



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Celebrate & Circulate Christmas

"Don't just celebrate Christmas this year; circulate it!" Those are the words of O.S. Hawkins in his booklet: *The Christmas Code: Daily Devotions Celebrating the Advent Season.*¹

The angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been favored by God. She was blessed because her Son would be called the Son of God. She was to name Him, 'Jesus.'

In a dream, an angel told Joseph not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Her baby was of the Holy Spirit. Joseph was told that when she brings forth her Son, he was to name Him 'Jesus,' for He would save His people from their sins.

Because of a decree from Caesar Augustus that everyone should be registered in their hometown, Joseph and Mary left Nazareth and traveled to Bethlehem, because they were of the lineage of David.

While they were there, Mary brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.

Out in the fields, shepherds were watching their flock by night. Behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them and told them not to fear. The angel brought good tidings of great joy for all people.

Born that day in the city of David was a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. The shepherds were given a sign. The Babe would be wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

Suddenly, there was with the angel a heavenly host praising God and saying:

***"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"***

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the Baby who was lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.
(Luke 2:17-20)

God chose simple shepherds to hear the angel's news of good tidings of great joy and the angels' song of glory.

The shepherds celebrated by going to see the Savior and glorifying and praising God. They circulated the good news by making widely known what they heard and saw. These shepherds were the first to circulate the good news of Christ's coming.

The word "Christmas" is a shortened form of the words "Christ's mass." Mass is derived from a Latin word which means "to send." Thus, the root meaning of Christmas is "to send Christ" or "Christ is sent."

The story of the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world, is good news to be celebrated and circulated. Celebrate & Circulate Christmas!

¹ Hawkins, O.S. *The Christmas Code*.
Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2017, p. 46.

Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #2.



Look at these pictures of people celebrating the good news that Jesus is born.

In each picture, draw a ○ around the person who is the shortest.



The wisdom of God.

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



Look Here:

*The shepherds were told, "Good news!
This day, Jesus has been born."*

(Luke 2:10-11)

Digging In:

The shepherds went to see Baby Jesus.
Jesus was born to save the world.

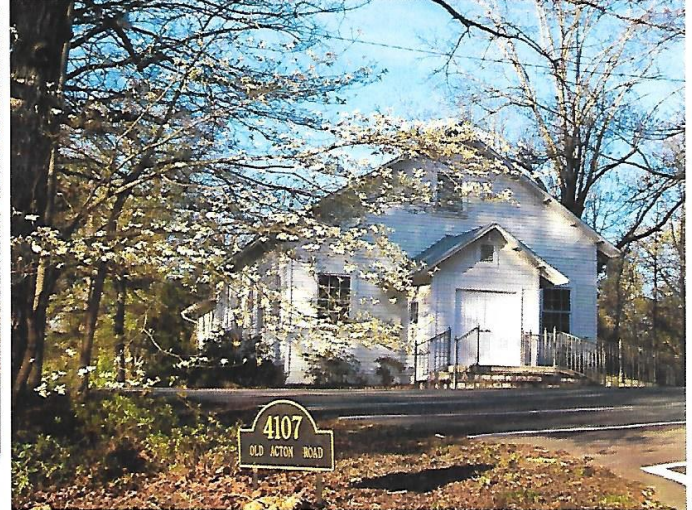
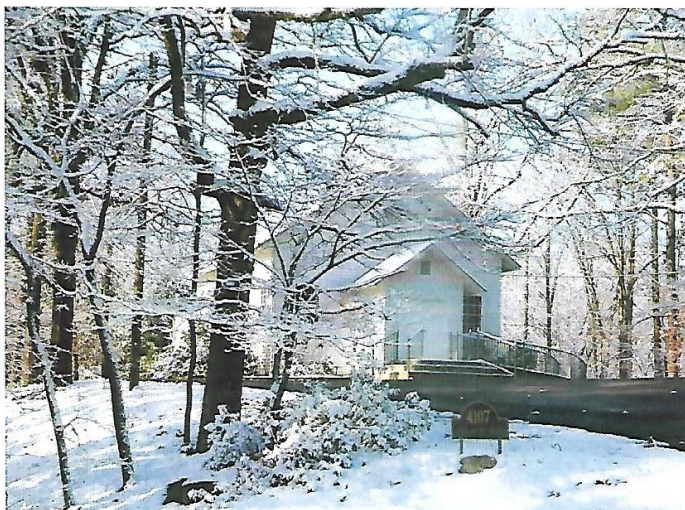
This made the shepherds very happy.
They told everyone they saw about Jesus.

We can tell everyone about Jesus.



The Acmar Community Quilt

A common expression you might hear folks around here say is that this is one place where you can experience all four seasons in the space of a week! While that's not literally true, sometimes it does feel as if we get unexpected days of unseasonably warm or cool weather in a short amount of time. But the passing of the seasons reminds us how each of us passes through the different stages or 'seasons' of our lifetime. The old church building has also seen the passing of many, many seasons and seems to be weathering it pretty well with the maintenance and care of the people who worship here. While we are uncertain of the exact date it was built, we do know it was sometime before 1920. Over the years there have been additions and changes, but the main constant factor has been that this little church building has been home to the church family and an important part of the community. This building has housed full crowds to small groups over the years. And from the day it was constructed, people have gathered within these walls to sing, pray, and learn more about what it means to be a Christian and part of the Acmar church family.





You are invited to Celebrate Christmas!

*Children's Christmas Program
"Celebrate and Circulate Christmas"
Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 9:00 am Worship*

*Acmar Community Christmas
Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Acmar United Methodist Church*




















*Christmas Story ~ Singing ~ Jingle Bells ~ Santa
Door Prizes ~ Refreshments ~ Casual ~ Free*

*Christmas Cantata: "Forever God Is with Us"
Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Worship*

*Acmar United Methodist Church
4107 Old Acton Road / P. O. Box 85
Moody, AL 35004
Phone: 640-4325*

*Directions:
From Moody Crossroads (Int. Hwy. 411 & Cty. Rd. 10)
Take Park Avenue (Cty. Rd. 10 W. toward Trussville)
Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Road; Travel 2 miles;
Turn left at Stop Sign on Old Acton Rd.; Church on left*

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Terrie Coshatt	2 Decorate  Church 10 a Louise Foster
3  CHURCH Children's Christmas Play 9 am	4	5	6  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	7	8  Sis Bosworth Walter Cash	9  <i>Ladies</i> Ladies at Nancy's 1 p Moody Parade 5 p
10 CHURCH  Community Christmas 2 Yvonne Howard	11  BINGO Moody 10:30 Ava Anderson Lenae Wimberly	12  Jimmy Byers Elliott Lowery	13  Christine Garrett Joseph Howard	14  BINGO Leeds 10 a Harriett Hall	15	16
17  CHURCH Choir Cantata 9 am	18 BINGO Moody 10:30 Ava Anderson Lenae Wimberly	19	20  Christmas with MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	21  FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22  Jane Byers	23
24  CHURCH 9 CHRISTMAS EVE	25  CHRISTMAS DAY	26  Ti Carpenter	27	28	29	30
31 CHURCH  S.H.A.R.E. NEW YEAR'S EVE						

Mon., November 27
Tue., November 28
Wed., November 29
Thur., November 30
Fri., December 1
Sat., December 2

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37
Mark 4:35-41
2 Corinthians 1:3-7



Food for the Soul

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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., December 4
Tue., December 5
Wed., December 6
Thur., December 7
Fri., December 8
Sat., December 9

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Luke 1:26-38
Mark 1:1-8
Isaiah 40:1-5
Matthew 6:25-34

Mon., December 18
Tue., December 19
Wed., December 20
Thur., December 21
Fri., December 22
Sat., December 23

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:47-55
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 2:1-20
1 John 1:5-9
Isaiah 49:8-16

Mon., December 11
Tue., December 12
Wed., December 13
Thur., December 14
Fri., December 15
Sat., December 16

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28
Ecclesiastes 5:13-20
Luke 2:1-20

Mon., December 25
Tue., December 26
Wed., December 27
Thur., December 28
Fri., December 29
Sat., December 30

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40
Jeremiah 29:10-14
Philippians 1:20-22