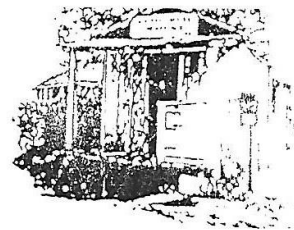


## The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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### Service is Joy

*I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold, service was joy.<sup>1</sup>*

The poem is by Rabindranath Tagore. Born in Calcutta, India, he lived from 1861-1941. He was the youngest of thirteen children. He began writing poetry at the age of 8-years-old.

He became a poet, author, songwriter, playwright, philosopher, and educator. He was a husband and father of five children.

In 1913, Tagore became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Nobel Prizes were established by the will of Alfred Nobel, a Swedish industrialist, in 1895. Since 1901, five Nobel Prizes are given yearly in the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Peace, and Literature.

In his will, Alfred Nobel stated, "a person who, in the field of literature, produced the most outstanding work in an idealistic direction" should be awarded the Prize in Literature.<sup>2</sup>

Humanity needs those who, with their words, direct us to a life with a standard of perfection, beauty or excellence. Often this ideal life comes from a direction that is different than we might have thought. Changing our thoughts changes our behavior and actions.

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<sup>1</sup> Packard, Susan. *Fully Human*. New York: NY, TarcherPerigee, 2019, page 197.

<sup>2</sup> Wikipedia. Nobel Prizes.

James and John, two of Jesus' disciples, thought that the way to be great was to be seated beside Jesus in the Kingdom.

**James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."**

**Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"**

**They said, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." (Mark 10:35-37)**

**When the ten disciples heard it, they were greatly displeased with James and John.**

**Jesus called them and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.**

**"Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.**

**"And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.**

**"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:41-45)**

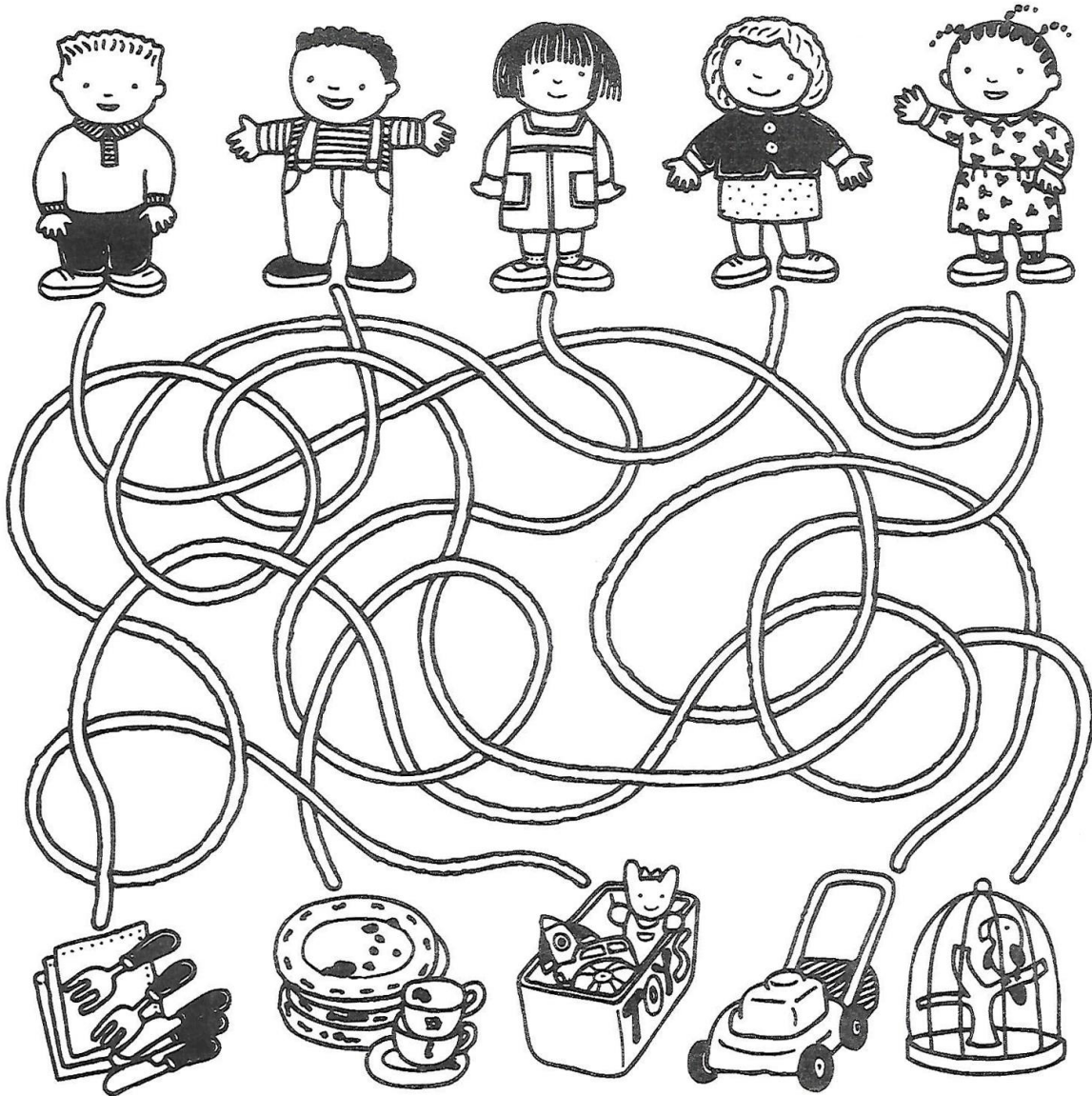
Jesus is our ideal example of living life. He lifted up being a servant. He lifted up the action of giving one's life to save another.

As a human, we can sink deep into self and into sin. This direction leads us to a life of destruction and death. As a divine God, born as a perfect Man, Jesus was able to die on the cross for the sins of imperfect humans. As Jesus paid for our ransom, He freed us to live a life of joy now and throughout eternity.

# Children's Camp

Puzzle 20

Follow each line to find the way each child helps his or her family.  
(You may use a different colored crayon to follow each line!)



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

**Look Here:**  
**Jesus said, "To be great be like a servant."**  
**(Mark 10:43)**

**Digging In:**  
Servants help people.  
Jesus was a servant and helped many people.  
We can be a servant like Jesus.

We can help our families and friends.  
We can help our classmates and neighbors.

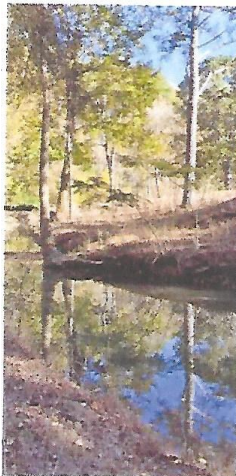


## The Acmar Community Quilt

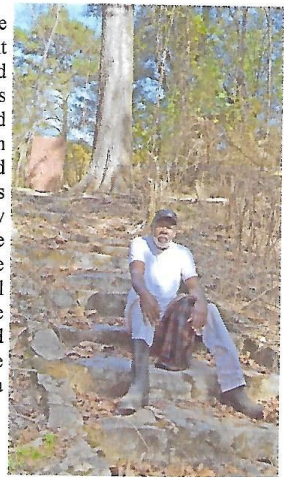


The commissary at Acmar was an essential part of the Acmar community. During mining days it filled the needs of local families and was also a good spot to talk with others and learn the latest news. One miner once laughed and pointed out that the hand rails around the front porch were not flat, but were pointed to keep off duty miners from sitting around on the porch railings wasting time!

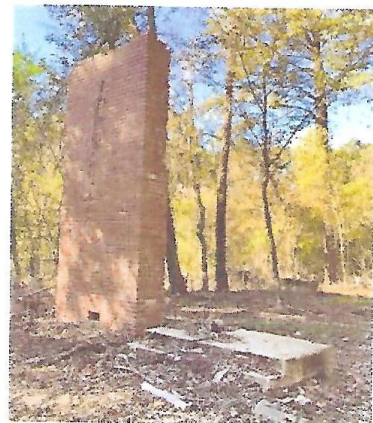
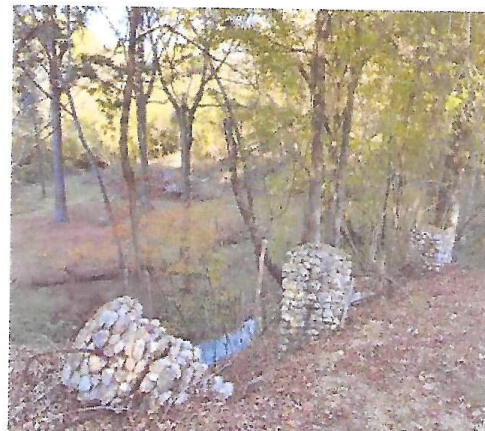
In the years since the mining company closed in 1950, there have only been three owners of the property containing the commissary, the coal covered gas station, and many surrounding acres. The first new owner established a cabinet shop inside the former company commissary for just a few years. In 1956, Lorraine and James Smith purchased the property and moved their business, Chicago Skating Rink Supply, from Birmingham to Acmar. They eventually hired a former miner, Cleveland "Cleve" Kinney to work there with them. With Jim's health failing, they sold the business in 1975. After his death in 1978, Lorraine kept the property that she had come to love and felt a certain responsibility to maintain it as well as she could. She later hired Cleve's son, Robert, who became her driver and all round handyman for the property. Previously, there had been a bridge over Little Black Creek on the road that went past the coal gas station and into what had once been a very busy section of Acmar with the doctor's office, barber shop, and several other buildings. But when the wooden timbers of the bridge burned, leaving only the supports, access to that area was cut off. As decades passed, nature reclaimed much of the property with trees, vines, and privet hedges taking over.



After Lorraine's death in 2009, there was much speculation about what might be done with the property. There was concern a developer might purchase it and split up parcels for a bunch of houses. At one point, the city of Moody discussed purchasing it and keeping it as a park and historic site, but that fell through. As months passed, neighbors and those who cared about preserving that area wondered what might happen to the old commissary, gas station, and surrounding area. When Lee Clark purchased the property in 2013, we all hoped something good would happen. And it has! Mr. Clark seems to be embracing the beautiful property and has kept Robert Kinney on as a caretaker. Several different areas of the land have now been cleared. Many places look like archeological sites where one can now see foundations of old buildings and stairways that were once the steps into those buildings. Some areas around the creek banks have been cleared creating beautiful views much like miners in the old days would have seen. Some people might be surprised to learn that the entrance most people used for years to enter the old commissary was actually the back of the building. The front, main entrance faces the creek and area where the road used to come down from Pine Hill. There was even a "swinging bridge" over that part of the creek near what had once been the large park.














For now, the work continues on the property and access to it is very limited. Who knows? Maybe Mr. Clark will build a new house on a hillside with a beautiful view over the foundation where another Acmar home once stood.





## March 2021

**Sunday, March 14 / Daylight Saving Time Starts / Spring Clock Forward 1 Hour**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2  Emily Turner Sims	3	4  Dava Walker	5	6
7  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am Gideon Speaker	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  <b>CHURCH</b> 9am DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Ron Smith	15	16	17  <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>	18	19	20  <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b>
21  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am Chloe Byrd	22	23  Melody June Lamphear	24	25	26	27
28  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am Palm Sun. Steven Lamphear	29  Debbie Bosworth  Michael Wilson	30	31  Barbara Shrum	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Sanctuary Worship Sundays 9 am Masks, Distancing &amp; No Singing Sermon Podcasts on Website </div>		

### Soul Food for March

Mon., March 1 Exodus 20:1-17  
 Tue., March 2 Psalm 19  
 Wed., March 3 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
 Thur., March 4 John 2:13-22  
 Fri., March 5 Matthew 6:5-6  
 Sat., March 6 Mark 14:32-38



Food for the Soul

Mon., March 8 Numbers 21:4-9  
 Tue., March 9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
 Wed., March 10 Ephesians 2:1-10  
 Thur., March 11 John 3:14-21  
 Fri., March 12 Matthew 6:7-13  
 Sat., March 13 Luke 11:1-4

Mon., March 15 Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Tue., March 16 Psalm 51:1-12  
 Wed., March 17 Hebrews 5:5-10  
 Thur., March 18 John 12:20-33  
 Fri., March 19 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18  
 Sat., March 20 Luke 11:5-13

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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., March 22 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
 Tue., March 23 Mark 11:1-10  
 Wed., March 24 Mark 14:22-42  
 Thur., March 25 Mark 14:43-72  
 Fri., March 26 Mark 15:1-47  
 Sat., March 27 Hebrews 4:12-16

Mon., March 29 Acts 10:34-43  
 Tue., March 30 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 Wed., March 31 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 Thur., April 1 John 20:1-18  
 Fri., April 2 Philippians 2:4-11  
 Sat., April 3 1 Corinthians 15:1-8