



# The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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## Run Your Race

The 2010 Disney movie, *Secretariat*, opens with Scripture from the biblical book Job. Job has posed some questions of God. God answers with some questions of His own.

Among those questions, God asks Job, ***"Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? ... His majestic snorting strikes terror. He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; he gallops into the clash of arms. He mocks at fear, and is not frightened ... He devours the distance with fierceness and rage... At the blast of the trumpet he says, 'Aha!'"*** (Job 39:19-25)

Helen Bates "Penny" Chenery Tweedy recalls that as a child her father told her, "You have to run your race." At the time of her mother's death and her father's illness, Penny's race included being a wife, mother to four children, and Red Cross volunteer in Colorado.

Penny decided that her race now included honoring her father by taking over Meadow Stable, his thoroughbred farm in Virginia. She wanted to help her father accomplish his dream of having a Kentucky Derby winner. She bred their mare, Somethingroyal, with Bold Ruler. Bold Ruler's lineage had speed and Somethingroyal's lineage had stamina.

In 1970, Somethingroyal gave birth to "Big Red." A red chestnut with 3 white socks and a white star with a narrow stripe on his face. He stood only 45 minutes after being born.

Always with a healthy appetite, he grew to be a large, well-balanced stallion with large, powerful hindquarters. He was kind, likeable and unruffled in crowds or being bumped by young horses. He posed for pictures and could be described as the perfect horse with a big heart – physically and in temperament.

At the age of two, Big Red began to race under the name of Secretariat. In 1973, Secretariat won the Triple Crown. He ran the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont in still-standing record setting times.

Perhaps, after being jostled in his first race, Secretariat usually broke late out of the gates. He lagged behind until making his move to gain first place. In the Belmont, however, he broke out of the gates in the lead and never let up. He won the race 31 lengths ahead of the next horse. It is regarded as one of the greatest races. He was given an opportunity to run his race and made the most of it.

Secretariat, the red thoroughbred who raced in blue and white colors, captured America's heart. At a time when America was trying to run her race during Watergate and the Viet Nam War, it was uplifting to have a champion.

Since America gained her independence in 1776, we have run the race set before us. Sometimes we have faltered and failed to be the nation God has given us an opportunity to be. Other times we have risen above tremendous obstacles to be champions.

Just as God has created horses and called forth nations, God creates each and every one of us and calls us to run our race. We do it from our heritage and to honor those before us. We run with people encouraging us and with our eyes upon Jesus who sits with God.

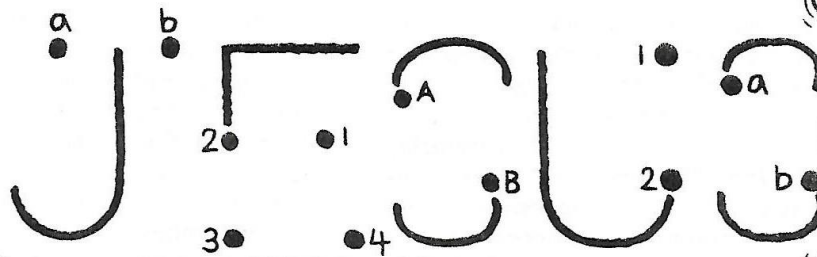
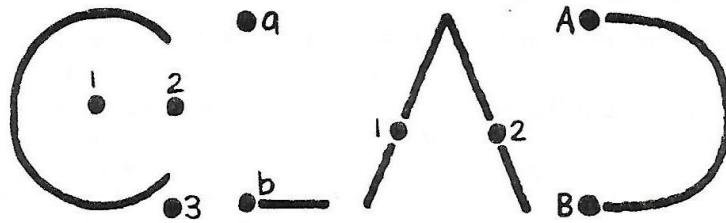
***Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which easily ensnares us; let us run with endurance the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1)***



# Children's Camp

Puzzle 68

Complete the dot-to-dots to find two words.



Find these words in the puzzle:

GLAD JESUS TELL

G	A	S	L	J
T	E	L	L	E
O	R	P	I	S
G	L	A	D	U
P	E	T	K	S



Look carefully at the puzzle to find and circle more words:

OR PET LID PAT GAS



The wisdom of God.

We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.



Look Here:

Let us run our race looking toward Jesus who joyfully sits with God in heaven.

(Hebrews 12:1)

Digging In:

Jesus ran His race on earth and now is glad to sit with God the Father in Heaven.

Each one of us has our own race to run. God is glad when we run our race.

We can be glad and tell others about Jesus.



## The Acmar Community Quilt

Depending on who you talk to, Charles DeBardleben was either a man of vision who wanted to create self-sufficient communities that functioned well for the company and the people who lived there, or a tyrant who used people for personal gain and hated the United Mine Workers union. One thing that is evident from speaking with people who grew up here in Acmar, Charles DeBardleben had strong feelings regarding patriotism and citizenship. In the late 1930s, our country had come through the first World War where many young men from company communities had served and then lived through the Great Depression where they were still able to work some and provide food for their families from the gardens DeBardleben had required they maintained. Many of the activities in the company schools and other aspects of the communities emphasized the importance of patriotism and the "Golden Rule". Below is an excerpt from the 1939 book by Fred Marvin: Alabama Fuel & Iron Company and its People.






















"Citizenship is not something incidental in their lives... Those living and enjoying life at Margaret, Acmar, and Overton recognize the fact that it is not the duty of government to support them, but instead their duty to support the government. They ask no financial aid from Washington; they earn what they require... they see no advantage in urging a policy of scarcity – of coal for instance – when they know people during the severe winters need heat; and they want no Federal agency to tell them where and how they must work, or otherwise interfere in their lives. They know what they are doing, they are satisfied with what they secure and, being intelligent men and women, recognize that if they place their lives in the hands of "absentee" labor leaders, their liberties would be invaded, their freedom of action destroyed."

"And they know that our Constitution has a theistic basis; that the doctrine upon which their government is based is found in the Declaration of Independence which asserts that God gave every human being certain unalienable rights among them being the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They realize they are permitted to exercise these God-given rights without interference, and they are determined that no outside agency shall ever deprive them of these rights."

"Not only do they know these things, but they have a manner of expressing these views that is both appealing and convincing. During the three visits to the communities of the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company, I heard more good, sound, constructive talks by the residents of Margaret, Acmar, and Overton than had ever heard at any gathering or patriotic meetings."



# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <b>CHURCH 9</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> Shyla Johnson Liz Reeves 	2  Patty Crocker	3  Glenda Mancill	4  UNITED STATES INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7
8  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am	9	10	11  Danny Nicholson	12  Jackson Wimberly	13  Maddie Grace Wilson	14
15  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am	16	17  BINGO Moody 10:30 am	18  <b>MCA 3-5</b> Carpenetti's 6 pm  Laura Carpenter	19  Vicki Siegreest	20	21  Christopher Champion
22  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am	23	24	25	26  BINGO Leeds 10 am  Rhonda Payton	27  Alysoun Champion	28
29  <b>CHURCH</b> Sp. Offering ALS Astrid Carpenter 	30	31	<div> <p>Receive "The Acmar Soul Miner" by e-mail Contact Donna Turner at <a href="mailto:msdturner@aol.com">msdturner@aol.com</a> Soul Miner is on website at <a href="http://www.acmarumc.org">www.acmarumc.org</a></p> </div>			

## Soul Food for July

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

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13  
Matthew 6:25-34  
Psalm 18:1-6

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

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 16:32-33



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

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-12  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56  
Hebrews 6:9-12  
Luke 22:54-62

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Travel 1 mile; Right onto Acmar Rd; Travel 2 mi.  
Left onto Old Acton Road. Phone: 640-4325

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

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21  
1 Samuel 18:1-4

Mon., July 30  
Tue., July 31  
Wed., August 1  
Thur., August 2  
Fri., August 3  
Sat., August 4

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35  
1 Kings 17:1-9  
Isaiah 11:1-10