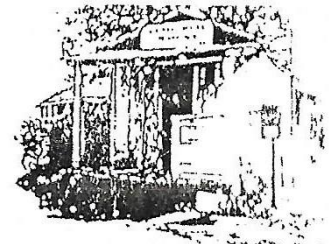


## The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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### **We Hold These Truths**

Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1776 the Second Continental Congress asked Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman to write the Declaration of Independence. These five selected thirty-three-year-old Thomas Jefferson to write it.

The second paragraph of the United States Declaration of Independence starts as follows: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The Founding Fathers based the foundation of the new country off of five ideals. It was these ideals that first attracted settlers to the land that is now America. These ideals are called the Five American Ideals.

**Democracy.** Democracy is a government controlled by the people. People choose their own leaders usually through voting.

**Rights.** A right is a person's capability of doing or having something that cannot be taken away. Americans are born with three unalienable rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

**Liberty.** Liberty is freedom. Freedoms such as choosing one's religion, right to own firearms, right to a fair trial, and to express ones views are laid out in the Constitution.

**Opportunity.** Opportunity is the chance to do something. Opportunities to worship, work, get an education and have a home are important.

**Equality.** Everyone is equal to one another.<sup>1</sup>

***There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.***  
***Galatians 3:28***

Ideals set the standard to which we aspire to live our lives. To live up to our ideals, we must make a commitment as we do with a covenant or vow promising to live this way.

The Constitution of the U. S. helps us to keep our standard. Written by our founders, it was adopted in 1789. It's like a rule book for our government and its people. It tells the government what it can and can't do, and it tells citizens what their freedoms are.

The Preamble states: We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The first 10 Amendments are known as The Bill of Rights. It spells out Americans' rights in relation to their government. It guarantees civil rights and liberties to the individual – like freedom of speech, press, and religion.

People desire to be free. Christians believe that our ultimate freedom is found in Christ. It is a freedom that comes from knowing that we have been forgiven of our sin and are free to live as people saved from sin for eternal life.

***Stand fast in the liberty by which Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*** Gal. 5:1

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### **Sermon Podcasts**

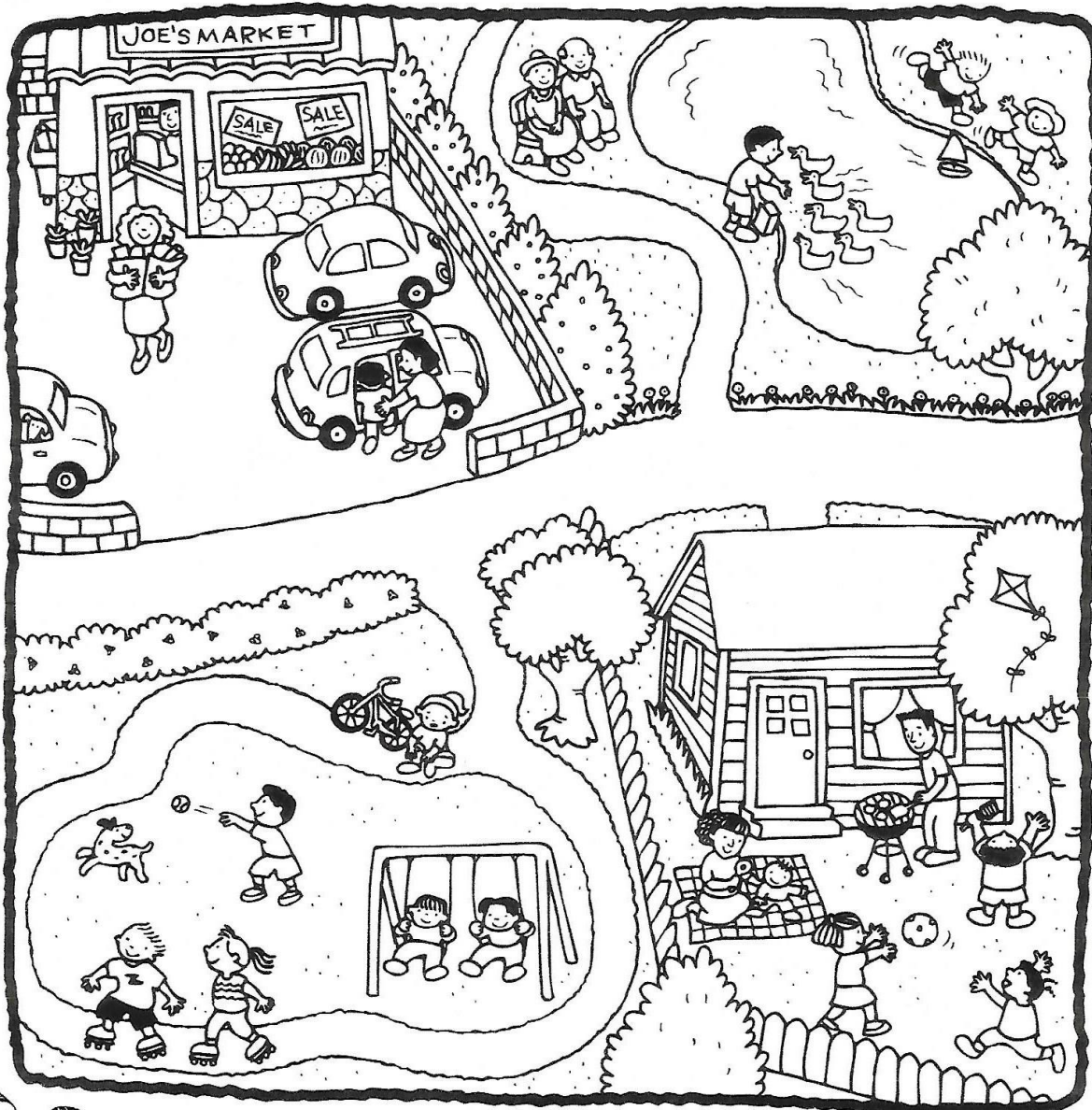
Hear Audio Sermon Podcasts by Pastor Belinda Wilson on the Acmar UMC Website.

<sup>1</sup> Anthonyh7.weebly.com



## Children's Camp

In each section, draw a ○ around the people who need help.



**Look Here:**  
***Our Bible says, "Do good to all people."  
(Galatians 6:10)***



Count how many people are in each section.  
Write the number in the section.



**Digging In:**  
God loves all people.  
We can love people and do good to them.

## *The Acmar Community Quilt*

Young Mary Williams moved to Acmar in 1943 with her mother and step-father, David Allen, who worked in the Acmar mines. She said he didn't really talk much about his work as a miner. He just considered it his job that he went to, worked, and came home. Much like many of us would do today.

Mary attended the company sponsored "colored" school for the children of the black miners. Mr. J. P. Russell was principal when she first arrived in Acmar. Her classes were actually held in two classrooms located in the church that was built by the company. There were also classes held upstairs in the church for 7th and 8th graders. Later, she attended classes at the company school located on the ridge now called Pine Hill Road. Mr. Walter Kennedy was the school's well respected principal at Acmar School and there is now a school in Pell City named in his honor. It is important to keep in mind that this was during the time of segregation in our country, but the mining company schools were all supposedly held to the same standards. Students brought their lunches most of the time, but there was a Tea Room nearby where special luncheons were held sometimes. Mary felt she received a good education in the Acmar School with all the common subjects covered and they even had courses in cosmetology! She graduated from the Acmar High School in 1952. She has fond memories of walking to Minnie Lee's Store for drinks, candy, and just something to do with friends. She remembers how the old men often gathered there to swap tales and gossip, and how good Miss Minnie was to extend credit to the miners.



Mary met Peter Paul and they had a courthouse wedding in 1954. Mary and Peter had four children: Larry, Joyce, Shelia, and Tracy. She now has six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.



As a young mother, she took a job at Smith Pride, a poultry company in Trussville. Eventually, Mary Paul took a job as custodian at Moody Elementary School and later transferred to Moody High School. She worked at the schools for 20 years and retired in 1995, so she was much loved and well remembered by students who passed through Moody schools during those years. Mary has been a long-time member of the nearby Mt. Olive Baptist Church. This photo was taken of her at a special 80th birthday celebration there held in her honor.



**July 2020 / No Worship or Events Scheduled Due to COVID-19  
Praying To Return to In-House Worship Soon**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  <b>Shyla Johnson</b>  <b>Liz Reeves</b>	2  <b>Patty Crocker</b>	3  <b>Glenda Mancill</b>	4  <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11  <b>Danny Nicholson</b>
12  <b>Jackson Wimberly</b>	13  <b>Maddie Grace Wilson</b>	14	15	16	17	18  <b>Laura Carpenter</b>
19  <b>Vicki Siegreest</b>	20	21  <b>Christopher Champion</b>	22	23	24	25  <b>Rhonda Payton</b>
26	27	28	29  <b>Astrid Carpenter</b>	30	31	

**Soul Food for July**

Mon., June 29  
Tue., June 30  
Wed., July 1  
Thur., July 2  
Fri., July 3  
Sat., July 4

**Genesis 24:34-67**  
**Psalms 72**  
**Romans 7:15-25a**  
**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**  
**Romans 6:1-13**  
**Mark 12:41-44**



*Food for the Soul*

Mon., July 6  
Tue., July 7  
Wed., July 8  
Thur., July 9  
Fri., July 10  
Sat., July 11

**Genesis 25:19-34**  
**Psalms 119:105-112**  
**Romans 8:1-11**  
**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**  
**Hebrews 2:5-18**  
**2 Corinthians 1:1-7**

Mon., July 13  
Tue., July 14  
Wed., July 15  
Thur., July 16  
Fri., July 17  
Sat., July 18

**Genesis 28:10-19a**  
**Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24**  
**Romans 8:12-25**  
**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**  
**Psalms 121:1-8**  
**Romans 12:9-21**

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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., July 20  
Tue., July 21  
Wed., July 22  
Thur., July 23  
Fri., July 24  
Sat., July 25

**Genesis 29:15-28**  
**Psalms 105:1-11, 45b**  
**Romans 8:26-39**  
**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**  
**Isaiah 45:2-6**  
**Genesis 50:15-21**

Mon., July 27  
Tue., July 28  
Wed., July 29  
Thur., July 30  
Fri., July 31  
Sat., August 1

**Genesis 32:22-31**  
**Psalms 17:1-7, 15**  
**Romans 9:1-5**  
**Matthew 14:13-21**  
**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**  
**Psalms 120:1-7**