



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.



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The Light of Love and Hope in Our Community

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Celebration of Holy Baptism



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HOLIDAY Bazaar

Saturday, November 3 from 9am-3pm

Arts & Crafts/Vendors,
Silent Auction, Bake Sale,
Concessions, and much more!

Vendors spots available

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HOLIDAY Bazaar

November 3



Help Wanted!

Drag out those recipes "passed down through the family" & plan to contribute. We need lots of variety.
Volunteers needed to sell the goodies.



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Silent Auction



Saturday, November 3
9 am - 3 pm

at the

HOLIDAY
Bazaar

Items needed for Silent Auction
This is a fundraiser for BSUMC



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MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

Every now and then I run into a pastor from another denomination here in Douglasville who tells me that when they did not have their own facility, it was the Bright Star United Methodist Church that opened its doors to them during their time of transition.

Well, you should know by now that when I hear exciting stories like that, I am thinking, "well, perhaps we should have an ecumenical "thanksgiving service" so that they can come and tell us about their time here with us and at the same time bring us up to

date to what God has been in and through their ministry lately.

However, to do so, I will have to solicit the help of those who have been here for a while and especially those who can remember the names of our ecumenical friends or the names of other organizations that we have accommodated so that we can reach out to them.

Now why would we want to do that? Simply because it will be another reminder to all of us of who we are in Christ and how God can use us to make the impossible possible. In addition, it challenges us to look at other new opportunities for ministry that God might want to introduce us to.



With that in mind, let us continue to give thanks to God for the ministry of the home school program, Boy and Girl Scouts, Market Day, the prayer ministry, and Kids' Day Out and all the other things that Bright Star does to serve others. These are all programs that are currently happening at Bright Star. Thanks be to God.



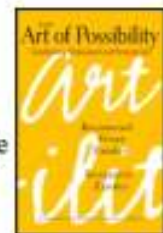
One other very important mission opportunity that I would like to introduce, is for us to make October our TITHING MONTH. As you know, we had great success with this adventure when I first introduced it a couple of years ago. And since life is not just about getting, it is also important for us to think about our giving from time to time. Hence, this is a good opportunity to do so because John 3:16 tells us that God so loved the world that he gave not only his ALL, but also his BEST. So, that we might have a life that is made up of so much more than we can even imagine.

Furthermore, it was John Wesley, the founder of Methodism who constantly reminded his followers to "GET" all that they could and in turn to also to "GIVE" all that they could, because he knew that life was always a matter of giving and taking. As we all know, Bright Star still has a HUGE DEBT that needs to be paid. Therefore, the more financial resources we have to do what we have to do, the quicker the debt will be paid and the greater our mission endeavors will be.

As a matter of fact, it is my sincere hope and prayer that we will work toward eliminating that debt within the next ten years. Is it possible? Well, the credit union tells me that it is and I do believe that all things are possible to those who believe and are willing to put that belief into practice.

Having said all that, let's just celebrate the blessings of Bright Star! Let us remember that this is an awesome place of Grace, a place that will never be just another little church in another little town. But instead, we will always be a part of God's worldwide movement to transform the world. So, let's continue to believe that the best is yet to be and to do whatever we can to MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE.

Allow me also to recommend a book for you to read and talk about in your small group gatherings. It is called "The Art of Possibility" by Rosamund and Benjamin Zander. May God continue to bless us on our journey.



Your Possibility Thinking Pastor

Dr. EJ



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 volunteer@partnersofprc.com

**2018 "Walk for Life"
 "Life. Worth Defending"
 Thank you, Bright Star Family!**

**Totals thus far:
 Over \$92,000 donated & pledged
 Bright Star portion was over \$2000**



How PRC Medical uses funds raised through the Walk for Life:

- 537 at-risk babies have been saved through June of this year.
- 27 clients have made commitments to the Lord this year.
- 62 clients have made chastity commitments this year.



Upcoming EVENTS

OCTOBER

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

- 10/01 Prayer Walk at Bill Arp-8:30am
- 10/01 PIE mtg-9:30am
- 10/02 Trustees-7pm
- 10/09 Staff mtg-6:15pm
- 10/11 Gideons-6:30pm
- 10/11 Evangelism-6:30pm
- 10/16 Finance-7pm
- 10/18-20 Consignment Sale
- 10/20 Newsletter deadline
- 10/28 Special offering-Aldersgate
- 10/28 Church Council-after services

NOVEMBER

- 11/03 BAZAAR
- 11/05 Prayer Walk at Bill Arp-8:30am
- 11/05 PIE mtg-9:30am
- 11/06 General Election-HH
- 11/06 Trustees-7pm
- 11/08 Gideons-6:30pm
- 11/08 Evangelism-6:30pm
- 11/13 Staff mtg-6:15pm
- 11/15-17 Drama performance
- 11/18 Angel Tree goes up
- 11/19 Dgls Cty school out
- 11/20 Newsletter deadline
- 11/20 Finance-7pm
- 11/22-23 Office Closed-Thanksgiving
- 11/25 Prep for Advent
- 11/25 Church Council-after services
- 11/27 Floors polished-

The EVANGELISM Seminar

Begins Thursday, Sept. 20
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 6 – 8 weeks
 Contact Laura Frank
 770-316-7201
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Attracting the Unchurched to Your Church and Mobilizing Your Church for Evangelism



Everyone Welcome! No Charge; All Materials Provided



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

We will meet every Thursday morning for 12 weeks



Sept. 6 to Dec. 6 (We will not meet on Nov. 22) 10:30 am to noon



Finance/Stewardship

Monthly Operating Budget Required:.....\$33,822
Fiscal YTD Operating Budget required thru September.....\$101,466
Report thru September 16, 2018
Operating Budget Received MTD\$21,320
Operating Budget Received Fiscal YTD.....\$84,576

Mortgage Account Activity (8/14 to 9/11)

Monthly mortgage pymt.....\$8,110.21
Principal Balance as of 8/28/18\$1,498,866

NOTE: Fiscal Year is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Do you like seeing the photos of people at Bright Star?

While I love putting together the photos for the newsletter, it is very time consuming,

SO I HAVE A SOLUTION!

I have created a Shutterfly Share Site just for Bright Star congregation to share and look at photos.

It is a private website and you must be invited to join.

If you would like to see photos from our events here at BSUMC, send me an email to news@brightstarumc.org and I will send the link to you.

Once you are a member of the site, you will be able to upload photos, too!

Thank you, Kim Daniels

Dear Bright Star Family,

I very much appreciate all the cards and prayers and for supporting me during this time. The doctor confirmed that it was cancer he removed and feels that he got all of it. Thank you, again!

Tom Beavers



To Our Bright Star Family,

This has not been a good year for us with all the health problems we have had. We know that many prayers have been lifted up for us, and we appreciate that more than you will ever know. Prayer is a very important part of our lives, and we know God hears all of them. We would also like to say "Thank You" for all the visits, cards, flowers, phone calls and food that we are still receiving from some of you. We appreciate everything more than you will ever know, and hope to be able to return to church real soon.

Love and God's blessings,

Pat & Jimmy Farrell

BRIGHT STAR



Every Saturday 10am - 1pm


In the Activity Center/Gym Fruits and Veggies for your family for \$20

Check us out on Facebook




Birthdays and Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



10/1 Cindi Dubransky
10/3 Stacy Davis
10/4 Deborah Copeland
10/4 Ron West
10/7 Claselle Murphy
10/7 John Willis
10/14 Doug Hintz
10/14 Levi Thomas
10/14 Paul Thomas
10/15 Liz Marino
10/16 Susan Baird
10/16 Lynn Willis
10/18 Johnny Cochran
10/18 Bob Reynolds
10/19 Jennifer Chadwick
10/19 Gary Lanier
10/21 Don Allen
10/21 Jacob Thomas
10/22 Josh Lowery
10/23 Jillian Ridge
10/24 Debra Fields
10/26 Leon Ballentine
10/27 Kristen Holloway
10/27 Jim Owensby
10/29 Julia Musser
10/29 Maura Plumley
10/31 Kelly Roberts

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



10/4 Joel & Susie Munday
10/9 Tom & Karen Beavers
10/11 Darwin & Cookie Glover
10/18 Glenn & Heather Petero
10/20 Ed & Pam Landers
10/29 Roy & Janice Waddle

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3 Alicia Mercado
11/5 Blanch Morgan
11/7 Kim Daniels
11/8 Elizabeth Hopkins
11/9 Jackie Conort
11/10 Elizabeth Munday
11/11 Kim Kreider
11/12 Karen Hopkins
11/13 Victoria Kichline
11/14 Hunter Bowman
11/15 Lamar Samples
11/20 Patrick Clemensen
11/21 Cynthia Dewberry
11/23 Roy Waddle
11/23 Ros Winslett
11/24 Becky Brannon
11/24 Joshua Lassiter
11/24 Marcos Mercado
11/24 Jerry Phillips
11/24 Katie Plumley
11/25 Michelle Bowman
11/26 Waverly Rainey
11/27 Ella Mae Bridges
11/29 Tom Stanford
11/30 Whitney Bowman Gray

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/2 Stephen & Meredith Warner
11/2 Alex & Suzanne Brethauer
11/3 Sean & Jessie Phillips
11/8 Eddie & Cindi Dubransky
11/12 John & Lynn Willis
11/18 Johnny & Barbara Cochran
11/29 Jim & Teresa Mackey

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CHILDREN'S sale CONSIGNMENT



Open to the Public

October 18th - October 20th

Thurs 4pm-7pm • Fri 9am-7pm • Sat 9am-2pm



Consignors Wanted • Volunteers Needed

Drop off for Consignors - Wednesday 10/17 • 10am-12pm & 4pm-7pm
& Thursday 10/18 • 10am-12pm or by appointment.

PREVIEW SALE FOR CONSIGNORS & VOLUNTEERS

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OCTOBER IS TITHING MONTH



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have decided to do whatever we can to eliminate our massive mortgage!

So, please prayerfully consider a special gift to Bright Star UMC to help relieve the burden of this debt.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 21
in Carrollton

Charge Conference Reports are due to the church office no later than Tues., October 2.
If you are in charge of a ministry, please provide a report for the last year (October 2017 to September 2018).
Thank you!

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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

October 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.



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