

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 3, 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



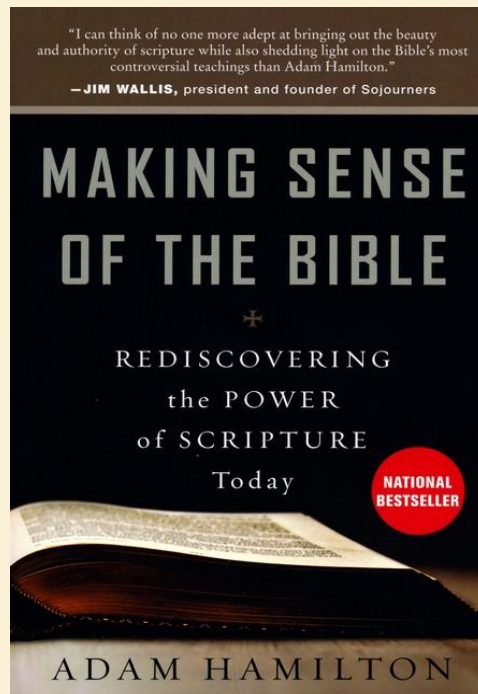
Our journey to Bethlehem was all about the places “on the way.” But our life journey continues. At the beginning of a new year, we often take stock of our lives and spend time in contemplation and discernment. The continuing story of the birth of Christ also involves inquiry. Three wise “seekers” came to visit the newborn Christ, guided by a new star they had noticed. On this last Sunday of our series, we ask ourselves...
What new stars may be calling to us?



<https://youtu.be/HIuOziH2Otg>

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

- We look forward to seeing everyone at First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores (FPC) at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary for worship. The scripture readings for this Sunday are Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; and Matthew 2:1-12. The title of the sermon is “Pay Attention to Rising Stars.”
- Beginning January 8th, at 10:30 a.m., Reverend Dr. David McLean will facilitate a class featuring Adam Hamilton’s study of the Gospel of Luke. The sessions will meet in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall.
- Starting January 9th, at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Stan Rittgers will lead a workshop entitled “Caring Enough to Confront” utilizing Andy Stanley’s “Not In It To Win It” as a guide.



During Sunday School on January 5th, Reverend Brian Dale will begin a study of Adam Hamilton’s “Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today”.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Each week, we collect food and take it to the *Blessing Boxes*. Please be in prayer about how you want to support this ministry. You can bring food, help distribute food, give funds so food can be bought, and everyone can pray for those receiving support through the *Blessing Boxes*. We will have a container to collect canned goods and dry goods in the Narthex every week.

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Join us for our free special needs playgroup!

Tuesday, 1/14
from 2-4pm



Magnolia UMC
309 E. 21st Ave entrance
Gulf Shores

THE SCHEDULE – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Coffee and Snacks

11:00 a.m. – Sunday School (Adam Hamilton’s “Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today.”)

Wednesday, January 8

10:30 a.m. - Adam Hamilton’s study of the Gospel of Luke. (Classroom off the Fellowship Hall.)

6:00 p.m. – Magnolia Singers Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

10:30 a.m. - “Caring Enough to Confront” utilizing Andy Stanley’s “Not In It To Win It” as a guide. (Classroom off the Fellowship Hall.)



(Tacky Jack’s in Gulf Shores)



(Sign-up in the Narthex)

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If there is something you need or if you have a question or comment, please reach out to Pastor Todd Dowdy at pastor@magnolia-umc.org or call the church office at 251-522-3936.
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*You are welcome here. No matter where you have been.
No matter what you have done or left undone.
You are welcome in love and grace.
May you find rest and renewal.
May you find hope and love and peace.
This is what God offers to us all.*

