



The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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Oktoberfest

The original "Oktoberfest" occurred in Munich, Germany on October 12, 1810. For the commemoration of their marriage Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen organized a great horse race. Over time a parade and carnival booths with prizes, food and drink were added.

The Chamber of Commerce of Moody will host Oktoberfest with entertainment, activities and booths with games, prizes, crafts, food and drink provided by businesses, churches, individuals, organizations and the city.

Oktoberfest at Moody City Park

Saturday, October 7, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No charge for admission / Free candy

Blessing of Animals

In the 1200's, St. Francis of Assisi was devoted to preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He loved life and God's creatures. He called the animals "his brothers and sisters."

Joining with St. Francis in witnessing to God's love, care and concern for all of creation, Acmar United Methodist Church will host a "Blessing of Animals" at Moody City Park.

Blessing of Animals

at Moody City Park

Moody Miracle League Pavilion

Sunday, October 8, 2017

Anytime between 3 - 5 pm

Hosted by

Acmar United Methodist Church

Every animal blessed will receive a certificate. We will have a photographer to make pictures and you are welcome to make your own. For information call Belinda Wilson 640-6719.

Special Olympics

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for athletes with intellectual and physical challenges.

The St. Clair County School system gives their students that opportunity each year. In addition to the athletic events, there are ceremonies, socializing, eating, awards and even a memory photo made with Tatoo, the coolest llama ever!

St. Clair County Schools

Special Olympics

"Let the FUN Begin"

Thur., October 12, 2017 / Opening 10 am

Moody City Park in Moody, AL

"Walk to Defeat ALS"

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

The ALS Association works to create a world without ALS. They support global research and advocacy while empowering people with ALS and their families to live fuller lives by providing compassionate care and support. The Walk is their largest annual event.

"Walk to Defeat" ALS / Birmingham, AL

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Registration: 10 am / Walk: 11 am

Railroad Park

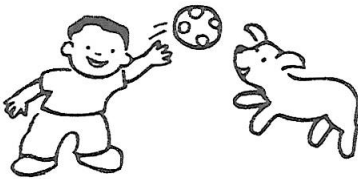
1600 1st Ave South

Birmingham, AL 35233

To make a donation or register to walk, you may go to the website "Walk to Defeat ALS Alabama Chapter" or contact Bobbi Grady, Director of Development & Outreach at bobbi@alsalabama.org or (205) 213-7289. Acmar will walk in memory of Bruce Payton.

Children's Camp

Draw a line to match each animal with its tail.



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



Look Here:

*God saw all that He had made, and it
was very good. (Genesis 1:31)*

Digging In:

God made all the animals in the world.
God made fish, birds, insects and people.

BONUS: What animal are you thankful God
made? Draw a picture of it!



The Acmar Community Quilt

Although May is officially ALS Awareness Month, this October holds special meaning for us at Acmar United Methodist Church. We were somewhat aware of the disease commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease" in a distant way until this devastating disease struck one of our own.

Then it became increasingly personal.

When Bruce Payton met and married an Acmar girl, Rhonda Turner, they made lots of plans for their future. As each learned about their hobbies and interests, they found they both wanted to travel. They planned driving trips to various parts of the country, usually destinations connected with history or natural wonders. Bruce worked at a job he loved, but he was an avid outdoorsman in his free time: fishing and hunting whatever was in season, or just testing his skill as an accomplished marksman. When he wasn't fishing, hunting, shooting, or driving, he could be found in his woodworking shop creating beautiful pieces that will always be treasured. When he became "Paw Paw", he also began making toys.

Bruce became a part of our Acmar church family, eventually bringing his sweet mother, Sarah, along with them to church. As serious symptoms began to appear, the diagnosis of ALS was a crushing blow. In stunned disbelief, we began to see Bruce slipping away. Bruce could no longer work and Rhonda took early retirement to devote herself to his care full time. Good friends helped build a deck/ramp and make the necessary modifications to their home to make it accessible for Bruce. In 2015, while in a wheelchair but still able to eat, speak, and use his hands, they ventured out on a three week trip across America. Rhonda drove the van, while Bruce critiqued her driving! They covered over 6,000 miles to several national parks and places they had thought they'd have plenty of time to visit "someday." Even though some places weren't accessible, they were so glad to have taken the trip when they did. As his condition worsened, even coming to church was no longer possible. Rhonda once remarked that this disease had taught them so much about people. Some they thought were true friends gradually drifted out of their lives, but others surprised them by becoming frequent visitors and help whenever it was needed, creating a special bond of love and friendship. The local ALS Association provided support and equipment allowing Rhonda to keep taking care of Bruce at home. Hospice brought a special nurse whom they grew to love and will always consider a part of the family.

Their grandchildren living out of town meant they didn't get to see them as often as they'd like. Then Bruce developed a special relationship with the youngest addition to our church family, Merritt Champion. When baby Merritt visited a couple of times each week, she was content to lay against his chest with his arm around her. It was usually Bruce who reminded when it was time for a bottle. As she began to grow and get busier, we found that, although he could no longer speak, Bruce could still laugh! With the amazing technology that allowed him to communicate using his eye movements, Bruce could have the Dynavox play music, turn on cartoons on TV, or participate in a game of Peek-A-Boo with Merritt. He never seemed to mind when she would climb over him and play with his nose. He once said he hoped to live long enough that she would remember him. We'll make sure she does.

Bruce peacefully passed away September 12, 2017. The celebration of his life focused on all the things he did in his time on earth and the many people who loved him. Acmar United Methodist Church members will once again participate in the "Walk to Defeat ALS" which draws people of all ages and abilities together to honor the courageous souls who are affected by ALS, to remember those who have passed, and to show support for the cause. This year's walk will be held October 28, at Railroad Park in Birmingham, AL. For more information visit www.alsalabama.org/



October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHURCH 9 am World Communion	2 Jeff Baker	3	4 MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	5	6	7 Oktoberfest Moody Park 10 a - 4 p Midge Turner
8 CHURCH 9 Blessing of Animals Moody Park 3 - 5 pm Greg Bosworth	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10 Bible Study Church 10:30 am Byers Home 6:30 pm	11 CHURCH SUPPER 6:30 pm Donna Turner	12 Special Olympics Moody Park 10 am NAC Bishop Pell City UMC 6-8 pm	13	14
15 CHURCH 9 am	16 Lauren Howard	17 BINGO Moody 10:30 am	18 MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Pizza Hut Moody 6pm	19	20	21
22 CHURCH 9 am Matt Byers	23	24 Bible Study Byers Home 6:30 pm	25 Bible Study Church 10:30 am Blake Howard	26 BINGO Leeds 10 am	27	28 Walk to Defeat ALS at Railroad Park/B'ham Reg. 10 am Walk 11 am
29 CHURCH 9 am Sp. Offering Ind. / Family Support	30	31 HALLOWEEN				

Mon., October 2
Tue., October 3
Wed., October 4
Thur., October 5
Fri., October 6
Sat., October 7

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Mark 6:35-44

Acmar United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 85 / 4107 Old Acton Road / Moody 35004
Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. 10
Take Cty. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
Travel 1 mile; Right onto Acmar Rd; Travel 2 mi.
Left onto Old Acton Road. Phone: 640-4325

Mon., October 9
Tue., October 10
Wed., October 11
Thur., October 12
Fri., October 13
Sat., October 14

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
Psalm 92:1-15
Hebrews 10:19-25

Mon., October 23
Tue., October 24
Wed., October 25
Thur., October 26
Fri., October 27
Sat., October 28

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46
Luke 5:17-26
Psalm 29:1-11

Mon., October 16
Tue., October 17
Wed., October 18
Thur., October 19
Fri., October 20
Sat., October 21

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
1 John 3:1-3
Acts 16:22-31

Mon., October 30
Tue., October 31
Wed., November 1
Thur., November 2

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12