



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Jesus said,

*“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.”*

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Among the long list of Martin Luther King Jr.'s accomplishments is his advocacy for the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Both acts changed the course of U.S. history forever.

The only thing that eclipsed *what* MLK Jr. did is *how* he did it: peacefully.

Claire McGarry wrote those words for the January 19, 2026 reading for *Mornings with Jesus*. She continued to write:

Despite being arrested twenty-nine times on charges ranging from civil disobedience to traffic violations – considered by many to being trumped-up charges – he never resorted to violence to defend himself.

His constant message was:

*Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that.*

King's stance of nonviolence won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 at the age of thirty-five, the youngest recipient of his time.

As a minister, activist, and pacifist, Martin Luther King Jr. followed Jesus, the best example of all time.

Jesus used love and tenderness. Even when Christ was arrested on His own trumped-up charges, He never once fought back or uttered a word in His own defense even when whipped and beaten.¹

Before His crucifixion and again after His resurrection, Jesus left His disciples at the time and future disciples the gift of peace.

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you.

*My peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.*

*Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.”*

John 14:27 (NKJV)

To experience the peace of God and be a peacemaker, let us meet with God every day.

I Met God in the Morning

*I met God in the morning –
when the day was at its best.*

*His presence came like sunrise,
like a glory in my breast.*

*All day long the presence lingered –
All day long it stayed with me.
We sailed in perfect calmness
over a very troubled sea.*

*Other ships were blown and battered,
other ships were sore distressed.
But the winds that seemed to drift them
brought to me peace and rest.*

*Then I thought of other mornings
with a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the mornings
with the presence left behind.*

*So I think I know the secret –
learned from many a troubled way.
You must seek God in the morning –
if you want His presence through the day.*

~Ralph Cushman (1932)

With expectation, let us meet God in the morning as we begin our day. With gratitude, let us meet God in the evening as we end our day. Let us also seek God during our day.

¹*Mornings with Jesus January/February 2026. January 19, 2026. Claire McGarry.*

Children's Camp

Complete the dot-to-dot to see the man Jesus is talking with.



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

Look Here:
*Jesus came to His disciples and stood in
the midst and said, "Peace to you."
(John 20:26)*

Digging In:
Jesus died on a cross.
God raised Jesus from the dead.
Jesus showed His disciples He was alive.



Jesus gave His disciples the gift of peace.
As disciples of Jesus, we have His peace.
Let us go in peace with God and others.

The Acmar Community Quilt

When looking at history, local newspapers provide a window to happenings and sentiments of that time in our area.

The Pell City News

February 13, 1941

THE NECK OF THE BOTTLE IS MEASURED BY DEGREE OF UNITY

“United we stand – divided we fall.” “Let’s all hang together or we will surely hang separately” – these and other famous expressions grew out of trying emergencies in the history of this country. But they were all only ways of expressing one word “Unity”. And it was this alone that brought us through the valley of the shadow every time.

A nation is no stronger than that bond of unity that exists among its people. Anything which weakens this bond weakens the nation and increases its peril.

One hundred and fifty years of progress in democracy, and generations of our future now hang dangerously in the scales of might- not justice. The counterweight is not alone manpower in the field, but more in the factory – production. Production is the fruit of unity, and unity (in whatever degree) is the heart of a nation.

Whatever saps this heart of a nation is unpatriotic, whether it by the word or deed of a congressman or a constable, newspaper or scandal sheet, an honest worker or a labor agitator, a Ford or a sweatshop. Discriminatory legislation or favoritism by powerful bureaucracies which unfairly upset reasonable balance of power between management and labor, giving an unjust power to abuse the other, or puts strong weapons in the hands of the unscrupulous or the strife-stirrer, are a menace to the safety of the democracy of the world, because on fair and wise legislation and impartial administration thereof, depends unity, and on unity production, on production our ability to aid England, and on England democracy. This is not farfetched. Each consequence is real and certain.

In such times hatred, agitation and strife stirred up by the lies and baseless insinuations of scandal sheets and others who thrive only on discord and disunity, are nothing less than treason.

Unity is not at its best when such an unhealthy condition exists that it is possible for agitators and aspiring bureaucrats to hold up to public scorn the greatest producer of all times, the very pioneer in higher wages and shorter hours for labors and the first to apply the “floor and ceiling” theory, who led the whole world in improving working conditions and living standards. Yet our government has suffered its bureaucrats and favored ones to deprive democracy of the aid of its greatest producer and labor’s first big friend, even when Henry Ford was low bidder by one-fourth of a million dollars. This is not unity. Such will not save democracy.

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February 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Website www.acmarumc.org | Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website | Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery | Jim n Nick's Greystone 2831 Commercial Blvd. Birmingham | Ash Wednesday Worship at Acmar on February 18 at 12 noon | | |
| 1  CHURCH 9 am | 2  GROUND HOG DAY | 3  Amy Gable | 4 MCA 3-5 White's Chapel  | 5 | 6 | 7  Serenity Johnson |
| 8 CHURCH 9  Micah Roof Candice Turner | 9  Henry Walker Sims | 10  Ashley Anderson | 11  LUNCH 11 a Jim n Nick's Greystone | 12  Moody Sr. BINGO 10 a | 13 | 14  VALENTINE'S DAY |
| 15  CHURCH 9 am | 16  GROUND HOG DAY | 17  Jim Anderson | 18 Ash Wed Worship 12 MCA 3-5 p  Brent Bonham | 19 | 20 | 21  Johnny Lee |
| 22  CHURCH 9 am | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

Soul Food for February

Mon., February 2 Isaiah 58:1-9
Tue., February 3 Psalm 112:1-9
Wed., February 4 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Thur., February 5 Matthew 5:13-20
Fri., February 6 Matthew 6:5-15
Sat., February 7 1 Kings 17:8-16

Mon., February 9 Exodus 24:12-18
Tue., February 10 Psalm 2
Wed., February 11 2 Peter 1:16-21
Thur., February 12 Matthew 17:1-9
Fri., February 13 Isaiah 38:9-20
Sat., February 14 Psalm 139:7-18

Mon., February 16 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Tue., February 17 Psalm 32
Wed., February 18 Romans 5:12-19
Thur., February 19 Matthew 4:1-11
Fri., February 20 Psalm 139:1-6
Sat., February 21 Deuteronomy 34:9-12

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Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;
Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left



Food for the Soul

Mon., February 23 Genesis 12:1-4
Tue., February 24 Psalm 121
Wed., February 25 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Thur., February 26 John 3:1-17
Fri., February 27 Psalm 100:1-5
Sat., February 28 Acts 2:42-47

*Love suffers long, is kind and does not envy;
love does not parade itself and is not puffed up;
love does not behave rudely, nor seek its own;
love is not provoked and thinks no evil;
love does not rejoice in iniquity but in truth.
Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)*