



# The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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## Resurrection Changes Everything

In his book, *The Restless Heart*, Ronald Rolheiser writes about a retreat.

The director, an experienced guide, began with simple instructions: "For this whole week, all I'm going to do is to try to teach you to pray so that you can open yourselves up in such a way that sometimes – maybe not today, but sometimes – you will hear God say to you, 'I love you!' Because before that happens, nothing is ever completely right with you – and after it happens, everything is really all right."<sup>1</sup>

Jesus' dying on the cross for the sins of humans is God's clearest, boldest, most sacrificial declaration of "I love you!"

Sometimes we humans argue with God and others about whether the cross and the death of Jesus was necessary for us to be saved from death and experience everlasting life with God. God says that it was necessary.

We like to be autonomous and free to make our own decisions about good and evil, right and wrong, holy and sinful.

In *Experiencing the Resurrection*, Henry and Melvin Blackaby liken the freedom from any restraint from God's laws to a person who climbs a tall building and jumps off. On the way down, he feels great for several stories. There are no restraints, no restrictions, no hang-ups. About ten stories before he hits the ground, he realizes that his choice of freedom is leading to some dire consequences he doesn't want to encounter.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rolheiser, Ronald. *The Restless Heart*. New York, NY: Doubleday, 2004, page 169.

<sup>2</sup> Blackaby, Henry and Melvin. *Experiencing the Resurrection*. Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 2008, page 22.

The Bible gives us the truth of our condition.  
**"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."**  
(Romans 3:23)

**"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**  
(Romans 6:23)

Sin includes us all but so does God with the gift of eternal life. Jesus died for all. We can accept God's gift and receive eternal life.

The death of Jesus on the cross was necessary for our being made right with God. It was not the end of the story. After death and burial in the tomb, came resurrection.

Resurrection is the act of rising from the dead. Jesus was raised from the dead. It is a gift for all those who believe in Him as Lord and Savior. Apart from Jesus Christ, the fear of death is universal. Resurrection is an encouraging word. It is eternal life in heaven for anyone who would receive Christ.

The eternal plan of God is what Christians call the gospel. It is the good news of Jesus. It is the central theme of Christianity. It defines our understanding of the love of God, who we are and the God we serve.

Resurrection changes everything because eternal life doesn't begin when we physically die on earth. It begins when we die to our self – our way of living – and receive God's way through Jesus Christ. Resurrection means that we live with the presence, peace, hope, power and love of God each and every day.

Women went to the tomb of Jesus. They did not find the body. Two men in shining garments said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5)

**"Jesus is not here, but is risen!"**

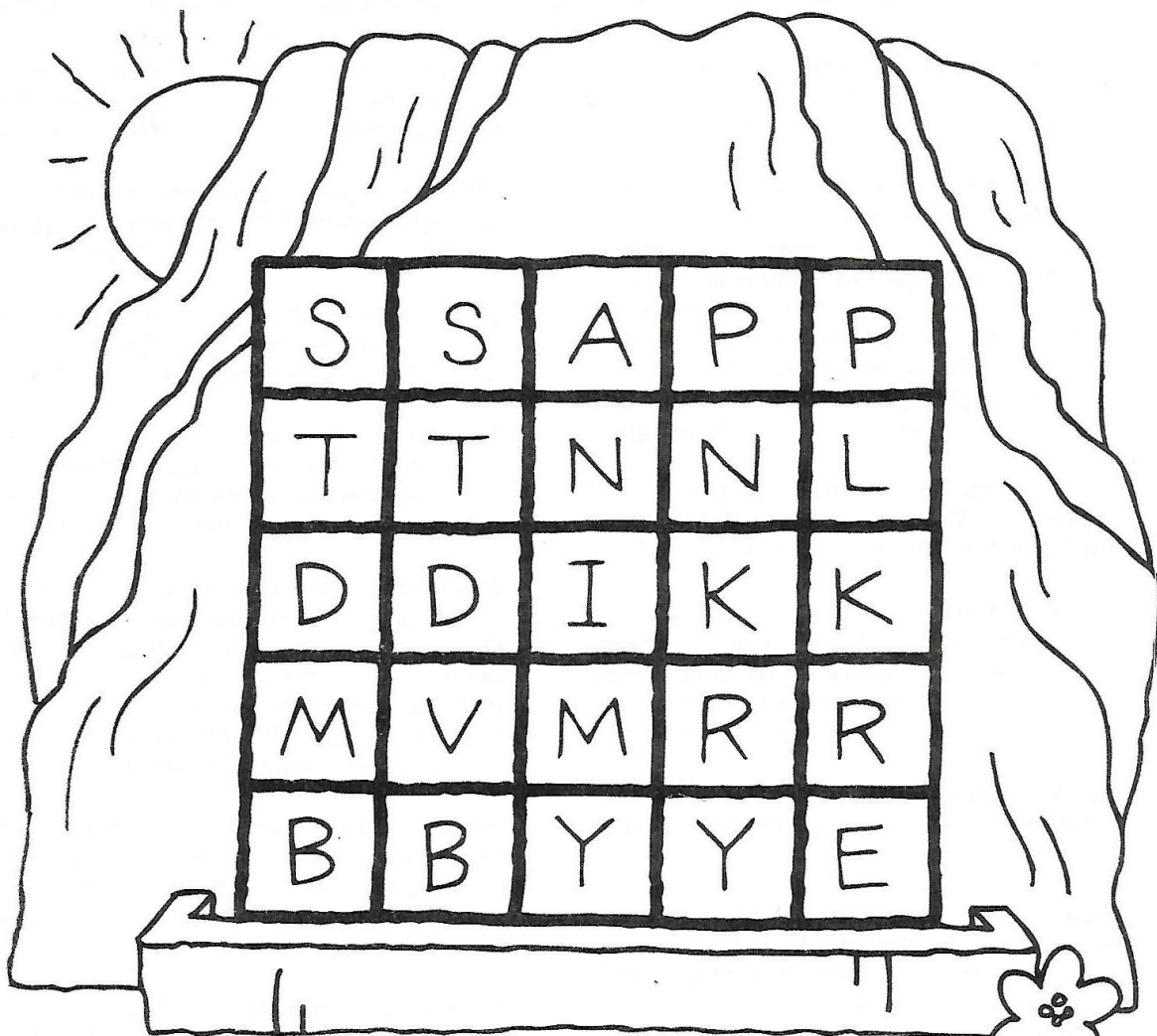


# Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 56

Draw an ✕ on all the letters you see twice.



Write the leftover letters in order on the lines to spell the secret word.

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

Look Here:

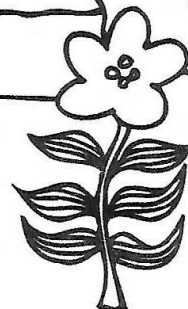
**Two men in shining clothes said, "Jesus is not here but is risen!"**  
(Luke 24:6)



**Digging In:**

Some women went to the tomb of Jesus. They did not find His body in the tomb.

Two men in shining clothes told the women, **"Jesus is not here but is risen!"**  
Jesus is alive now and forever.



## The Acmar Community Quilt



A casual observer driving past the Acmar United Methodist Church might think it quaint with country charm, attended by simple, “country folk.” The reality is that we are a very diverse group of people with a common love for the Lord and each other! On the first day of spring, March 20, 2019, we lost a very special part of our church family. Harriett Monroe Hall passed away at the age of 81 after a long battle with cancer. Harriett loved Acmar and the people in the church. She always felt at home there and was super fond of our pastor. The celebration of her life was punctuated with smiles and laughter as well as some facts about her that some people found amazing and surprising to learn.

Harriett was born in Bessemer. Growing up she lived on the southside of Birmingham and Homewood. She used to ride horses on Red Mountain. Harriett used to go to movies with her cousins. They even met Roy Rogers. Harriett knew there wasn’t a lot of money for college so she decided that she would work and earn enough to get started. She researched and made her choice – Texas Woman’s University in Denton, Texas to earn a degree in Health, Physical Education. She worked at camps and ranches during the summer to earn money for the next summer. She expanded her athletic skills – “trick riding,” gymnastics, archery and she was on the school’s synchronized swimming team. 4-H was a real love for many, many years and she received a rather prestigious award a few years ago. Harriett married and had two sons, Joe



















and Michael. Her husband was a coach and they moved around with his coaching jobs. She imparted her love of learning and adventure to her sons. They explored cities, sights and museums in many areas. They explored the beach, pursued water sports and began camping. Harriett’s sons joined Boy Scouts. They camped, learned forest, navigational and survival skills, and investigated Indian mounds. In the midst of all this Harriett earned a Master’s Degree in Education from Livingston University.

Harriett had an opportunity at a young age to ride in a plane. She fell in love with flying. As an adult, she was determined to get her pilot’s license. Harriett earned her pilot’s license in 1974. She primarily flew such planes as a single engine Piper or Cessna, and once had a chance to pilot a Goodyear Blimp! When she heard that at an Alabama Airport there was a B-51 Mustang – a World War II fighter plane that at the time had the fastest piston available at around 300 miles an hour, Harriett took advantage of this rare opportunity and for 30 minutes she flew what’s considered the “pinnacle” for many pilots. Harriett was a member of the Ninety-Nines, Incorporated, an international organization of women pilots. She held officer positions at the Chapter and Section Level. More importantly, she made so many friends with whom she had new adventures. She was always ready to go- for a local event or major trip. The 99’s was one of the biggest parts of her life. Among numerous flights and trips, she went to a conference in Ecuador and explored the Galapagos Islands. She has been to all 50 states and several countries.

Harriett was blessed with daughters-in-law that she loved and her four beautiful granddaughters. Harriett was a life-long learner and had the gift of teaching. She shared her love for learning and adventure with her granddaughters. She also taught them sewing, knitting, and cake decorating. Harriett learned and introduced her grand-daughters to “geo-caching”. She taught them how to do it and gave them the equipment. One friend from the 99’s, Nancy Miller-Borg, introduced Harriett in 1989 to the fun of visiting her llama farm. Harriett enjoyed her stints of “critter sitting” at the llama farm when Nancy would need to be away. Harriett taught herself calligraphy, ceramics and quilting. These were things that she then taught others. Some of these things she taught when she worked in the Recreational Department for the city of Tarrant. She worked there about 21 years from 1985-2006. Harriett became interested in genealogy searches and traced the genealogy of her family tree. Harriett became a part of our Acmar United Methodist Church family in 2005 after joining us for a fish fry at the Turner’s pond. Some might wonder how this woman living in Bluff Park connected with a church out in Moody. It was through her friend, Nancy Miller-Borg. Once connected, she loved us and we loved her. She made the early Sunday morning drive and attended worship, gave of her resources, shared her faith and her stories, put people on the prayer list and participated in our ministries. She especially enjoyed helping with Special Olympics. Nancy’s llama, Tatoo comes. We make pictures of the athletes with an instant photo camera and put them in a memory card. Harriett added their names with her special writing. She loved celebrating her birthday. We put change in a “treasure box”, one cent for each of our years and everyone sings Happy Birthday. Most go up the Sunday before or the Sunday after – Harriett went up every Sunday in December! Harriett didn’t always have an easy life, but over the years she faced adversity with faith, determination, and a positive attitude. Her home was hit by the 2011 tornadoes. She chose new things for her home. She was diagnosed with cancer. She received treatment and survived. She became a regular at Camp Bluebird for cancer patients and survivors. She learned gardening. She practiced Yoga. She developed an eye disease. She had surgery. She received shots in her eyes. She went to larger print. Cancer returned. She had a trip planned to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She didn’t cancel. She made her trip and returned for treatment. She broke her right arm. As best she could, she learned to write with her left arm. The last few months in particular have been hard. As her health deteriorated, she moved to Danberry assisted living. She missed her home, but knew she was preparing for her next, greatest adventure. She used to ask her family to, “Name one good thing about today.” When they recently asked her, her response for that day was “Zippy”, the name she had given her motorized chair. She was considered a “menace of the hallways” of Danberry. Harriett will certainly be missed – but never forgotten.



# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	4	5  Lester Gable	6
7 CHURCH 9 am Holy Communion Gideon Speaker 	8	9  Helen Gable	10	11	12	13
14 CHURCH 9 am PALM SUNDAY 	15  INCOME TAX DAY	16  BINGO Moody 10:30 am	17  MCA 3-5 Carpenetti's 6 pm Bonnie Goodner 	18  MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP 7 Sarah Payton 	19  GOOD FRIDAY	20
21 CHURCH 9 am EASTER PICTURES 	22	23	24	25  BINGO Leeds 10am	26	27  Daniel Baker Dave Navert
28 CHURCH 9 am Hygiene Kit PICNIC MOODY PARK 12 p 	29	30  Brooklynn Smith	<div> <p>"Soul Miner" by e-mail. <a href="mailto:msdturner@aol.com">msdturner@aol.com</a>. It is on the website at <a href="http://www.acmarumc.org">www.acmarumc.org</a></p> </div>			

## Soul Food for April

Mon., April 1  
Tue., April 2  
Wed., April 3  
Thur., April 4  
Fri., April 5  
Sat., April 6

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
Romans 12:9-18

Mon., April 8  
Tue., April 9  
Wed., April 10  
Thur., April 11  
Fri., April 12  
Sat., April 13

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 19:28-40  
Psalm 40:1-5  
Mark 10:13-16



Mon., April 15  
Tue., April 16  
Wed., April 17  
Thur., April 18  
Fri., April 19  
Sat., April 20

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Luke 24:1-12  
John 11:17-27  
Isaiah 41:9-13

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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., April 22  
Tue., April 23  
Wed., April 24  
Thur., April 25  
Fri., April 26  
Sat., April 27

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Romans 2:17-21

Mon., April 29  
Tue., April 30  
Wed., May 1  
Thur., May 2

Acts 9:1-6  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19