

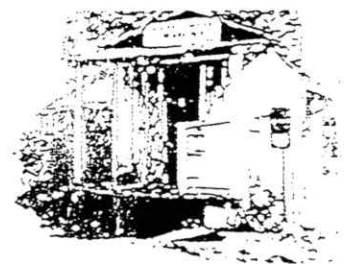


The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

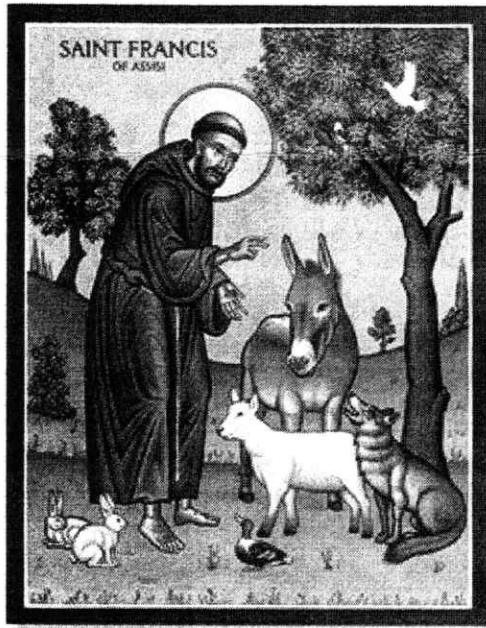
As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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Animals Are a Blessing



Saint Francis of Assisi is regarded as the patron saint of animals and the environment due to his profound love for all living things, which he saw as a part of God's creation.

He was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in 1181. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant he was happy and popular. He was a merchant and then a soldier for a short time.

In 1206, he gave up his wealth to embrace a life of poverty and of service to the poor. Taking the name of Francis, he was a Catholic friar. Friars take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience living among the people in service.

He became a missionary in Italy and Spain. He went to Egypt and preached before the sultan and to the crusaders to try and stop war. The Franciscan Order of Friars was approved in 1209.

Loving life, he called the animals "his brothers and sisters." He wrote of "brother sun" and "sister moon" in his *Canticle of the Sun*.

Traditional stories tell of Francis preaching to animals to encourage them to love and praise their Creator. He walked among them blessing them with the sign of the cross. Silently birds stilled themselves until he was finished.

Francis rescued a rabbit caught in a trap advising the rabbit to be more careful. He returned caught fish to streams.

He is credited with bringing peace between a town and a ravenous wolf. Calling the wolf, "Brother Wolf," he ordered the wolf not to hurt anyone. He told the people to feed the wolf. Wolf and people lived in peace.

Francis died on October 2, 1226. Two years later Pope Gregory IX canonized him as a Saint. The feast day of Saint Francis is Oct. 4.

While we might wonder if the stories of St. Francis and animals are fact or fable, who among us is not awed at times by animals.

In *Reader's Digest*, August/September 2025 edition, Angel Redfearn nominated her dog for "Best Pet Pals." She adopted "Ilean" when the original owners gave her up after one of her legs was amputated. Ilean joyously lives life as though she isn't missing a leg and an eye.

She knows more than 20 commercials by sound and comes running to the television when she hears them. Favorites are Charmin Bears, Liberty Mutual's LiMu Emu and Burger King (even though her owner is a vegetarian).

Ilean volunteers at the local medical center, visiting patients and staff. One day, she uncharacteristically paid little attention to the patient, focusing instead on her visitor.

Both women were teary-eyed. The patient said, "I'm going to be fine, but my sister has cancer." Ilean knows who needs her.

Children's Camp

Draw a line to match each animal with its tail.



What animal are you thankful God made? Draw a picture of it!

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

Look Here:

Our Bible says, "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." Genesis 1:31

Digging In:

God created birds and fish.
God created animals and people.
God saw that it was good and blessed them.
God said, "Multiply and fill the earth."
We can thank God for all that He made.

The Acmar Community Quilt

This is a page from a publication identifying business leaders in Alabama from around 1910.



CHARLES FAIRCHILD DE BARDELEBEN, BIRMINGHAM

DeBardeleben is Vice President and General Manager of Alabama Fuel & Iron Company, Brown-Marx Building, Birmingham, Alabama, and is also President of the Margaret Coal & Sales Company. He has been in the coal business for twenty-five years. DeBardeleben was born in Prattville, Alabama, July 4, 1874. He has recently filled the position of President of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and is highly regarded in both civic and coal trade circles. He is the son of Col. H. F. DeBardeleben, who located and named the first coal seam found in Alabama, and founded Pratt City and Bessemer, Alabama, and was also one of the organizers of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company.

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Website www.acmarumc.org	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> on the Website in Gallery	1  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	2  Jeff Baker	3	4  OKTOBERFEST Moody Park 9 – 3
5 CHURCH 9 am Communion 	6	7  Midge Turner	8 LUNCH 11 Greasy Cove Gallant AL  Greg Bosworth	9  BINGO Moody Sr. Center 10 a	10	11  Donna Turner
12 CHURCH & Charge Conference 9 am	13  COLUMBUS	14	15  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	16  Lauren Howard	17	18
19  CHURCH 9 am	20	21	22  Matt Byers	23	24	25  Blake Howard
26  CHURCH 9 am	27	28	29	30	31  HALLOWEEN	

SOUL FOOD FOR OCTOBER

Mon., September 29 Lamentations 1:1-6
Tue., September 30 Psalm 137
Wed., October 1 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Thur., October 2 Luke 17:5-10
Fri., October 3 Psalm 94:16-23
Sat., October 4 Hebrews 10:19-25

Mon., October 6 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Tue., October 7 Psalm 66:1-12
Wed., October 8 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Thur., October 9 Luke 17:11-19
Fri., October 10 Psalm 46:1-11
Sat., October 11 James 2:14-17

Mon., October 13 Jeremiah 31:27-34
Tue., October 14 Psalm 119:97-104
Wed., October 15 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5
Thur., October 16 Luke 18:1-8
Fri., October 17 Luke 9:57-62
Sat., October 18 Psalm 42:1-11

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Mon., October 20 Joel 2:23-32
Tue., October 21 Psalm 65
Wed., October 22 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Thur., October 23 Luke 18:9-14
Fri., October 24 Psalm 121:1-8
Sat., October 25 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Mon., October 27 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Tue., October 28 Psalm 119:137-144
Wed., October 29 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Thur., October 30 Luke 19:1-10
Fri., October 31 Romans 5:1-5
Sat., November 1