



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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One Solitary Life

*He was born in an obscure village,
The child of a peasant woman.
He grew up in still another village,
Where he worked in a carpenter shop
Until he was thirty.
Then for three years
He was an itinerant preacher.
He never wrote a book.
He never held an office.
He never had a family or owned a house.
He didn't go to college.
He never visited a big city.
He never traveled two hundred miles
From the place where he was born.
He did none of the things
One usually associates with greatness.
He had no credentials but himself.
He was only thirty-three
When the tide of public opinion
Turned against him.
His friends ran away.
He was turned over to his enemies.
And went through the mockery of a trial.
He was nailed to a cross
Between two thieves.
While he was dying,
His executioners gambled for his clothing,
The only property he had on Earth.
When he was dead,
He was laid in a borrowed grave
Through the pity of a friend.
Twenty centuries have come and gone,
And today he is the central figure
Of the human race,
And the leader of mankind's progress.
All the armies that ever marched,
All the navies that ever sailed,
All the parliament that ever sat,
All the kings that ever reigned,
Put together have not affected
The life of man on Earth
As much as that
One Solitary Life.*

The poem, now known as "One Solitary Life," was written by Dr. James Allen Francis and originated as a part of his sermon delivered on July 11, 1926 to the Baptist Young People's Union at the Los Angeles Convention.

It is upon the life of Jesus Christ that the years of the calendar are counted. It is His birth, life, death and resurrection which offer the hope of salvation for all humanity.

Those that claim Him as Savior, and even many who do not, celebrate His birth every year on December 25. Usually the whole month of December becomes a part of numerous celebrations. We gather every year at Acmar to celebrate as a community.

**You and your family and friends
are invited to our
Acmar Community Christmas
on Sunday, December 10, 2023
at 2 p.m.**

**It is a time of singing, bell ringing,
a children's Christmas play,
door prizes, and refreshments
Dress is casual**

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4107 Old Acton Road
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*The angel said, "Do not be afraid, for
behold, I bring you good tidings of great
joy which will be to all people.*

*"For there is born to you this day in the
city of David a Savior, who is Christ the
Lord.*

*"You will find a Babe wrapped in
swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."*

Children's Camp



Look at these pictures of people celebrating the good news that Jesus is born.

In each picture, draw a ○ around the person who is the shortest.



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

Look Here:
*The angel said, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."
(Luke 2:11)*

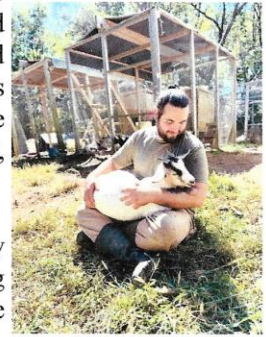
Digging In:
The good tidings was that Jesus was born.
The joyful news of Jesus is for all people.
The birth of Jesus was told by angels.
We are not afraid to tell the news of Jesus.

We can help tell the story with singing.
We can tell about Jesus with cookies.
We can tell the story with lighting candles.
We can tell the good news with giving cards.

The Acmar Community Quilt



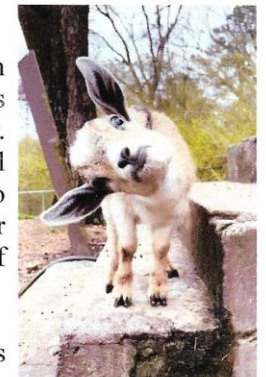
In 2014, a young couple, Wes and Elizabeth Hollaway, were ready to buy a home. They had been renting in Leeds and had some idea of what they were looking for. They wanted to be out of a city, but close enough for commuting for work. They had three large dogs, and they wanted enough land for the dogs to roam around. So, like any other house hunters today, they turned to Google! From there they eventually found a listing for a house with some land on Colgate Road in Moody. Before moving in, they created a large fenced in area for their dogs. They began clearing brush and kudzu. When they received a “Welcome Basket” from the Acmar United Methodist Church, they realized they had moved into a special community. That day, they began eating the cookies and reading the information about the history of Acmar. Like many people in this area, they had never heard of Acmar. They began receiving the Soul Miner church newsletter and enjoyed reading each month and learning more about their new “hometown.” They learned they had neighbors they could call on if something was needed and neighbors learned the Hollaways could be counted on for help, too. In 2018, some adjacent land was auctioned and they were able to purchase that land, too.



Wes and Elizabeth love animals, but had never considered the possibility of having a farm. They did feel they had enough space now and caring in their hearts to begin fostering dogs from rescue shelters to give those facilities more time to find homes for the animals to avoid being euthanized.


















When the Covid pandemic happened, suddenly they were working from home and had more free time to devote to animals. Elizabeth had always thought it would be fun to have some chickens, so they purchased four. As their chicken population grew, they decided to invest in two beautiful Great Pyrenees dogs to train as livestock guardians. They wanted to expand their four-legged family to include raising miniature goats. Their Nigerian Dwarf Goats are loved by anyone who sees them. Some of these were even a popular part of some ‘goat yoga’ sessions!



The Hollaways decided to call their operation “Acmar Acres Farm”. Wes said they chose that name to honor their new community home.



December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Terrie Denny	2 Ladies at  Nancy's 11 a
3  CHURCH 9	4	5	6  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	7	8   Sis Bosworth Walter Cash	9 Moody Christmas Parade 5 pm 
10 CHURCH 9 a Community Christmas 2 Yvonne Howard Michael Wolfe 	11  	12   Jimmy Byers Elliott Lowery	13   Christine Garrett Joseph Howard	14  MOODY BINGO 10 a	15	16
17  CHURCH 9	18   Ava Anderson Lena Wimberly	19	20  MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	21  Jane Byers 1 st Day Winter	22  Veterans Party 2 pm Vet Home Pell City	23  Debbie Kendrick
24 CHURCH 9 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25  CHRISTMAS	26  Ti Carpenter	27	28 	29	30
31 CHURCH 9 a NEW YEAR'S EVE 					Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery

Soul Food for December

Mon., November 27 **Isaiah 64:1-9**
 Tue., November 28 **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**
 Wed., November 29 **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
 Thur., November 30 **Luke 1:5-25**
 Fri., December 1 **Mark 8:31-33**
 Sat., December 2 **Genesis 2:7-9**

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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., December 4 **Isaiah 40:1-11**
 Tue., December 5 **Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**
 Wed., December 6 **2 Peter 3:8-15**
 Thur., December 7 **Luke 1:26-30**
 Fri., December 8 **Psalm 40:1-5**
 Sat., December 9 **Genesis 1:1-13**



Mon., December 18 **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**
 Tue., December 19 **Luke 1:47-55**
 Wed., December 20 **Romans 16:25-27**
 Thur., December 21 **Luke 2:1-20**
 Fri., December 22 **Romans 12:9-14**
 Sat., December 23 **Matthew 5:14-16**

Mon., December 11 **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**
 Tue., December 12 **Psalm 126**
 Wed., December 13 **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**
 Thur., December 14 **Matthew 1:18-25**
 Fri., December 15 **Jeremiah 16:10-21**
 Sat., December 16 **Matthew 5:43-48**

Mon., December 25 **Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3**
 Tue., December 26 **Psalm 148**
 Wed., December 27 **Galatians 4:4-7**
 Thur., December 28 **Luke 2:22-40**
 Fri., December 29 **John 3:16-21**
 Sat., December 30 **1 Corinthians 3:5-9**