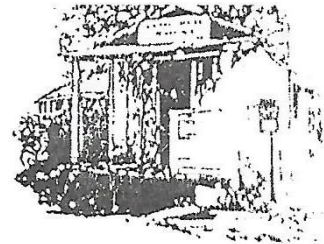


The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Others

If it was The Cokesbury Hymnal, the song leader would call out a favorite, "page 177." In The Broadman Hymnal, it was "page 77." It was a different number in 21 other hymnals.

Others

*Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for – Others.*

*(Chorus) Others, Lord, yes, others,
Let this my motto be
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee.*

*Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I'd do for You
Must needs be done for – Others.*

(Chorus)

*Let "Self" be crucified and slain
And buried deep; and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again,
Unless to live for – Others.*

(Chorus)

*And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heav'n's begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of – Others.*

(Chorus)

The lyrics were written by Charles D. Meigs in 1902 and copyrighted in 1907. It was set to music by Elizabeth McEwen Shields. It was copyrighted and published in 1917.

Often there is a "history" or story of a hymn. Perhaps, it's appropriate for a song about "others" not to know much about the author.

What we know came from his obituary in the Indianapolis Star on Friday, May 14, 1920.¹

Charles D. Meigs – Veteran Indiana Publisher Dies on May 13, 1920 at the age of 78 – Active in Religious Work

Charles Meigs was born at Philadelphia, September 20, 1846. He was the son of the late Charles D. Meigs of Indianapolis. In 1873, he married Anna L. Allen. He had an adopted daughter, Miss Florence Hubbard.

In 1868, Charles became a bookkeeper in the old Merrill book store and later became one of a partnership in Merrill, Meigs & Co. He was manager of the law department of the Bowen-Merrill Company, and a member of the firm. He was for more than fifty years associated with publishing houses in Indianapolis.

He sold his interest in the publishing business to focus on his religious work. He was general secretary of the Indiana Sunday School Association and on the executive committee of the International Sunday School Association. He was active in the Y.M.C.A. He was a member of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and chaplain of the Indiana Gideons.

Sadly, "Others" didn't make later song books. We should still sing and live by it in 2020.

*Others, Lord, yes, others,
Let this my motto be
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee.*

***Let each of you look out not only
for his own interests, but also for the
interests of others. (Philippians 2:4)***

¹ www.Findagrave.com. Charles D. Meigs. *Indianapolis Star*, May 14, 1920, p. 13.

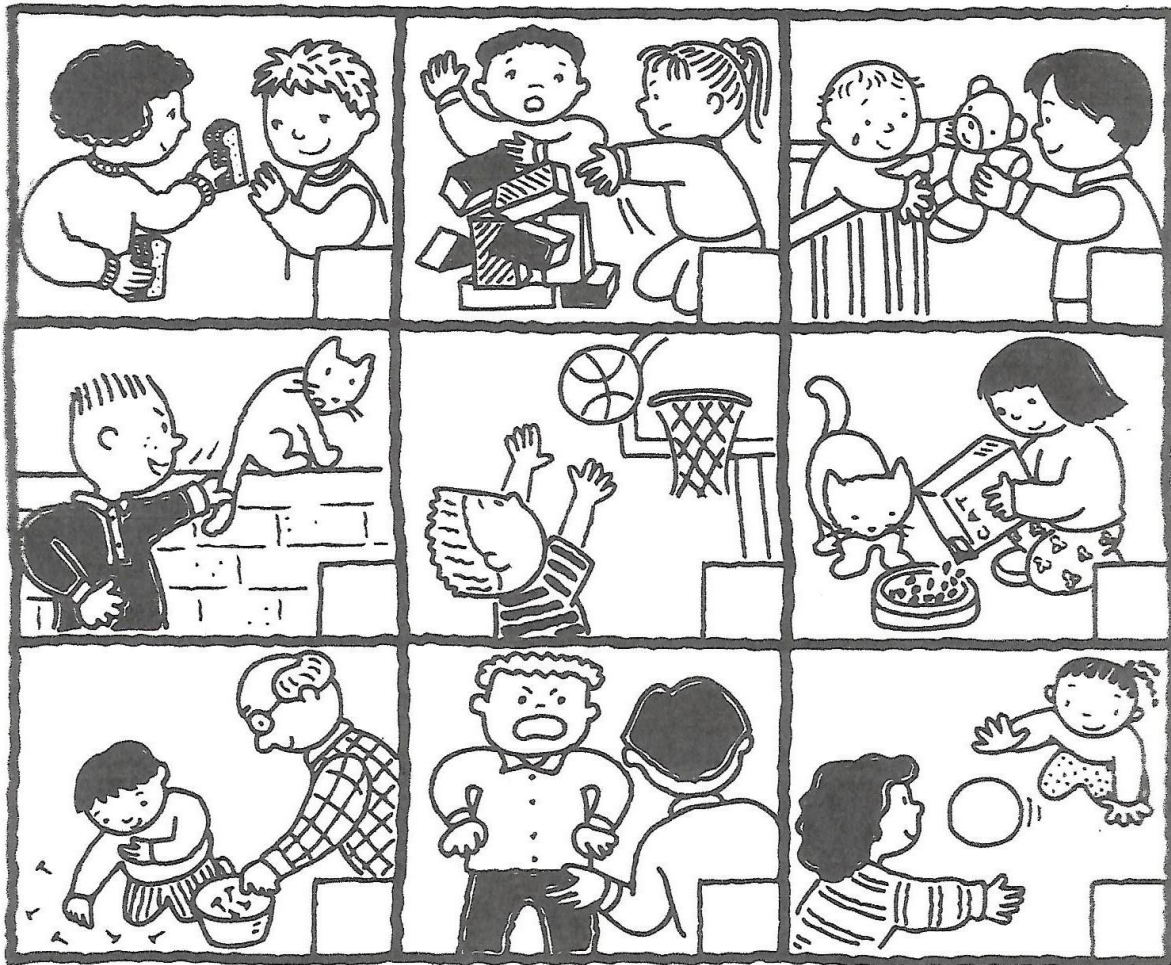
Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 66

Look at the pictures.

Draw an ✕ in the box by the pictures that show ways to be kind.



Draw a ○ around the word in each row that matches the first word. These words tell 3 ways to be kind.

give	give	grow	sing
help	kind	share	help
care	candy	king	care



Look Here:

"Don't just look out for yourself; look out for others as well." (Philippians 2:4)

Digging In:

We shouldn't just think about ourselves.
We should look out for what others need.
We should help others and be kind.



The Acmar Community Quilt

"I brought you some squash!" Now, how someone would react to that statement would greatly depend on one or two things: whether or not they enjoyed eating squash and/or how tight their grocery budget might be. At this time of year when people harvest seasonal vegetables and fruits, members of Acmar church will often bring their surplus to share. It wouldn't be surprising to find a box of pears or bags of tomatoes in the vestibule. But when squash is being shared, it often brings a smile at the memory of Elias and Nelle Gurubel.

After graduating from Southeastern Bible College and doing some graduate work at Birmingham Southern, Elias and Nelle knew they wanted to serve the Lord. They applied to several organizations, but nothing opened up for them. One day, separate from each other, they felt they were being called into the ministry. In early summer of 1968, they received a call, to come to a small church in a community called "Acmar." Elias Gurubel was appointed pastor at Acmar United Methodist Church. His wife, Nelle, accompanied him and became our church pianist. Their two young children, David and Beth, rounded out this young family in their first church appointment. Since Acmar is considered a part-time appointment with no parsonage and only one Sunday morning service each week, pastors usually needed full-time employment elsewhere to support themselves and their families. It turned out that Elias also worked at Southern Company in Birmingham with long-time Acmar resident, Charles "Buddy" Wilson. A dear old friend gave them her old Studebaker, so God had provided them with the transportation needed to get them the 40 miles to Acmar each week. The Acmar congregation embraced this young family and, unbeknown to each other, different people did different things to show love to Elias and his family. They received things like children's clothes, jelly, pickles, canned food, and meat. But then one Sunday after church, Nelle remembers that Jessie Turner told them to stop by her house, that she had something for them. They were given some tomatoes ... and LOTS of squash! Nelle had always hated squash growing up, but graciously accepted this food offering for their family with its extremely tight grocery budget. So Nelle learned a new recipe for squash, which wasn't too bad. But then, another Sunday brought even more squash! Nelle learned to cook squash in so many different ways, that it became one of her favorite foods! And then... there was the Sunday Elias was told we'd be giving them a "Pounding." Elias didn't know about the country tradition of everyone bringing food for the pastor's family, but he bravely showed up the next Sunday, willing to face what he thought was to come, only to be surprised to receive several pounds of groceries!

As his "first" church, Elias officiated his first wedding with Yvonne James and Phil Howard. He would also be the one to marry Karen Turner and Jimmy Byers. People still smile when they remember that, with his strong Mexican accent, Elias would ask the grooms did they take "these womens" as their wife! Nelle's talent in cake decorating made many weddings extra special, even the cake for Belinda Gooch and Andy Wilson.

Nelle was also asked to become the Sunday School teacher for a small group of teenagers at Acmar. A little unsure of herself to begin with, she feels God used that experience to lay the foundation of the training to later become the Director of Wonder Book Camp. After all these years, Acmar is still contributing to the ministry of Wonder Book Camp. The lives of countless young people have been greatly impacted through that ministry in which she and Elias are still active.
















Elias served as Pastor from 1968 until 1975, and we certainly hated to see them be moved by the Methodist Conference. He was returned briefly when another pastor left. Over the years, Elias and Nelle served several churches. It was a time when some things in life were very hard, but there were also things that were very good. But Nelle says she has no problem letting everyone know that Acmar would always be their favorite!

Elias and Nelle now have 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren!



September 2020

No Worship or Events Scheduled Due to COVID-19

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Soul Miner on Acmar Website Under Gallery </div>		1	2  Alex Sims	3  Nora Howard	4	5
	6	7  LABOR DAY	8	9  Mike Denny	10	11  Paul Goodner
12	13  Kristi Wolfe Belinda Wilson 	14	15	16	17  Joshua Byers Gwen Bosworth 	18
19	20  Max Lowery	21	22  Michele Cash	23  Brandon Howard 1 st DAY OF AUTUMN 	24  John Bosworth	25  Stan Siegreest
26	27	28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Hear Audio Sermon Podcasts by Pastor Belinda Wilson on the Acmar UMC Website. </div>	

Soul Food for September

Mon., August 31 **Exodus 12:1-14**
 Tue., September 1 **Psalm 148**
 Wed., September 2 **Romans 13:8-14**
 Thur., September 3 **Matthew 18:15-20**
 Fri., September 4 **Matthew 25:31-40**
 Sat., September 5 **Genesis 39:20-23**



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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., September 7 **Exodus 14:19-31**
 Tue., September 8 **Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21**
 Wed., September 9 **Romans 14:1-12**
 Thur., September 10 **Matthew 18:21-35**
 Fri., September 11 **John 13:1-15**
 Sat., September 12 **Psalm 4:1-8**

Mon., September 21 **Exodus 17:1-7**
 Tue., September 22 **Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**
 Wed., September 23 **Philippians 2:1-13**
 Thur., September 24 **Matthew 21:23-32**
 Fri., September 25 **Isaiah 40:28-31**
 Sat., September 26 **Mark 7:31-37**

Mon., September 14 **Exodus 16:2-15**
 Tue., September 15 **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**
 Wed., September 16 **Philippians 1:21-30**
 Thur., September 17 **Matthew 20:1-16**
 Fri., September 18 **Psalm 28:6-9**
 Sat., September 19 **Genesis 1:1-25**

Mon., September 28 **Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**
 Tue., September 29 **Psalm 19**
 Wed., September 30 **Philippians 3:4b-14**
 Thur., October 1 **Matthew 21:33-46**
 Fri., October 2 **Romans 8:5-14**
 Sat., October 3 **1 Samuel 16:1-13**