



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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Graduation/Promotion Sunday

Rising 3rd Graders
Receiving
Promotion Bibles
Kira McLwain
Will Phillips



Rising 8th Graders
Going into
Youth

Elizabeth Hopkins
Brenden McLwain
Noah Plumley

High School Graduates

Gavin Clodfelter—Graduating as Valedictorian from Kings Way Christian School with an overall 4.0 GPA. He also completed 24 credit hours of classes from Truett McConnell University with a 4.0 GPA. Gavin is an active member of the Honors society and has won multiple awards in state-wide academic competitions. Gavin will be attending the University of West Georgia, studying Anthropology and Forensics.

Patrick Phillips—Graduating from Alexander High School with Honors and Advanced Placement as well as Eagle Scout. Patrick has enlisted in the U. S. Navy and will begin his Naval career on September 12th.

Riley Warner—Graduating from Villa Rica High School, Riley will be going to college at Jacksonville State University to study Music Education.

Riker Winstead—Graduating May 30th from Georgia Connections Academy in the top 2% of his class with a 4.25 GPA. He is a member of the National Honor Society and an Honors Graduate. Since his Junior year, Riker has been dual enrolled at University of West Georgia where he has made Deans list for the last 3 semesters. He will graduate High School with over 30 hours of college credit. Riker will be attending Honors College at Georgia State University in the fall.

College Graduates

Andrew Chandler—Graduating from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Linda Mercado—Graduated in December from Valdosta State University with a Master of Library and Information Science

Jessie Phillips—Graduating from Troy University with a Bachelors degree in Global Business and Concentration in Human Resources



Kira McLwain
Pam Landers
Pastor Edwin Jones
Will Phillips



Brenden McLwain
Noah Plumley



Pastor Edwin Jones, Patrick Phillips,
Riker Winstead, Riley Warner, Gavin
Clodfelter, Matt Holloway



Linda Mercado



Jessie Phillips

MEGA
SPORTS CAMP



FUNDamentals

**Vacation Bible School
at Bright Star UMC**

**Ages 4 years - 5th grade
June 3rd-7th | 5:30 - 8:30pm**



Children will learn basic skills in Soccer, Basketball and more, all while learning good character traits while hanging out with Christians.



Bright Star UMC

Call 770.949.4685 to Pre-Register

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River of Life

**June 4 - 9
Midway United
Methodist Church**



Youth and adults from several different churches come together to paint the exterior of homes, build/repair wooden porches and wheelchair ramps for those in need. This year is hosted by Midway United Methodist Church.

*Youth
Wanted*

*Adult Volunteers
Needed*



Volunteers needed and donations welcome!
Contact Midway UMC for details
www.brightstarumc.org



Bright Star United Methodist Church's Annual Youth **PERFORMING ARTS CAMP**

Presents



**Performances
June 28 & 29
Hunter Hall**

**"The Snow White Variety Show"
By Brian D. Taylor**

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado



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THE WAY AHEAD

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Once again, I want to give a huge shout-out, not only for all of the amazing "Bright Star" graduates, but also and especially, for their beloved parents, who by the grace of God blessed the world with these amazing individuals. We thank you, parents, and pray God's continued blessings on each and every one of the graduates as they continue their life's journey into a new, unexplored and exciting future.



Talking about the way ahead, let us also remember to pray for our upcoming Annual Conference, our Bishop, our newly appointed District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Jessica Terrell and our new Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference, Mrs. Linda Mercado. As you pray, be sure to ask for God's blessing on our annual gathering and especially the guidance and direction of the spirit as we be "One with Each Other", which is the theme of our Annual Conference this year.



The month of June is also the month in which we pause to give thanks to God for our men and especially those who have been given the awesome responsibility of being a father. I didn't really know my father because he died when I was five years old. But thanks be to God, throughout my life, I had several male role models who took it upon themselves to encourage and support me. I have no doubt that if it were not for their mentoring and coaching presence in my life I would probably not be where I am today. So, men of God, someone in your family, your church, or your community may need that extra hand, help and guidance that only you can give.



Last, but certainly not the least, this is also the month in which we will be celebrating Pentecost, the amazing birth and blessing of the Christian church. Can you imagine what this world would've been like without it? Thankfully, here we are, blessed to be a blessing and I would certainly not want to be without it. So, come on Bright Stars, the ball is in our court and the world awaits the new things that God is ready to do both in and through us. After all, why do you think we are called Methodists or the people of the way? Simply because God is never quite finished with us yet and therefore, we will continue to be the "Stars That We Are" because we know that somewhere, somehow, someday we are the guardian angels that God is using to turn someone's life around.



May it continue to be so. God bless!

Pastor Edwin

Be the
that YOU are

. . . From the Pastor




Safe Sanctuaries

Sunday, June 2
after services

This is **NEW** and
RECERTIFICATION training
(must be done annually)

If you volunteer for any events or work with our Youth or Children in any capacity, please join us for Safe Sanctuary training this Sunday. If you have already been certified, you must attend to be recertified. Please see Pam Landers for details.



Bright Star
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prc medical
a pregnancy resource center

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

Embrace Grace Ministry – Community Partner with PRC

Embrace Grace is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of providing emotional, practical, and spiritual support for single women, age 15-29, who find themselves with an unplanned pregnancy. The primary goal of Embrace Grace is to empower churches across the nation to be a safe and non-judging place for these women whether they choose parenting or blessing another family with their baby.

PRC Medical is so blessed that an Embrace Grace group has been started at First Presbyterian Church in Douglasville. We are able to refer our clients to the program for continued faith-based support. Each participant receives an Embrace Grace **“Love in a Box.”**

Among the things in the box:

- A personal love note inviting her to join the local support group



- “A Bump in Life” - A hope-filled collection of real-life stories by young women from different backgrounds who all experienced God’s grace and redemption in their journeys through unplanned pregnancy

- A cute onesie for baby printed with **“Best gift ever”**

- A personal journal: **“You are Strong, You are Brave, You are Loved”**



A highlight of the 12-week support group is a big baby shower for those who choose to parent or a **“Celebration of Life”** party for the woman who gives her baby life so another family may be blessed with a child.

As part of our ministry to PRC Medical, Bright Star members are invited to help fund the supply of **“Love Boxes”** for our clients. Ask Laura Frank for information.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT
SUMMER SCHEDULE

No Wednesday Night Supper/No Prayer Pals until September

Women's Bible Study
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. in Driskell Hall

Praise Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Hunter Hall

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Choir Room



Young Women's Bible Study Kickoff
Wed, 5/22
5 to 6 pm

Bible Study
Every Tuesday
May 28 to June 25
10 to 11 am
in the Activity Center Legacy Room

Delight is a nationwide ministry that invites college women into *Christ-centered community* that fosters vulnerability and transforms stories.

Missions



In our 9:30 service, we take up a separate offering that we call our **Children's Love Offering**. It is a spare change/dollar offering. That money goes to our monthly mission focus.

JUNE



Performing Arts Camp Scholarships

It's time for our Annual Youth Performing Arts Camp at Bright Star! Every year, 30-40 students attend and are led by Katie Plumley and her staff. This year that includes Toni Aybar, Deena Canup, Lauren Canup, Jill Perry, Tim Plumley, Meredith Warner, and Cindi Winstead.

The campers go through a rigorous two weeks where they learn everything about what their performance will entail from auditions, costuming and set design to props, make-up and more.

At the end of the two weeks, they put on two spectacular performances! This is something you don't want to miss! It's only \$2 at the door to see them.

The play is "The Snow White Variety Show" by Brian D. Taylor. Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service Inc. Denver, Colorado.

Hope to see you there!

Missions Update



In May, our mission focus was on our Youth and the River of Life.

River of Life is a ministry that allows students and adults from area churches to come together in fellowship to do mission work in the community.

Donations for River of Life in the month of May were \$116.36.

Updates on Special Offerings since January - Homeless offering \$60; UMCOR \$866, Wesley Woods \$215.

In addition, donations to Good Samaritan so far this year have totaled \$275 as well as multiple bags of food:

- Jan - 13 bags
- Feb - 5 bags
- Mar - 12 bags
- April - 5 bags
- May - 25 bags

Thanks to Tom Stanford for delivering each week! Our American Red Cross Blood Drive in May was very successful! We collected 21 units of blood on our goal of 22. With each unit saving up to three lives, that's 63 lives possibly saved from the generous donations made by the participants.

Bright Star
United Methodist Church
**Missions
2019**



June - Performing Arts Camp Scholarships

July - PIE-Bill Arp Elementary

August - Good Samaritan

September - Undie Sunday

October - PIE-Bill Arp Elementary-Backpack Ministry

November - PIE-Bill Arp Elementary-Backpack Ministry / Angel Tree

December - Angel Tree

PIE = Partners in Education

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/2 Kim Meek
6/3 Glynette Lanier
6/3 Judy Strickland
6/5 Joel Munday
6/5 Barbara Foster-Wills
6/6 Margo Davis
6/6 Patrick Phillips
6/6 Louise Thrift
6/7 Jimmy Rubino
6/13 Larry Holland
6/14 Ronnie Cowan
6/14 Tommy Pillow
6/19 Lynn Hughes
6/22 Tom Beavers
6/23 Pat McGreggor
6/23 Ken Porter
6/24 Teresa Giardina Callahan
6/25 David Vaughn
6/27 Ann Holley
6/29 Georgia Holloway
6/29 Madeline Holloway

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/1 Dewey & Melba Jones
6/3 Jerry & Sandra Rollins
6/7 Wilfred & Margaret Milam
6/8 Greg & Laura Frank
6/12 Doug & Sherri Hintz
6/13 Bill & Barbara Glidden
6/15 George & Barbara Chapman
6/15 Jeff & Bethany Wheeler
6/16 Jason & Cassia Milhollin
6/17 Paul & Lisa Spence
6/22 Tim & Cindy Buff
6/22 Richard & Janice Howell
6/24 Jim & Deborah Owensby
6/28 Kevin & Cathy Clodfelter

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Viola Brown
7/3 Sharon Turner
7/6 Tucker Munday
7/7 Steve Anderson
7/7 Scott Fields
7/8 Patrick Hogan
7/9 Ken Green
7/10 Sherry Kichline
7/11 Gavin Clodfelter
7/12 Dan Jones
7/16 Connie Jacobus
7/16 Sandra Rollins
7/17 Diana Lassiter
7/17 Haisten Willis
7/22 Linda Cox
7/22 Sara Denham
7/22 Riker Winstead
7/23 Dallas Gray
7/23 Margaret Milam
7/25 Tena Henry
7/25 Glenn Petero
7/25 Jerry Rollins
7/26 Amanda Meek
7/29 Sean Phillips
7/30 Idalia Bess
7/30 Paul Spence
7/31 Stan Copeland

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 Tracy & Kim Meek
7/4 Hunter & Kelly Bowman
7/7 Richard & Connie Jacobus
7/11 Ted & Carolyn Westbrook
7/15 Scott & Debra Fields
7/16 Richard & Cindi Winstead
7/18 Dallas & Whitney Gray
7/31 Barry & Andrea Long

Finance/Stewardship

Monthly Operating Budget Required:\$33,822
 Fiscal YTD Operating Budget
 required thru May\$169,110

Report thru May 26, 2019

Operating Budget Received MTD\$21,152
 Operating Budget Received Fiscal YTD\$126,684
 Average Sunday School Attendance30
 Average 9:30am Worship Attendance36
 Average 11:00am Worship Attendance62

Mortgage Account Activity (4/14-5/13)

Monthly mortgage pymt\$8,110.21
Principal Balance as of 4/29/19\$1,410,520

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

“Strive for \$1.5” Fundraiser as of 5/31/19

Donations to date (beg. 1/27)\$63,415
 Amount needed\$1,500,000

Will you help us reach our goal?

STRIVE
 FOR **1.5**

If 2500 people
GIVE
 \$600 each
 it will
ELIMINATE
 the debt

BACK GATE INSTALLATION



Please note that as a matter of added security, two back gates have been installed on the church property.

If you need the code, please call the church office or Doug Hintz.

Thank you!

CHURCH LAWN MAINTENANCE



Volunteers always welcome to be on our Lawn Maintenance Team.

We also appreciate donations of gas cards. See Scott Fields for details.

Upcoming EVENTS

JUNE			
	06/20	Newsletter deadline	
	06/23	Church Council- after services	
06/02	Special Offering- Annual Conf	06/25	Young Women's Bible Study-legacy room- 10am
06/02	Safe Sanctuary Training - 12:15pm	06/30	PAC Recognition at services
06/03	PIE-9:30am	06/30	5th Sunday Covered Dish
06/3-7	VBS-5:30pm	06/30	PAC Cast Party- off campus
06/04	Young Women's Bible Study-legacy room- 10am		
06/4-9	River of Life- at Midway	JULY	
06/04	Trustees-7pm	07/01	PIE-9:30
06/11	Young Women's Bible Study-legacy room- 10am	07/02	Trustees-7pm
06/11	Staff mtg-6:15pm	07/09	Staff mtg-6:15pm
06/11-14	N. GA Annual Conf	07/11	Gideons-6:30pm
06/13	Gideons-6:30pm	07/11	Evangelism-6:30pm
06/13	Evangelism-6:30pm	07/16	Finance-7pm
06/17-29	Performing Arts Camp	07/20	Newsletter deadline
06/18	Young Women's Bible Study-legacy room- 10am	07/21	Special offering- Murphy Harpst Church Council- after services
06/18	Finance-7pm	07/28	



North Georgia Conference
 Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

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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

June 20, 2019

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