



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

create disciples,
share and develop
our spiritual gifts.

Jesus Christ



and live a life that magnifies

God



Bright Star Beacon

The Light of Love and Hope in Our Community

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Youth Sunday



L-R: Hadley Cook, Georgia Holloway, Madeline Holloway, Dakota Gammage, Brooklyn Weeks, Vianne Warner



Madeline and Georgia Holloway



Dakota Gammage



Hadley Cook



Brooklyn Weeks

November 29, 2020

A WEARY WORLD REJOICING!!

Now, that is what I am looking forward to. Can you imagine the entire world celebrating, laughing, dancing, and singing again because everyone is able to go back to some new normalcy and enjoying the life that we have been blessed with?

Well, that is what I will be praying for as we enter into a brand new year. My prayer is that God will bless us with a new year that is filled with new life and brand-new opportunities and possibilities for every single one of us. May it be so, as we present ourselves to get vaccinated and as we continue to wear those silly, yet life protective masks, so that we too may continue to do whatever is expected of us to do to keep ourselves and everyone safe and in good health!



After all, isn't that what Jesus did when he went around to heal, to help, and to restore hope to a hopeless and helpless world?

Friends, we have all had enough of this pandemic and our global economic downturn has destroyed enough lives and livelihoods. Now, it is time for this weary world to renew, reshape, and reconstruct itself as we respond with joy and gratitude, not only for what our scientists have done, but also for what God, the creator of all that is and ever will be, has done and continues to do in and through us.

So, let's rejoice and give thanks to God and to everyone else who has done so much to get us to where we are right now. Yet, as a people of faith we know and believe that the best is yet to be!!

Happy New Year, may God continue to bless you and your beloved family,

Pastor Edwin



... From the Pastor

A great big hug and many, many thanks to my Bright Star family for remembering me this Christmas season. May God's love surround each of you this Christmas and in the New Year.

*Love and blessings,
Louise Thrift*

*To my Bright Star family,
Thank you so much for the poinsettia. It was beautiful. Like many people during this time, some days are not good, but that flower came at a very good time. It definitely made my week. I pray that everyone is keeping safe and healthy and God bless you all.*

*With love,
Pat Dickinson*

*To our Bright Star Family...
Thank you for all of your expressions of love and caring over the past few weeks. We so appreciate all of your calls, cards, flowers, texts, and prayers. The prayer blanket is beautiful and the prayers spoken over it have been felt.*

Clyde continues to improve and is getting stronger each day. We hope

to be able to return to church soon, but until we are able, we will continue to join you as we watch the services on YouTube.

*We are so thankful to be a part of such a loving church family.
With our love,
Clyde & Shirley Hopkins*

A special thank you to my Bright Star family for the beautiful prayer blanket which was given to me. There just are not enough words to express what it means to me, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers more than you will ever know.

*God bless all of you,
Pat Farrell*

*To the Bright Star family,
Thank you very much for the beautiful poinsettia. That was very thoughtful and I appreciate Pam bringing it to me.
Jackie Conort*

I wish to thank my Bright Star family for the beautiful Christmas plant & cards & prayers during my illness with COVID. Please keep Philip Cochran & others

whom are still dealing with this illness in your prayers.

*Merry Christmas & love to all,
Brenda Allen*

I would like to thank all my Bright Star family for the beautiful cards & thoughtfulness.

*Prayers & love to you all,
Helen Conaway*

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Thank You



**Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser
For PRC Medical's
Free Ultrasound Program**



With the implementation of the new 3D/4D Ultrasound machines at PRC that we featured in the December newsletter, this year's Baby Bottle Fundraiser for PRC's Free Ultrasound Program is more important than ever. Over 90% of women seeing their babies on ultrasound choose life for their children. The pictures visible with 3D/4D are more realistic and will go even further in helping women make informed decisions regarding their pregnancies.

But like many other things these last months, the Baby Bottle Fundraiser needs to be somewhat different this year due to the COVID situation. Baby bottles will still be available at our 11:00 worship service, but we realize many people are not attending in-person church, and additionally, there are likely to be fewer opportunities for friends and family to fill your bottle (although our church liaison, Laura Frank, will still count every coin that is returned in a bottle).

In lieu of an actual Baby Bottle, you are invited to give Laura cash or a check. You may also mail a check (payable to PRC Medical) to the church or to Laura personally at 9931 Ephesus Church Rd., Villa Rica, GA 30180.

Remember that you can specify your donations "In Memory of" a deceased loved one or "In Honor of" someone you wish to be blessed through your donation. Please provide the name and address of the honored person(s) so that PRC Medical can send them an acknowledgement of your tribute.

Thank you for your support of PRC Medical in general and especially for donating to **PRC Medical's Free Ultrasound Program through the Baby Bottle Fundraiser!**



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

Finance/Stewardship

Monthly Operating Budget Required:.....\$32,475
Fiscal YTD Operating Budget
required thru December\$389,700
Report thru December 13, 2020
Operating Budget Received MTD\$17,659
Operating Budget Received Fiscal YTD.....\$284,741
Average 11:00am Worship Attendance55
Mortgage Account Activity
Monthly mortgage pymt.....\$8,110.21
Principal Balance\$1,308,535

NOTE: Fiscal Year is January 1 to December 31

"Strive for \$1.5" Fundraiser

Donations to date (beg. 1/27/19)\$109,644
Amount needed as of 1/27/19\$1,500,000

"Audio/Visual" Fundraiser

Donations to date\$5,000

DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY
Saturday, January 16th
starting at 3 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In partnership with Good Samaritan Center & Atlanta Community Food Bank

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bright Star United Methodist Church
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Upcoming
EVENTS

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
01/05	Election run-off	02/02	Trustees-7pm
01/05	Trustees-7pm	02/09	Staff-6pm
01/10	Undecorate	02/15-19	Dgls Cty schools holiday
01/12	Staff-6pm	02/16	Finance-7pm
01/17	Baby bottle F/R	02/17	Ash Wednesday Service
01/19	Finance-7pm	02/20	Newsletter deadline
01/20	Blood Drive	02/28	Church Council-noon
01/20	Newsletter deadline		
01/24	Church Council-noon		
01/31	Youth Sunday		

GIVE BLOOD
so they can continue to play dress up.

Sign up now at Redcrossblood.org

BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, January 20 - 2:00-7:00 p.m.
in the Activity Center/Gym

Schedule to Donate Today

American Red Cross Blood Services

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Worship With Us Each Sunday

11:00 am in Hunter Hall

or livestream via our YouTube channel

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next newsletter is

January 20, 2021



OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday
8am - 12pm

OUR PURPOSE

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