18-30

Acmar United Methodist Church

P.O. box 85 / 41-7 Old Acton Road
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 left

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

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Hebrews 11:3-12
Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

Mon., February 27
Tue., February 28
Wed., March 1
Thur., March 2
Fri., March 3
Sat., March 4

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11