

# The Acmar Soul Miner

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



*Acmar United Methodist Church January 2025 Vol. 27 Issue 1 Acmar Post Office*

\*\*\*\*\*

## Auld Lang Syne

Many holidays are linked to a signature song with lyrics that represent some aspect of the special day. A Christmas song for many Christians is "Away in a Manger." It depicts the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Some might hum "Silent Night! Holy Night!

Others might think of "White Christmas," which emphasizes the delicate beauty and festive cheer of the season as one "dreams of merry and bright Christmas pasts."

Independence Day has "The Star-Spangled Banner," which tells America's story of origin. It is also used to show patriotism or a sense of gratitude and togetherness as Americans.

New Year's Eve has "Auld Lang Syne." One might wonder, "What does it mean?"<sup>1</sup>

"Auld Lang Syne" is a Scottish song. The English words are "Old Long Since."

In 1788 Robert Burns, a Scottish poet and lyricist, sent the poem, "Auld Lang Syne" to the Scots Musical Museum, indicating that it was an ancient song but that he'd been the first to record it on paper.

### Auld Lang Syne

Should old acquaintance be forgot  
And never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot  
In the days of auld lang syne?

The song is about preserving old friendships and looking back over the events of the year.

It has long been a much-loved Scottish tradition to sing the song just before midnight.

Everyone stands in a circle holding hands, then at the beginning of the final verse ("And there's a hand my trusty friend") they cross their arms so that their left hand is holding the hand of the person on their right, and their right hand holds that of the person on their left.

When the song ends, everyone rushes to the middle, still holding hands, and smiling.

The song was popularized in the United States by Canadian bandleader Guy Lombardo, whose performance of "Auld Lang Syne" was broadcast nationally from New York City every New Year's Eve from 1929 to 1976.

The traditional song that evokes feelings of nostalgia, fellowship, and reflection also has a role in Hollywood. It is linked to popular holiday movies such as "It's a Wonderful Life."

The phrase, "in the days of auld lang syne" is sometimes used in the retelling of fairy tales. Kind of an equivalent of "once upon a time."

For Christians, "auld lang syne," can serve as a reminder that we, should not forget, but need to remember to tell the story of Jesus' birth. While it has the makings of a great fairy tale with angels, shepherds, wise men and the birth of a king, it is the truest of stories to tell.

The Christian faith is always just one generation away from extinction unless we tell the story of Jesus and our story with Jesus. No one is "born" a Christian. Christians can only be "born anew" after they hear the gift of God's story and make it their own story.<sup>2</sup>

***When the shepherds had seen Jesus, they made widely known what had been told them concerning this Child. (Luke 2:17)***

<sup>2</sup> *I Believe.* Advent 2024. Society of St. Andrew, Dec. 13. "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

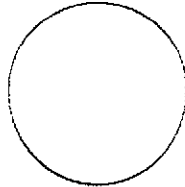
<sup>1</sup> The Pioneer Woman. Auld Lang Syne.

# Children's Camp

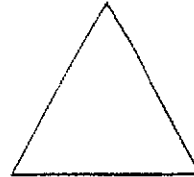
Trace each shape with your finger and say its name.



square



circle

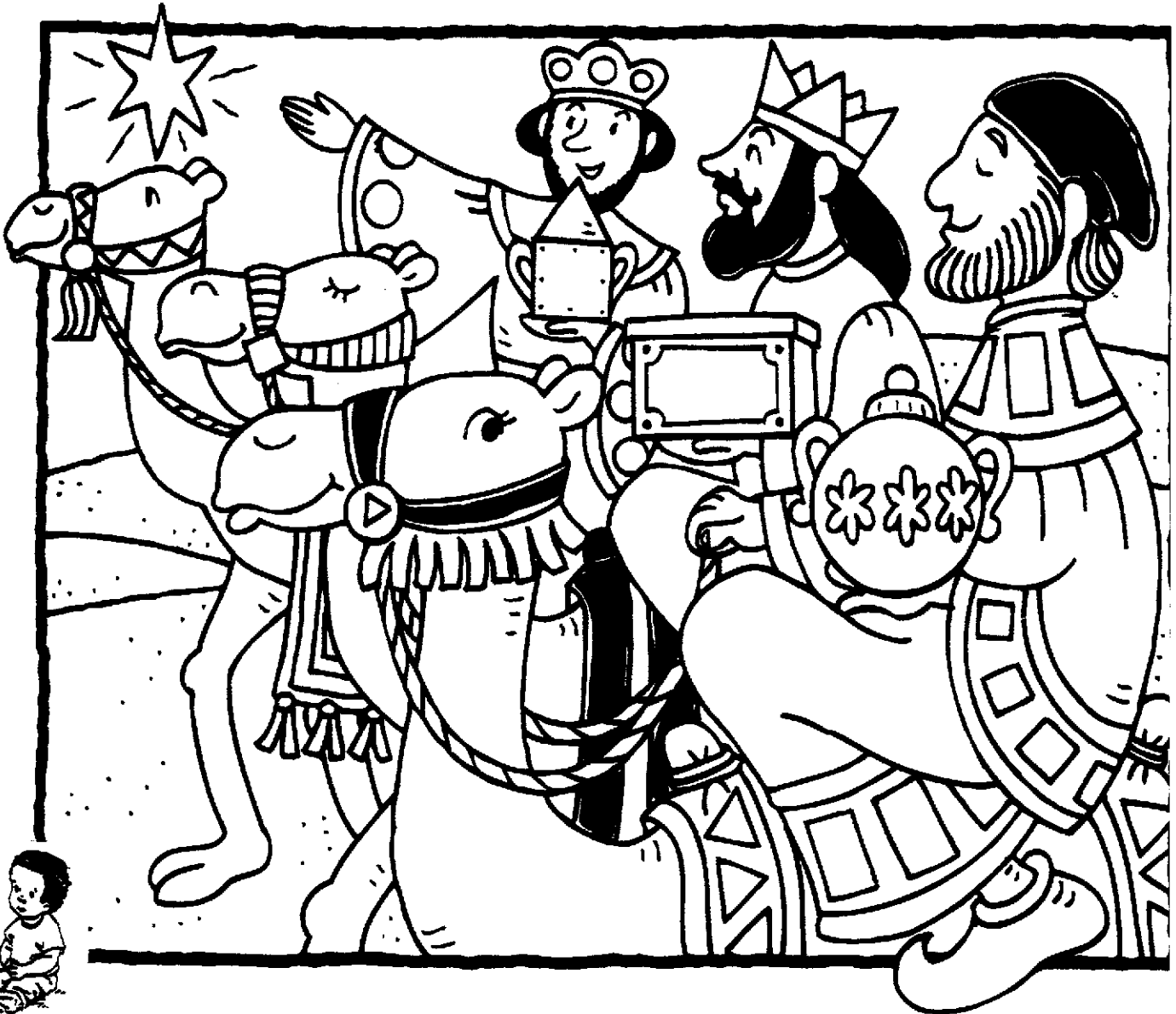


triangle



rectangle

Find each shape in the picture. Color each shape a different color.



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

**Look Here:**  
*Wise men said, "Where is He born king of  
the Jews? For we have seen His star and  
have come to worship Him." (Matthew 2:2)*

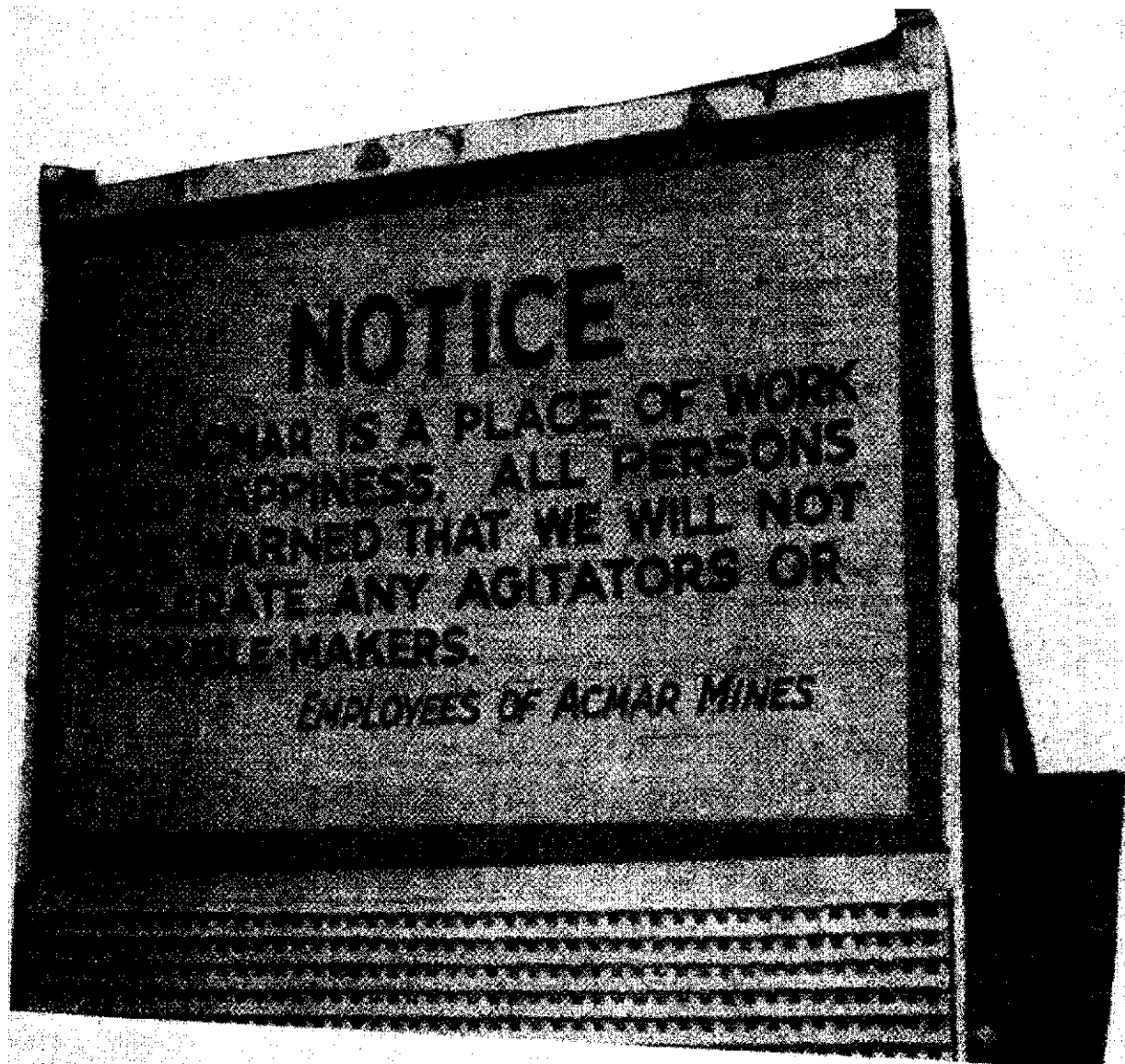
**Digging In:**  
Wise men from the East saw a star.  
They knew it announced a new king.  
The wise men traveled far to see the baby.

They thanked God by worshiping the king.  
The wise men brought gifts to baby Jesus.  
They brought gold, frankincense and myrrh.


# The Acmar Community Quilt

Throughout the duration of the operation of Alabama Fuel & Iron Company, Charles DeBardeleben made his feelings about not wanting his employees to be part of the mine workers' union very clear. His philosophy was that if miners were treated fairly and paid appropriately, they wouldn't need or want to be part of the union. Depending on who you talked to, some people felt that's is what they had here in Acmar and voiced no desire to join the union. Others thought the union would offer more of what they wanted. DeBardeleben reminded his workers often that any indication of leaning toward the union would result in being fired immediately. One miner was fired for simply driving another miner to attend a union meeting.

The sign below was featured in *Alabama, The News Magazine of the Deep South* October 30, 1939. It was probably near one of the roads that led into Acmar from Moody or White's Chapel.



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Website <a href="http://www.acmarumc.org">www.acmarumc.org</a>	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery	1 	2	3	4
5  CHURCH 9 am	6  EPIPHANY	7  Zac Goodner	8	9  Moody Sr. BINGO 10 a	10	11
12 CHURCH 9 am  Job Judson Howard	13  Sonja Baker Scott Skinner	14  Marsha Ramsden	15  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	16  Gudrun Rominger Tamm	17	18  Karen Byers
19 CHURCH 9 a  David Wimberly	20  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	21	22	23  Grace Howard	24	25
26 CHURCH 9 a  Sharon Turner	27	28	29	30	31	

**Soul Food for January**

Mon., December 30 **Isaiah 60:1-6**  
 Tue., December 31 **Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14**  
 Wed., January 1 **Ephesians 3:1-12**  
 Thur., January 2 **Matthew 2:1-12**  
 Fri., January 3 **Isaiah 30:15-18**  
 Sat., January 4 **Matthew 3:1-12**

Mon., January 6 **Isaiah 43:1-7**  
 Tue., January 7 **Psalms 29**  
 Wed., January 8 **Acts 8:14-17**  
 Thur., January 9 **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**  
 Fri., January 10 **Isaiah 43:16-21**  
 Sat., January 11 **Nehemiah 1:1-11**

Mon., January 13 **Isaiah 62:1-5**  
 Tue., January 14 **Psalms 36:5-10**  
 Wed., January 15 **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**  
 Thur., January 16 **John 2:1-11**  
 Fri., January 17 **John 1:1-13**  
 Sat., January 18 **Joshua 1:1-9**

Acmar UMC / P.O. Box 85 / 4107 Old Acton Road  
 Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 205 640 4325  
 Acmar Website: [www.acmarumc.org](http://www.acmarumc.org)  
 Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. Rd. 10  
 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., January 20 **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**  
 Tue., January 21 **Psalms 19**  
 Wed., January 22 **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**  
 Thur., January 23 **Luke 4:14-21**  
 Fri., January 24 **Genesis 1:1-12**  
 Sat., January 25 **Matthew 5:1-12**



Food for the Soul

Mon., January 27 **Jeremiah 1:4-10**  
 Tue., January 28 **Psalms 71:1-6**  
 Wed., January 29 **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**  
 Thur., January 30 **Luke 4:21-30**  
 Fri., January 31 **Hebrews 11:1-10**  
 Sat., February 1 **Matthew 18:10-14**