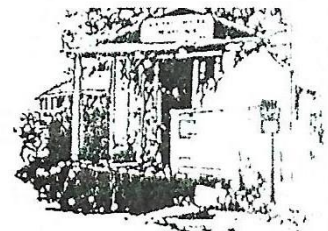
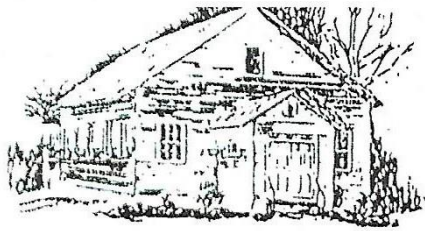


**The Acmar Soul Miner**  
*Searching for wisdom  
As for hidden treasures...  
For the Lord gives wisdom*



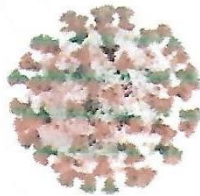
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**Living Organisms**

All living organisms strive to stay alive. The problem is that not all can co-exist. Our world has been invaded by a virus that attaches itself to living cells of beings and tries to replicate itself to the damage of healthy living cells in birds or mammals.

The spikes surrounding these infectious cells which it uses to attach itself to other cells have resulted in its name "coronavirus." "Corona" is Latin for "crown" or "halo."



Coronaviruses do not deserve a "halo" suggesting holiness or goodness. The crown they wear is one of destruction to animals and humans. Coronaviruses cause diseases in animals. Some viruses have jumped from animals into humans.

While some coronaviruses cause mild to moderate diseases such as colds, some have been more harmful. This was true of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) of 2002 and the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) of 2012.

This most recent strain, the COVID-19 which began in China, has been highly aggressive. It invades the body through the nasal passages and moves to the throat and lungs. This virus creates symptoms of tiredness, runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, difficulty breathing and sometimes pneumonia. This is a disease attacking the human respiratory system which provides oxygen to cells throughout the body.

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Coronavirus has created alarm and anxiety because it can be deadly and is extremely contagious. We do not have a vaccine to prevent the disease nor a well-tested treatment. Humans are working to discover and develop ways of preventing, treating and curing this disease.

The recommendation for examination, "social distancing," isolation, washing and disinfecting is as old as the Bible.

The Lord spoke to Moses telling the Israelites to examine someone for leprosy. If the signs were there, the person was to isolate for seven days. Upon re-examination they would be released into the community or have further isolation.

Contaminated clothes were burned. Homes with greenish or reddish streaked walls were washed and scraped. The dust was carried outside of the community. Stones were replaced even if it meant replacing the entire house. The purpose was to stop the spread of death.  
(Leviticus 13-14)

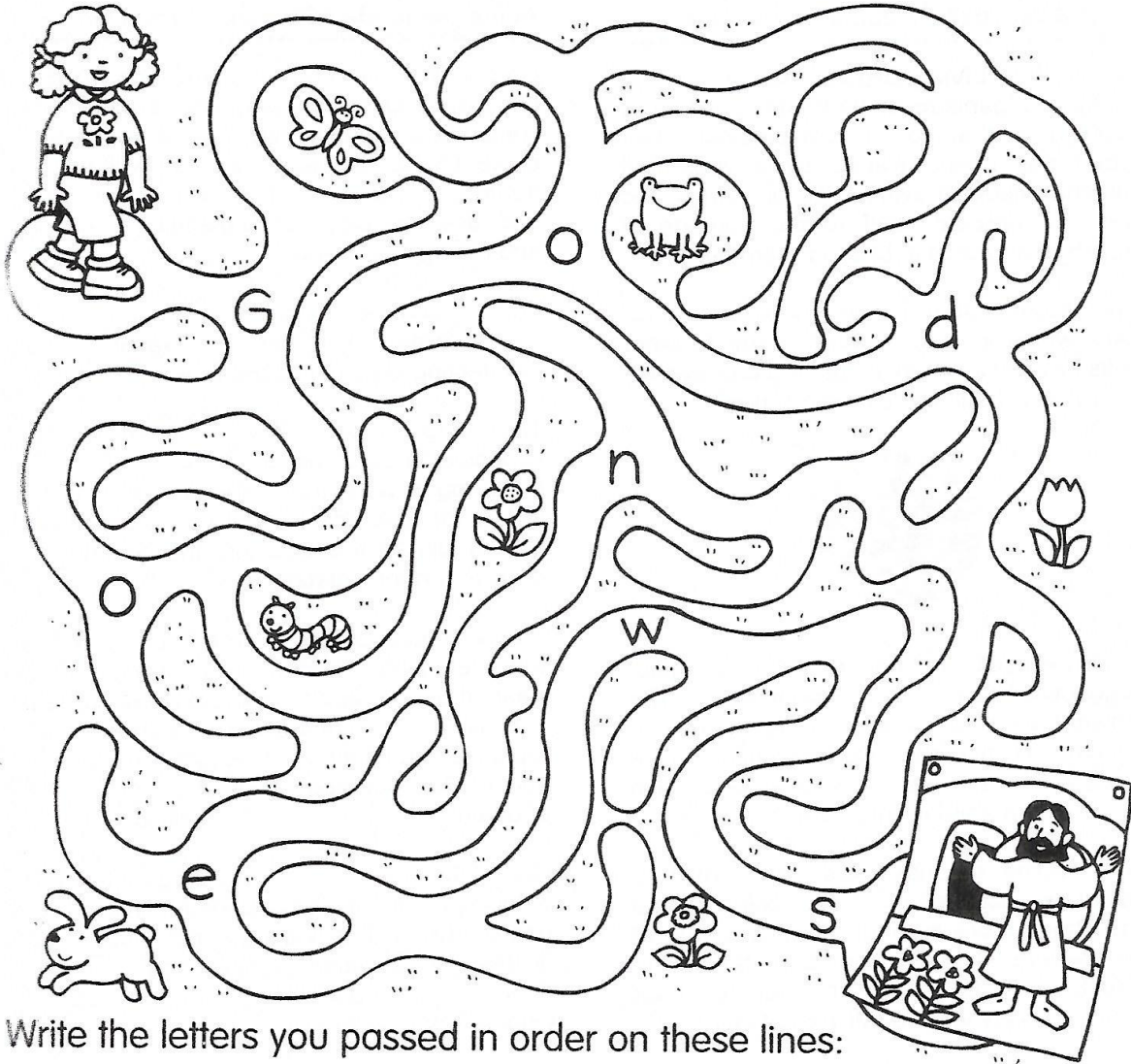
God continues to save by guiding us toward wisdom and technology needed to live. God has promised that nothing – not tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, peril or even death – can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus.

God has promised us everlasting life through Jesus. Jesus suffered death on a cross but He was raised to everlasting life. Humans strive to stay alive forever and we can through believing in Jesus as Savior.

***These are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,  
and that believing you may have life in  
His name.***  
(John 20:31)

# Children's Camp

Help the girl find her way to the picture of Jesus.



Write the letters you passed in order on these lines:

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Trace these letters. Then say these words out loud.

Jesus is alive.

Look Here:

Jesus said, "I am alive forever and ever!"  
(Revelation 1:18)

Digging In:

Jesus died. God brought Him back to life.  
Believing in Jesus will give us life forever.





## **The Acmar Community Quilt**

**Yet, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

Hard times are really nothing new to the people of Acmar, but neither is the resiliency of the people there. From the beginning, this planned community established more than mining jobs. The company built nice houses, schools, churches, parks, community houses, commissary, gas station, and brought doctors and musicians to Acmar - all in hopes of filling the needs of the people and creating a community. The "Golden Rule" was posted throughout the community. They created "Welfare Societies" where miners and/or their wives could voice concerns whenever there were needs for someone or something in the community. If a miner lost his life in the mines, \$1 would be deducted from the paycheck of every employee in the whole company to go to the aid of the widow. At one point, this would have been about \$1,500, which was a help during those years. The loss of a life in a mining accident is certainly a tragedy, and Acmar experienced two major disasters: a gas explosion in Mine No.3 killed eleven men in 1922, and another explosion in Mine No.6 also killed eleven men in 1941. These were fathers, brothers, uncles, or sons - all men whom everyone in Acmar knew and/or loved. And the people of Acmar found strength in helping each other through times of grief.

Depression years were hard on the people of Acmar, just like in the rest of the country. In 1932, miners pledged to work one hour without pay each workday to help the company continue since it was operating at a loss. And this was at a time when miners were only getting to work maybe three days a week. But the company kept their schools open, even when so many state schools closed. Miners were required to learn to create gardens and preserve food with the company furnishing company mules for plowing, free seeds, and chickens and pigs at cost. Acmar residents had plenty of food during those years and enough to share with others in need.

There were sometimes periods of unrest and anxiety regarding the efforts of the unions to infiltrate the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company. (And anyone who ever heard or read anything Charles DeBardeleben said about the union knew how he felt!) But most of the miners were firmly behind him, and the women found strength and support in their friendships during unsettling times.

















There was a coal strike throughout the south one Christmas Eve in the 1930s. When Charles DeBardeleben learned that many homes in the Birmingham area would be without heat that Christmas, he called on the miners for help. Assuring them that any coal they dug would only be used to heat homes. He promised a Christmas turkey to the miner who dug the most coal. Story has it that records were broken that day! (And no one seems to remember who won the turkey.) During another winter coal strike in 1936, with seven southern states suffering "blizzardly weather", DeBardeleben put out the call to hold an unprecedented Sunday work day. "Even preachers and deacons" went down in the mines and produced 4,742 tons of coal that was shipped out throughout the south that Sunday afternoon. And not one man failed to show up for his regular shift on Monday.

The two World Wars had a great deal of impact on the people of Acmar. They worked hard and "made do" with what they had as well as supporting a variety of efforts to help win the wars. Even school children played a part in metal drives. And those gardening skills learned before the Depression once again became an important part of self-sufficiency as Victory Gardens.

Even after the closing of the mines, Acmar community members continue looking out for each other. No longer a booming mining operation, there were still neighbors who knew they could call on each other for help from things like re-lighting a gas furnace for a widow in winter, to furnishing a meal at the church for families to gather after the funeral of a loved one. We have helped and checked on each other through snowstorms and power outages as well as individual needs that arise. The Acmar church reaches out beyond this small community to help with food pantries and many other mission needs.

And now we face a new challenge, a previously unknown threat- the Coronavirus. As the doors to the church have temporarily closed to help slow down the spread of the virus, the members hold on to the faith that has given strength to so many in the past.

# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 5 <b>PALM SUNDAY CHURCH</b> 9 am <b>COMMUNION</b> Lester Gable 	6	7	1  <b>MCA</b> 3-5 pm White's Chapel	2	3	4
12  <b>EASTER PICTURES CHURCH</b> 9 am	13	14	15  <b>MCA 3-5 pm</b> White's Chapel Carpenetti's  6 pm	9  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP</b> 7pm Helen Gable 	10  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	11
19  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am	20	21  <b>BINGO</b> Moody Sr. 10:30 am	22	23  <b>BINGO</b> Leeds Sr. 10:00 am	24	25
26  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am	27  Daniel Baker  Dave Navert	28	29	30  Brooklyn Smith		

Mon., March 30  
Tue., March 31  
Wed., April 1  
Thur., April 2  
Fri., April 3  
Sat., April 4

**Zechariah 9:9**  
**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**  
**Philippians 2:5-11**  
**Matthew 21:1-11**  
**Psalm 105:1-6**  
**2 Corinthians 6:16-21**

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

**Acts 10:34-43**  
**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**  
**Colossians 3:1-4**  
**Matthew 28:1-10**  
**Luke 18:15-17**  
**Matthew 28:1-10**



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

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**  
**Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**  
**1 Peter 1:17-23**  
**Luke 24:13-35**  
**2 Corinthians 4:11-5:4**  
**Psalm 119:105-112**

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

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**  
**Psalm 16**  
**1 Peter 1:3-9**  
**John 20:19-31**  
**Genesis 15:5-15**  
**1 John 3:1-3**

Mon., April 27  
Tue., April 28  
Wed., April 29  
Thur., April 30

**Acts 2:42-47**  
**Psalm 23**  
**1 Peter 2:19-25**  
**John 10:1-10**