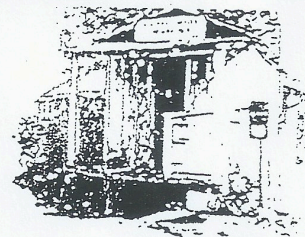


# The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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## **Snow Days**

On Friday, January 10 Odenville, Alabama awakened to a winter wonderland. The landscape was blanketed in bright, white snow. The terrain had a pure look.

Gone was the unsightly winter terrain of brown grass, clumps of dirt, barren rocks and tracks of mud. Tree limbs void of greenery were coated in white sparkles.

Snow is a brilliant uplifting for the soul. The psalmist David cries out in Psalm 51.

***Have mercy upon me, O God, according to  
Your lovingkindness ...  
Blot out my transgressions.***

***Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Make me hear joy and gladness.***

We want the kind of whiteness that harkens thoughts to the holiness of angels.

***As the first day of the week began to dawn,  
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came  
to see the tomb of Jesus.***

***And behold, there was a great earthquake;  
for an angel of the Lord descended from  
heaven, and came and rolled back the  
stone from the door, and sat on it.***

***The angel's countenance was like  
lightning, and his clothing as white as  
snow. And the guards shook for fear of  
him, and became like dead men.***

***But the angel answered and said to the  
women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that  
you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is  
not here; for He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the body lay."***

***So the women went out quickly from the  
tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to  
bring his disciples word. (Matthew 28:1-8)***

We want the pure white coming only from God.

***Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led  
them up on a high mountain apart by  
themselves; and He was transfigured  
before them.***

***Jesus' clothes became white, like snow,  
such as no launderer on earth can whiten  
them. A voice came out of the cloud,  
saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear  
Him!" (Mark 9:2-3, 7)***

According to Job 38:22, God has the treasury of snow. With snow, God has created a whiteness that can not be imitated by humans.

Likewise, the snow-like whiteness and purity of a soul that we seek cannot come from our efforts. It comes when we admit our sin and turn to God for forgiveness and cleansing.

Alas, in Alabama the snow often gives way to rain and above freezing temperatures. The snow melts and we see that life still has its dirt and rocks. Some who had a day of snowmen, homemade sleds, snow ice cream, and window gazing are suddenly chilled and isolated.

Others who had treacherous trips or jobs in it or faced the reality that working from home means there are no "snow days" free of work, find that the snow lost some of its brightness.

Wherever you find yourself, rest assured that the luster of whiteness from God's forgiveness does not lose its shine. It is filled with joy and gladness. Do not be afraid and faint of heart of the holiness of God. Draw near to God and God will draw near to you. God's grace is a brilliant, whiter than snow, uplifting for the soul.

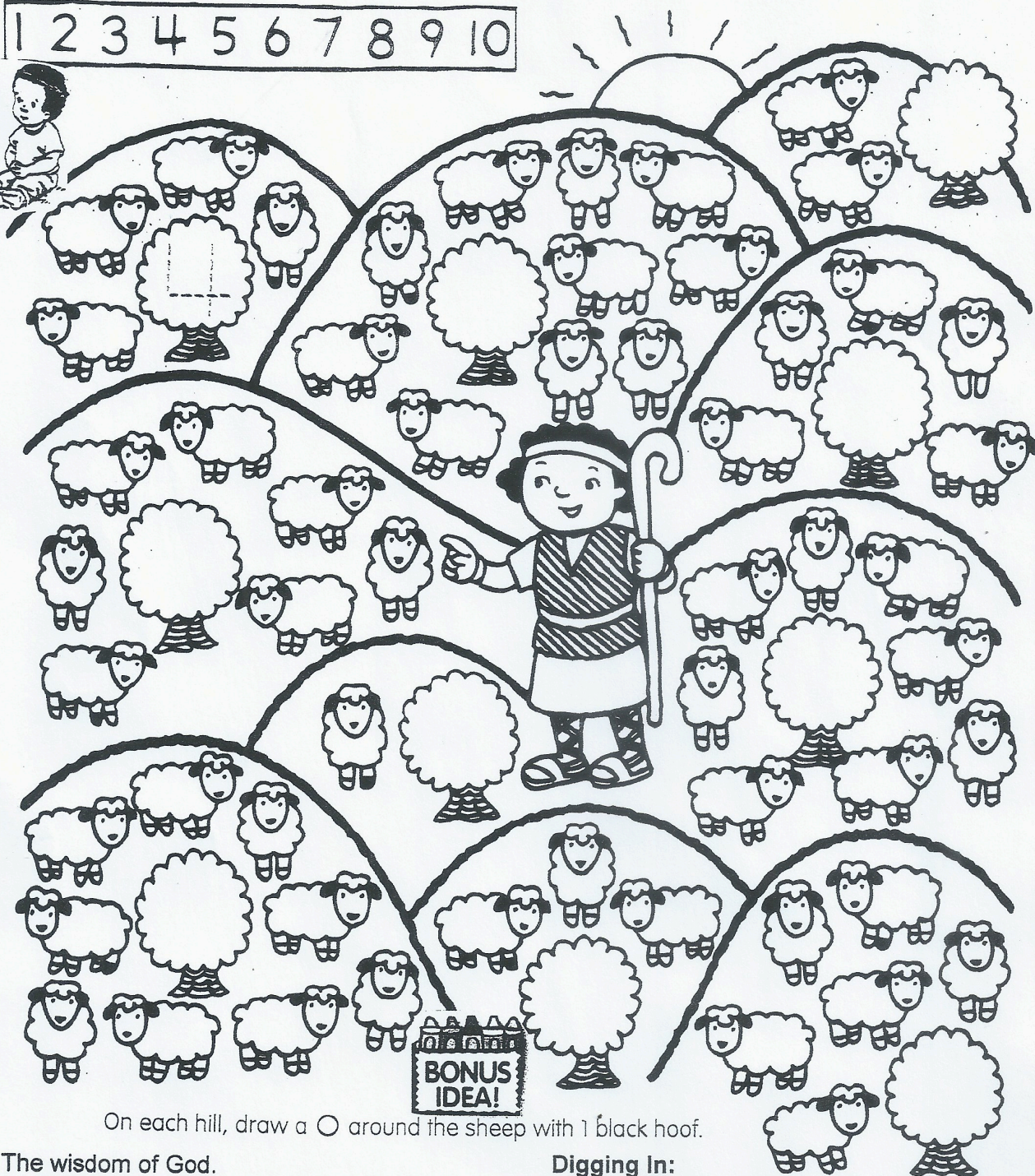


# Children's Camp

Puzzle 17

Count the sheep on each hill. Then write that number on the tree.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



**BONUS IDEA!**

On each hill, draw a ○ around the sheep with 1 black hoof.

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

**Look Here:**  
*Wash me from my sin and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness.*  
(Psalm 51:7-8)

**Digging In:**  
David took care of his family's sheep. He also wrote poems or songs called psalms. He asked God to forgive him when he sinned. A sin is doing something wrong.

In a psalm, David asked God to wash him from sin. He would be joyful and whiter than snow.

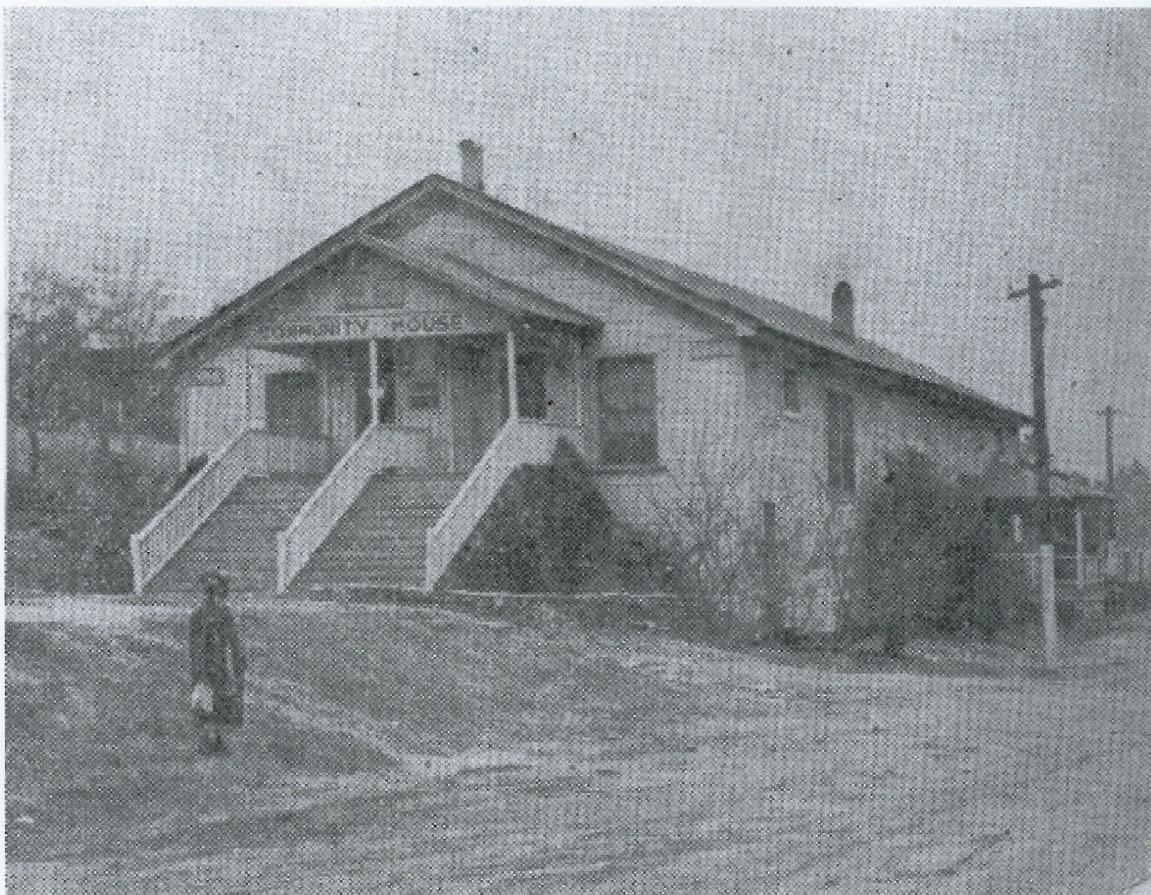


## The Acmar Community Quilt

Charles DeBardleben's plans for the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company to focus more on building communities rather than just mining camps expanded over time. Margaret was established in 1905 and then Acmar three years later meant that they would eventually be very similar in many ways. As both communities grew, certain needs became apparent. Most of the houses were built using the same basic design. Commissaries were built in Margaret, Acmar, Markeeta, and Overton using the same layout. Churches and schools for "colored" and "whites" were established. DeBardleben's main office was located in Birmingham, but it appears that he was very much into the day to day operations in Acmar and Margaret. Monthly meetings were held in alternating communities. He recognized the need for a venue where a variety of community activities could take place. Story has it that when the folks at Acmar learned about Margaret's "Community House", they were a bit jealous and requested a Community House be built in Acmar. It was located not far from the commissary. It would be used for meetings, Christmas parties for miners' and their families, dances, movies: anything deemed appropriate for the space.


Our thanks go out to Austin Stone who is doing extensive research about Acmar and Margaret and often shares some of his findings for our newsletter.

The photo below is of an Alabama Fuel & Iron Company Community House, but was not specifically designated as the one at Acmar or in Margaret, but they would have been built using the same design.





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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  CHURCH 9 am	3  Amy Gable	4	5  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	6	7  Serenity Johnson	8  Candice Turner Micah Patrick Roof
9 CHURCH 9 am  Walker Sims	10  Ashley Anderson	11	12	13  Moody Sr. BINGO 10 a	14  VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16  CHURCH 9 am	17  Jim Anderson	18  Brent Bonham	19  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	20	21  Johnny Lee	22  Sandi Nicholson
23  CHURCH 9 am	24	25	26	27	28	

Soul Food for February

Mon., January 27 Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Tue., January 28 Psalm 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

Mon., February 3 Isaiah 6:1-8  
 Tue., February 4 Psalm 138  
 Wed., February 5 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 Thur., February 6 Luke 5:1-11  
 Fri., February 7 Psalm 146:1-10  
 Sat., February 8 Deuteronomy 11:8-15

Mon., February 10 Jeremiah 17:5-10  
 Tue., February 11 Psalm 1  
 Wed., February 12 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
 Thur., February 13 Luke 6:17-26  
 Fri., February 14 Jeremiah 17:5-8  
 Sat., February 15 Romans 12:17-21

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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., February 17 Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
 Tue., February 18 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
 Wed., February 19 1 Corinthians 15:35-50  
 Thur., February 20 Luke 6:27-38  
 Fri., February 21 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Sat., February 22 Psalm 37:3-6



Food for the Soul

Mon., February 24 Exodus 34:29-35  
 Tue., February 25 Psalm 99  
 Wed., February 26 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2  
 Thur., February 27 Luke 9:28-36  
 Fri., February 28 Matthew 6:25-34  
 Sat., March 1