



At Bright Star, we will be a beacon of light
so that we might bring people to

Jesus Christ

and live a life that magnifies



Bright Star Beacon

create disciples,
share and develop
our spiritual gifts.



God

The Light of Love and Hope in Our Community

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It's Easter!!!

Let's Celebrate!! Yes, it's time to bring out the tambourine, to sing and dance and to celebrate because who of us can deny the fact that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has blessed the world with such an amazing, brand-new sense of love, life, and hope.

Can you even begin to imagine a world without this great gift of grace? I must admit that I cannot because all I will think about is a world stuck in it's muck and struggling with all kinds of sin, sorrow and shame.

Thankfully, the great message of Easter reminds us that the world, both then and now, has been greeted with the kind of news that many of us still find too good to be true. The truth is that God has made a way, where for many, there seemed to have been no way and, yes, God has opened a door for the entire world to move from a sense of sorrow to a sense of joy.

Hence, today there are people all over the world that can continue to jump and dance and shout for joy because of the news that HE IS NOT HERE, HE IS RISEN! Why? Because you see our Lord's RISING IS OUR RISING! As result of his rising we can stare death straight in the face and shout "Christ the Lord is risen today. Hallelujah".

So, come on people of God, what's holding you back? Let's celebrate! Let's give thanks to God! Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord, because this world, your world and my world, will never, ever be the same again.

And the people of God said, "Hallelujah!!"

Pastor Edwin



BILL ARP
ELEMENTARY

Art Show

AT BRIGHT STAR UMC

Tuesday, April 2nd
Reception 4pm-8pm
Awards 5:30 pm

1715 Bright Star Rd
Douglasville, GA 30134
www.brightstarumc.org

I Dream...

YOU WILL IMPRESS US!

Partners in
Education



Guest Speaker
Starla Wahl

Music by Macy Dennis Preston

Catered by:



Tickets \$15.00 each

Call the church office at 770-848-2553 or
see Connie Jacobson for details.
RSVP for child care.

Join us for a Day of
Faith, Hope & Love

Women's Spring Brunch
April 27

Saturday at 10:00 am

Our focus will be about Supporting and
Empowering Women & Children



Birthdays and Anniversaries

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Mary Vinnacombe
- 4/3 Tim Constien
- 4/4 Emily Dubransky
- 4/4 Dakota Warner
- 4/6 Hannah Bowman
- 4/6 Bev Vaughn
- 4/7 Danielle Milhollin
- 4/9 Kassidy Walthour
- 4/10 Madeline Bramblett
- 4/12 Tracy Meek
- 4/13 Brenda Allen
- 4/13 Trannell Stanford
- 4/13 Karla Wheeler
- 4/14 Arthur Durley
- 4/14 Daniel Munday
- 4/15 Nevaeh Meek
- 4/16 Joyce Briggs
- 4/16 Deborah Owensby
- 4/16 Tim Plumley
- 4/18 Carol Holland
- 4/19 Helen Cowan
- 4/20 Chuck Baird
- 4/20 Cliff Daniels
- 4/20 Juno Hinson
- 4/21 Bethany Wheeler
- 4/22 Doris Anderson
- 4/23 Barbara Cochran
- 4/29 Michelle Thomas
- 4/30 Pat Dickinson
- 4/30 Laura Frank
- 4/30 Luke Willis

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/12 Marcos & Linda Mercado
- 4/17 Jill & Tommy Pillow
- 4/18 Kim & Cliff Daniels
- 4/20 David & Bev Vaughn

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/2 Teresa Mackey
- 5/2 Frieda Dixon
- 5/7 Alesa Constien
- 5/7 Whitney Constien
- 5/8 Barbara Chapman
- 5/9 Linda Long
- 5/10 Mike Hughes
- 5/10 Becky Porter
- 5/11 Drew Milhollin
- 5/13 Deborah Wolford
- 5/15 Kelly Bowman
- 5/17 Brody Harlow
- 5/19 Cindy Buff
- 5/19 Barbara O'Dwyer
- 5/21 Pam Landers
- 5/22 Allison Hogan
- 5/22 Stephen Warner
- 5/23 Randy Bowman
- 5/23 Betty McLemore
- 5/24 Kevin Clodfelter
- 5/24 Ella Pillow
- 5/25 Mahaley Hallmark
- 5/25 Vianne Warner
- 5/26 Eddie Dubransky
- 5/26 Meredith Warner
- 5/27 Jacob Holloway
- 5/29 Gary Turner
- 5/30 Don Shadix
- 5/31 Melba Brock
- 5/31 George Chapman

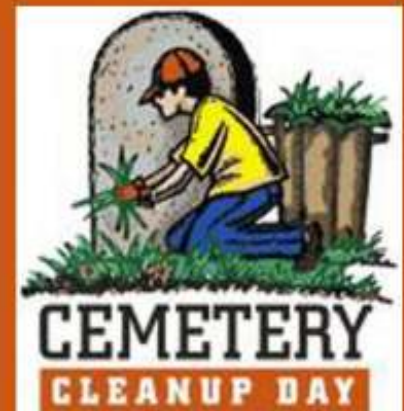
MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/1 Gary & Glynette Lanier
- 5/5 Bryson & Connie Tallant
- 5/19 Clyde & Shirley Hopkins
- 5/20 Tim & Katie Plumley
- 5/24 Stan & Deborah Copeland
- 5/27 Don & Betty Graham
- 5/30 Ron & Anne Robinson



Friday
APRIL
5
9 am

Come help clean up
Bright Star
Cemetery



Be the
that YOU are

Bright Star United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Edwin Jones

3715 Bright Star Rd, Douglasville
770.949.2555 • brightstarumc.org

Easter Sunrise & Morning Services Sunday, April 21st

Sunrise Service: Cemetery • 7:30am

Easter Breakfast: After Sunrise Service

Easter Services:

Contemporary • 9:30am | Traditional • 11am



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th

10am

Call to preregister 770.949.4685



Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 18th • 7pm

Message delivered by Rev. Dr. David Naglee

Good Friday Service

Women of the Passion

Friday, April 19th • 7pm

Women's Spring Brunch

Join us for a Day of Faith, Hope & Love

April 27th • 10am • Tickets \$15

Our focus will be about supporting & empowering women and children



Church Yard Sale

May 3rd & 4th • 9am-2pm



Now Enrolling
For Fall

Kids Day Out

Much more than a mother's morning out!
Infants to 4 years • Tues/Thurs 9am-12pm
Call 770-949-4685 for more information.

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

June 17-21 • June 24-28

9am-4pm

For Rising 7th Graders - 12th Graders

(Including Recent Graduates)

Final Camp Performance:

June 28th & 29th • 7pm

Bright Star Theatre

Tickets \$2 at the door.

Visit brightstarumc.org to register!



Vacation Bible School

June 3rd-7th

Ages 4 years to 5th grade.

Call 770-949-4685 to preregister!

BILL ARP BACKPACK MINISTRY

Here's how you can help:

- Monetary donations
- Contribution of the following items - Individual cereals, cans of pasta, mac n cheese, rice-a-roni (or similar), applesauce, cans of soup, saltine crackers. All should be individual servings that can be opened by a child without a can opener.
- Volunteer to help pack the food. It takes about 20 minutes.

If you are interested please see Pam Landers, Barbara Cochran or Kim Daniels to sign up!

Thank you for supporting our community outreach!



Currently providing food for 19 children weekly



Douglas County Pregnancy Resource Center
3030 Chapel Hill Road, Douglasville, 30135
www.partnersofprc.com
volunteer@partnersofprc.com

Nine Bright Stars attended 2019 PRC Medical Annual Banquet

at the Church at Chapel Hill on March 21, enjoying a delicious meal, fellowship, client testimony videos, and an engaging presentation by Scott Klusendorf, president of Life Training Institute. LTI Institute equips Christians to make a persuasive case for life by making pro-life apologetics presentations in high schools, universities, and worldview conferences. The video testimonies of two of PRCM's clients and their presence on stage with their babies obviously stole the show. Here are Banquet comments from Bright Star attendees (Bill & Barbara Glidden, Jimmy & Jill Perry, John & Lynn Willis, Pastor Edwin & Una Jones, and Laura Frank):

Barbara Glidden: Bill and I enjoyed the speaker and found his comments to be both interesting and convincing. The most moving part of the program, however, were the video testimonies by the two clients of PRC.

Jill Perry: I was really moved by the videos of the actual clients and enjoyed seeing them in person. Imagine those babies not being in this world! What a terrible thought.

Jimmy Perry: I had no idea PRC Medical offered so many free services to our community.

Lynn Willis: I was touched by the testimonial videos of the two moms who had considered abortion before visiting PRC. They both mentioned the loving support they received from PRC staff. It was enlightening to see the moms and precious children walk onto the stage after the video.

Pastor Edwin: Great speaker, delicious meal and wonderful fellowship.

It's easy to see from these comments how the support of Bright Star UMC shares the love of Jesus in our community. Thank you, Bright Stars!

Preliminary totals from donated and pledged funding at the Banquet are thus far about \$215,000. Every donation and pledge goes directly toward the operating costs of PRC Medical thanks to the generosity of 18 corporate and personal underwriters who totally covered the cost of the Banquet. The overall annual budget of PRC Medical is over half a million.



Support homeless men, women and children during the 2019 Shoebbox Project Campaign!

Donate items listed below, \$ to buy items listed, or fill a shoebox of your own. Once collected, shoeboxes are distributed to women and children at local homeless shelters. See Kim Daniels for details.

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 28

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- travel size shampoo
- deodorant
- travel size soap
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- travel size lotion
- hair comb
- hair brush
- sun protector
- lip balm
- adhesive bandages
- hand towels
- antibiotic ointment
- socks
- tampons
- panty liners
- travel size water bottles
- rain ponchos
- resealable storage bags
- prepaid phone cards

We cannot accept medicine, food, sewing kits, used or opened items.

Will you help us reach our goal?

STRIVE

FOR

1.5

If 2500 people

GIVE

\$600 each

it will

ELIMINATE

the debt

Be the

that YOU are

Each one
Reach one

Over **\$60,000** has been donated since Jan. 27

Finance/Stewardship

Monthly Operating Budget Required:.....\$33,822
 Fiscal YTD Operating Budget
 required thru March\$101,466

Report thru March 29, 2019

Operating Budget Received MTD\$36,828
 Operating Budget Received Fiscal YTD\$80,813
 Average Sunday School Attendance60
 Average 9:30am Worship Attendance42
 Average 11:00am Worship Attendance74

Mortgage Account Activity (2/12/19-3/11/19)

Monthly mortgage pymt.....\$8,110.21
Principal Balance as of 3/11/19\$1,420,129

NOTE: Fiscal Year is January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

“Fascia Lift” Fundraiser as of 3/30/19

Donations to date\$10,448
 Amount needed\$18,589

“Strive for \$1.5” Fundraiser as of 3/30/19

Donations to date (beg. 1/27)\$60,165
 Amount needed\$1,500,000

Upcoming EVENTS

APRIL

04/01	Prayer walk at Bill Arp-8:30 am	04/16	Finance-7pm
04/01	PIE mtg-9:30am	04/18	Language class-7pm (until 4/25)
04/02	Bill Arp Art Show-children’s building	04/18	Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
04/02	Trustees-7pm	04/19	Good Friday service
04/04	Language class-7pm (until 4/25)	04/20	Easter Egg Hunt 9am
04/05	Cemetery Work Day-9am-1pm	04/21	Easter sunrise service
04/08-12	Dgls Cty schools out	04/21	Easter service-9:30 am
04/09	Staff mtg-6:15pm	04/21	Easter service-11am
04/10	NO WED.NIGHT SUPPER	04/20	Newsletter deadline
04/11	Gideons-6:30pm	04/25	Language class-7pm (until 4/25)
04/11	Evangelism-6:30pm	04/26	set up for Women’s Brunch
04/11	Language class-7pm (until 4/25)	04/27	Women’s Brunch
		04/28	Church Council- after services



Missions



UNITED WAY
SHOEBBOX
PROJECT

APRIL



1st Monday of every month at Bill Arp Elementary Meet in the parking lot at 8:30 am



Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday Night Supper

\$6.00/adult • \$3.00/child
 Serving time - 5:30 to 6:15 pm

Reservation requested by Tuesday at noon or call and be put on the **STANDING RESERVATION** list

APRIL

4/03 Meatloaf
 4/10 NO Wednesday Night Supper
 4/17 Pork roast
 4/24 TBD



Lenten Prayer Meetings
 every Wednesday until Easter
 6:30-7:00 pm

Every Thursday
 March 21 to April 25
 7 pm
 Activity Center

English Classes for Spanish Speakers
 Clases de ingles para los hispanoblatantes

Conversational Spanish for English Speakers

No fee

Students 16 & younger must have an adult present during classes.




Grief Support

Bright Star is hosting a Grief Support Group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

We will meet every Monday evening for 13 weeks

GRIEF SHARE January 28 to April 22
 6:30 pm

Please contact Pastor Edwin if you would like to be a part of the group

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Sunday School and Worship

9:30 - 10:30 "Generations" Worship Service

9:45 - 10:45 Sunday School

10:45 - 11:45 Sunday School

11:00 - 12:00 Traditional Worship Service



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8am - 12pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter is

April 20, 2018

OUR PURPOSE

As a beacon of light, we will bring people to Jesus Christ, create disciples, share and develop our spiritual gifts, and live a life that magnifies God.



BSUMC is a Stephen Ministry congregation