



# THE VISITOR

First United Methodist Church  
320 West Main, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753  
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To invite all to know the love of God, to share grace, and to develop relationships .

July 21, 2021

## Sunday

Family Worship—9:00am  
Sunday Sch. 9:15am  
Sanctuary Worship—10:15am  
Facebook Live 10:15am  
YouTube  
Noon—Cable Channel 13  
KVMA-AM 630  
KVMA-FM 99.1  
Adult—Bible Study 5:30pm

**Wednesday** 7:00 pm—Cable  
Channel 13

## How to Reach Us: Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
8:00am —4:00pm  
Friday  
8:00am—12:00pm  
**870-234-4530**

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Attendants

## Sunday Morning Sermon in a Snap!

If you missed last Sunday morning's sermon but would like to "hear" it in a very abbreviated format, then this is your answer! You can read the whole sermon ("Your Attitude is Your Paintbrush") in *The Magnolia Messenger* for the "rest of the story" Read *Romans 12:1-2* and *Philippians 2:5-11*.

I remember art classes from my early school years. I really didn't like them. It wasn't because I disliked the idea of drawing or painting, it was because I stunk at them! Years later, I realized that I had been "painting pictures" of a different sort. I also sadly realized that many of my former "paintings" stunk even worse than my grammar school efforts. But these different bad "works of art" could, thankfully, be improved to become lasting works of beautiful art! Creating this other type of artwork is the topic of a great book by James W. Moore. In his book, "Attitude is your paintbrush...It colors every situation," Moore told of a friendship with Ann Turnage. He recounted that she had been an inspiration to him and many others, "Ann Turnage is a cancer survivor who has turned her God-given strengths into a cancer ministry known as "Can-Care." During Can-Care's first National Cancer Survivor's Day luncheon, she was one of the speakers. It was during that speech where she uttered a phrase that would become the title of Moore's book and has stuck with me to this day! She said, "Attitude is your paintbrush...It colors every situation"

So, for the very few of us here that don't have perfectly loving attitudes, we might well ask ourselves, "In what ways can we strive to make our attitudes better reflect the Christian life and our text for this morning?" Here is a trio of thoughts to start us off for the week!

1.) An Attitude of Gratitude - Giving thanks to God for how He has blessed us in life is a wonderful way to start painting! I know that giving thanks to God can be one of the most difficult things to do when we're facing a crisis! In such times, we would usually rather kick, scream, cry, and complain! We can do that, but after doing those things, giving thanks to God is really the best thing for us to do! The Apostle Paul wrote in *1 Thessalonians 5:18*, "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." Please remember that Paul said "Be thankful in all circumstances..." You don't have to be thankful for what happened, unless you are so inclined, but be thankful despite what happened because we know that God can work all things together for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose! *Romans 8:28*

2.) An Attitude of Confidence - we know from God's Word that we can approach the throne of grace with all boldness, but for some of us, our confidence, or the confidence of someone near us, has been damaged by the stresses and disappointments of this oft unloving and cruel world! From the great to the small, we all need the occasional reminder that we are someone of worth to God and other people in our lives! A number of years ago there was a PBS special on the *Library of Congress*. During

that show, a small box was shown that contained the items that were in the pockets of President Abraham Lincoln on the night he was assassinated. One of the items in that box were some old and worn newspaper clippings. *"The clippings,"* said Daniel Boorstin, *"were concerned with the great deeds of Abraham Lincoln. And one of them actually reports a speech by John Bright which says that Abraham Lincoln is 'one of the greatest men of all times.'"* Lincoln was a man who placed his trust and confidence in God, but like all of us we also need a reminder from those around us that we too are loved, appreciated, and are people of worth! With that in mind, let's take time this week to remind someone that God loves them and so do you! By the way, God's Word is filled with many promises and expressions of love toward us all!

3.) An Attitude of Compassion - closely related to empathy is the attitude of compassion, another often neglected spiritual commodity in this world! A dictionary definition of it says, *"Compassion is a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering."* Whoever, or whatever, is the cause, when compassion becomes our attitude, a strong desire to ease the pain should be our attitude and response!

The movie *"Fireproof"* centers around the life of fire Captain Caleb Holt, who lives by the old adage, *"Never leave your partner behind!"* In the process of saving lives and putting out fires in his community, he not only emotionally leaves behind his partner for life — his wife, but he regularly started fires of bitterness in his relationship with his wife by his stinky attitude and unloving actions. I won't tell you how it ends, but his dad gives him a 40-day plan of doing loving, caring things for his wife each and every day. It is a plan that helps him change his attitude and actions towards his wife from unloving to loving and grateful - a true transformation takes place!

So, what if we were to do something like that. What if we were to likewise begin a 40-day plan of doing loving, caring things for his someone each and every day. How would that person's life be changed? How would your life be changed? There's only one way to find out! Just do it!

Gratitude, confidence, and compassion are just three of many wonderful attitudes that we can cultivate in our lives. These are attitudes that can act as "paintbrushes" coloring every situation and person we come in contact with this week. So how, and what, will you paint today and in the days and weeks to come? (1) Will you "paint" something dismal that causes misery and pain or (2) Will you "paint" something that brings joy, peace and healing into someone's life?

As you go forth this day, paint a masterpiece of love, joy and peace in the world and in the people around you!

Remember that you have been blessed to be a blessing. So be one!

Pastor Gary

## TREEHOUSE FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

### The Battle of Jericho

July 25-31, 2021

Read together: "The Battle of Jericho" (pages 102-105 in the *Spark Story Bible*). You might also read Joshua 6:1-20 in your Bible or at biblegateway.com.

Family conversation cues (younger children)

What do you think the Israelites shouted before the walls tumbled? Do you think the walls would have fallen if the people had not followed God's instructions? God loves us and is always looking out for us, so his way is always the best.

Family conversation cues (older children)

How do you think the Israelites felt when Joshua told them to walk around the walls of Jericho and then shout? Have you ever been asked to do something that seemed silly or pointless but turned out to be a good thing to do? Following God's directions is always the best way. What are some things that help you follow God's plan?

Family Blessing

God gives us the courage and strength to follow his directions.

[Family member's name], the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

**Thank You!**

**A special thank you to all the  
volunteers for the Triple J Ad-  
venture Vacation Bible  
School!**

**As always you are the best ev-  
er!**

Thank You,  
Shelly Burgess  
Director of Children  
and Families Ministries



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|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 7/1  | Donna King       | 7/16 | Joseph Cannon     |
| 7/2  | Kallie Wright    | 7/18 | Nancy Jordan      |
| 7/3  | John Kirkpatrick | 7/19 | Mariah Guevara    |
| 7/3  | Reese Lewis      | 7/19 | Kathleen Hoover   |
| 7/4  | Clay Kardas      | 7/21 | David Burgess     |
| 7/5  | Marion Miller    | 7/21 | Tommye Doherty    |
| 7/7  | Deborah Guevara  | 7/24 | Sydney Castlebury |
| 7/11 | Linda Wood       | 7/24 | Harriett Franks   |
| 7/13 | Nick Bolding     | 7/25 | Logan Brummett    |
| 7/14 | John Jordan      | 7/26 | Sarah Guevara     |
| 7/14 | Addison Ochs     | 7/26 | Rebecca Peterson  |
| 7/15 | Breanna Griffith | 7/30 | David Kaar        |
| 7/16 | Lana Beams       |      |                   |

***From Your Finance Committee...***

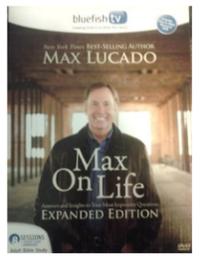
**THANK YOU!**

**Last week we mentioned that the Pas-  
tor's Fund was in need of donations. As  
always, when there is a need, the people  
of FUMC—Magnolia come through.**

**We are back to helping people!**

Thank you,  
Joe Kaar  
Finance Chair and Treasurer

***Max on Life***  
**Bible Study**  
Sunday at 5:30 pm



Join us via Zoom at 5:30 for our new study by Max Lucado! The study is, "Max on Life" and is an eight-week study.

**Join Zoom Meeting for our Sunday evening group to begin our new study!**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87469554477?pwd=YU5QcmQ1QkhublIdla1BCdXVsQ25jdz09>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY, JULY 22

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours  
4:00 PM STEWPOT

### FRIDAY, JULY 23

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church Office Hours

### SUNDAY, JULY 25

**TREEHOUSE FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL** at home

Lesson posted in newsletter and website.

**Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 pm.**

9:00 AM **PEACE HALL WORSHIP** - Peace Hall (everyone)

9:15 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Clegg/Open Door - Parlor - led by David Cole

Spares and Pairs - Upstairs - led by Sheri Cheatham

Explorers/Morning Star -Upstairs - led by Scott Nipper

Children Sunday School - Treehouse

10:15 AM **SANCTUARY WORSHIP** (everyone)

Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording  
(posted later) on Website, YouTube

12:00 noon Broadcast Channel 13 Sanctuary Worship

5:30 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY (MAX ON LIFE)** Zoom

### MONDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours  
4:00 PM STEWPOT

### TUESDAY, JULY 27

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours  
4:00 PM STEWPOT

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours  
6:00 PM **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Christianity and World Religions (Parlor)

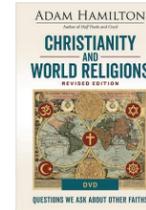
7:00 PM Broadcast Channel 13 Sun. 10:15 Worship

### THURSDAY, JULY 29

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours  
4:00 PM STEWPOT

## A Record of Our Faithfulness

	Attendance	Offerings
July 4		
Family (9:00)	9	
Sun. School (9:35)	24	
Sanctuary (10:15)	56	\$29,224.01
July 11		
Family (9:00)	8	
Sun. School (9:35)	21	
Sanctuary (10:15)	47	\$ 3,039.00
July 18		
Family (9:00)	8	
Sun. School (9:35)	27	
Sanctuary (10:15)	51	\$20,261.00



## Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 PM

In the Parlor

Christianity and World Religions

Explore four major world religions with Adam Hamilton in this six week study for Christians at all stages in their spiritual journey.

If there ever were a time when Christians needed to build bridges with others, seeking peace in our world, loving our neighbors, and finding positive ways to share the gospel, it is now. In *Christianity and World Religions, Revised Edition*, Adam Hamilton deals with questions so many of us have about the four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. In his trademark honest and open writing style, Hamilton helps answer questions such as: Why are there so many different religions? How should we view their beliefs? What is the fate of those who have these beliefs?

**Welcome to Sunday**

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**New Summer Hours**

**June, July, August**

Peace Hall Worship - 9:00 am  
Sunday School - 9:15 am  
Sanctuary Worship - 10:15 am  
Adult Zoom Bible Study - 5:30 pm

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