



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Beyond Center Stage

While the image of American Independence is men in white wigs, patriots were also women, African-Americans and Native Americans.

The American Revolutionary War gave birth to a new nation. Thirteen British colonies won their freedom and became the independent United States of America. The colonies were New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

Tension had been mounting between the British and the colonies for a decade. Increase in "taxation without representation" and tariffs on imports prompted some disgruntled citizens of Boston to organize a "tea party" and dump incoming tea into the harbor. Other tea parties also took place.

On April 19, 1775, with "the shot heard around the world," colonial troops clashed with British soldiers at Lexington, Massachusetts.

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress of America adopted the Declaration of Independence. Ties between the colonies and the mother country had now been cut.

Britain launched a great offensive to crush the rebellion. The British were expertly trained soldiers with more financial resources but the American patriots had a distinct home field advantage and the desire for independence.

George Washington became the commander of the Continental Army. Over time there were approximately 250,000 soldiers who served though there were never more than 48,000 serving at one time.

There were approximately 5,000 African-Americans who served. It was an integrated army and all soldiers received the same pay.

While some Native Americans joined with the British, hoping they could reclaim the land that the colonists now inhabited, many living in New England joined with the Continental Army.

Thousands of women, with some even bringing their children, became known as "Camp Followers." The women were laundresses, cooks, spies, couriers, and nurses.

Mary Ludwig Hays risked her life to bring pitchers of water to relieve the soldiers and wounded. Water was also used to cool down the canons. She earned the nickname "Molly Pitcher." Other women were also so called.

On November 16, 1776 John Corbin was one of 2,800 soldiers defending Fort Mifflin. As a nurse, his wife, Margaret Cochran Corbin, was allowed to accompany him into battle.

John was positioned at one of the two cannons. Margaret stood next to her husband and watched closely. When he fell in action, she took his place and continued to clean, aim and shoot the canon with ease and speed until she was seriously wounded.

She was discharged from the army in 1783. Margaret Cochran Corbin was the first woman in the United States to receive a military pension. There is a Memorial in her honor in the West Point Cemetery.

On September 3, 1783 Britain recognized the new American republic in the Treaty of Paris.

Even in America, true independence and equality comes through depending on God through eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)

Children's Camp

Puzzle 44

Draw an ✕ on every c, e, f, h and k.



BONUS IDEA!

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

Color the children who look like they are glad.

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

Look Here:
I will be glad and rejoice in your love.
(Psalm 31:7)

Digging In:
We can be glad that God loves us.
We can be glad that our family loves us.
We can be glad that our friends love us.

We can be glad that we love God.
We can be glad to love our family and friends.



The Acmar Community Quilt



In 1939, Fred Marvin's book about the unique communities established by the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company published the following from an article in a Leeds newspaper written by Charles F. DeBardeleben about that same time.

"There's more to July 4th than flag waving and firecrackers. The flag you wave so loyally on the 4th, was consecrated in civil revolution. Many years later, it fluttered over the Alamo, Manila Bay, and the Argonne ... now decorates the front fenders of your car and your living room window. Yet it is the same flag ... a little smaller perhaps ... a little brighter, stiffer ... perhaps it is only a bit of cotton: but there is really no difference. It is symbolic of the same things today that its predecessors stood for over a century and a half ago, when it was saluted by British gunfire, sustained and carried forward to the thin tunes of a fife and drum.

There's more to this 4th than flag raising and firecrackers. Behind all the noise and excitement is silence. The men who signed a document called the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776, have long since passed on; they cannot add their voices to this occasion. The soldier who died in '77, 1812, 1898, 1917 ... he, too, is gone; he, too, is silent. The silence speaks of many things. Of a courage too great to measure ... of tired men, since departed, who had certain convictions concerning freedom and national integrity ... of mighty struggles for justice and equality ... of strong men who liked to move on, impatiently, ever discarding the past, their eyes on a shining goal called "Progress" and "Independence" ... inevitable through efforts alone. The spirit of these men and these convictions are with us today ... discernible through the forest of waving flags and the din of little firecrackers, to all who see it. True, today the word 'progress' is primarily concerned with factories and machines and test tubes and studied experimentation. But progress it is, and will always be in a nation where the spirit of enterprise is the corner stone. In a business sense, 'Independence Day' is observed every day in the year in the United States ... a nation where the letter of business is followed more religiously than in any other of the world and which must never be surrendered. It is for each and every one of us alert to see that this hard won independence is not surrendered to the selfishness of politicians. It is for us to resist the cyclone of unjust taxes; to protect and encourage industry which, after all, is the source of our national independence and progress."



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Shyla Johnson Liz Reeves	2  Patty Crocker	3  Glenda Mancill	4  Independence Day	5	6
7  CHURCH 9 am	8	9	10  Church Supper 6 p	11  MOODY BINGO 10 a	12  Jackson Wimberly	13  Maddie Grace Wilson
14  CHURCH 9 am	15	16	17  MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	18  Laura Carpenter	19  Vicki Siegest	20
21 CHURCH 9  Christopher Champion	22	23	24	25	26  Rhonda Turner Payton	27
28  CHURCH 9 am	29  Astrid Carpenter	30	31	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery	Website www.acmarumc.org

Soul Food for July

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Mon., July 1 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Tue., July 2 Psalm 48
Wed., July 3 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Thur., July 4 Mark 6:1-13
Fri., July 5 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
Sat., July 6 Matthew 23:22-24

Mon., July 8 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19
Tue., July 9 Psalm 24
Wed., July 10 Ephesians 1:3-14
Thur., July 11 Mark 6:14-29
Fri., July 12 Philippians 2:1-11
Sat., July 13 Lamentations 3:19-27

Mon., July 15 2 Samuel 7:1-14
Tue., July 16 Psalm 89:20-37
Wed., July 17 Ephesians 2:1-16
Thur., July 18 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Fri., July 19 Nehemiah 8:8-12
Sat., July 20 Psalm 23:1-6



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Take County Rd. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;
Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left

Mon., July 22 2 Samuel 11:1-15
Tue., July 23 Psalm 14
Wed., July 24 Ephesians 3:14-21
Thur., July 25 John 6:1-21
Fri., July 26 Psalm 18:27-31
Sat., July 27 1 John 4:13-19

Mon., July 29 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13
Tue., July 30 Psalm 51:1-12
Wed., July 31 Ephesians 4:1-16
Thur., August 1 John 6:24-35
Fri., August 2 Psalm 143:4-8
Sat., August 3 1 Corinthians 9:24-27