



Sunday September 6, 2020

Clear Vision In 2020!

Bright Star News Network

Events & Outings

Dear Bright Star Family,

We who are living in the midst of the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic and injustice are living in uncertain and difficult times.

The church is called to times like this, the church's witness that is expressed through provision of loving, caring service is expected to come-alive in a very special way in times like this. We therefore must find ways in which we can continue to bear witness to the love of God for all Creation in the midst of our current debilitating circumstances. As a church, we cherish the invincible hope in God that while situations come and go, our God is the "same yesterday, today and forever, such that although difficult and life threatening our present situation maybe, it will certainly pass and a new day shall dawn "with healing in its wings."

In this difficult time, we write to encourage every family member of Bright Star not to allow the circumstances brought about by COVID 19 or injustice to define us, but rather, as Christians should continue to focus on Christ in ways which our faith and hope in Christ define and strengthen us for the challenges we face. Indeed, the omnipresent God is not limited to space (building) but is everywhere and in all circumstances, we are called to keep hoping, worshiping and praying to the almighty, all powerful God.

Psalms 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. 3

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. 6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

7 Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. 8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek. 9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior. 10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. 12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence. 13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

While “social distancing” might be the order of the day to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, it is also recommended to take everyone’s temperature and record who is in

attendance of which we will be doing as members enter the Sanctuary starting this Sunday.

OUR CURRENT PLANS, FOR NOW:

We will continue to meet for worship on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am however there will be no Sunday Morning Prayer at 9:00 am or Christian Education at 9:30 am as well as no Choir Rehearsal until further notice.

Wednesday Night Bible Study is now available through Video/Phone Zoom Conference at 7:00 pm. We are also using materials and Videos from our RightNow Media account. Our Current Lesson is Thriving in Babylon. To be connected please make sure we have your email address by sending it to yvettesmith@brightstarcc.org. Hope to see or hear from you Wednesday at 7:00 pm

We will continue to sanitize all high-touch surfaces at the church and continue with the protocols we put in place and don't forget to wave, say Good Morning or give a big Smile at people rather than touch. **Masks are also available in the front Vestibule if you need one.** We are also asking that when we enter the Sanctuary that we sit on the white papers located on the benches to create some social distancing between us. Let us continue to continue to stay flexible. Let us pray that The Lord will heal our land. Some trust in chariots, others in horse, but we want to continue to trust in the name of the Lord our God. Let's rise above this situation, in faith!

- ***Wednesday Night Community Bible Study***

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- **Let us not miss the opportunity to Give unto The Lord, Continue to be strong in our giving to the Lord. The Lord has been Good to us so let's keep it 100 for He only ask for 10%. Don't start robbing God. On Sundays you can give through our church Web-Site, which will walk you through the Tithe.ly App or Online Giving.**

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- **Don't forget the 4th Sunday of September is our 2020 Capital Campaign Contribution. This is a Sacrifice over and beyond our Tithes and Offerings for The Lord to use to manifest our Block Vision into a reality. Can we count on you to be All In on the fourth Sundays in 2020?**
- **We hope everyone is connected to RightNow Media that's available to our Bright Star Community Church Family. RightNow Media, is kind of like Netflix for Christians for Spiritual Growth. This service is covered by the church and free of charge to you because we want all of us to growth in our relationship with the Lord. We are now using RightNow Media for our Next Wednesday Night Bible Study August 26, 2020.**
- **Get ready for the 2020 8-Week Biggest Loser Boot Camp Challenge to Re-Start soon. But keep up the good work and track your results each week. Be on the lookout for Encouraging Emails to keep you going.**

Saturday September 12, 2020 starting at 6:00 pm. Calling all Bright Star Couples to gather with us as we join thousands of couples in churches across North America for #MarriageNight2020. Learn from Les & Leslie Parrott, Matt & Lauren Chandler, Conway & Jada Edwards, & comedian Michael Jr. “A happy and healthy marriage doesn’t happen by accident. It takes work. This will be a night dedicated to focus on your marriage. Make your marriage a priority. Cost for the event will be \$30.00 per Couple. (See attached Letter and Flyer) Please sign up at the Connection Station or online at our Website www.brightstarcc.org

- **Get ready for our next Bible In Every Home in the West End Outreach. We need volunteers to sign up and help with this great effort to get the Word of God to His people. I believe people need Jesus with everything that’s going on in the world today. We are not asking you to know the Bible but can you simply hand someone a Bible. Outreach Date October 3, 2020 @ 10:00 am. Please sign up at the Connection Station or online at our Website www.brightstarcc.org**
- **Get ready for our 57th Church Anniversary Sunday October 4th and Sunday October 11th, 2020 Let’s Celebrate! To God Be The Glory!**
- **Welcome our Guest in Person and Online**
 - **During your time of Prayer let us pray for an end of the COVID-19 don’t forget to pray for our Sick and Shut-In, Mothers and each other.**

Also let us keep in our Prayers our Church Ministry Opportunities as The Lord is moving us to Clear Vision In 2020: If you are interested in being a part of any of the Ministries please sign up at the Connection Station or with Sis. Yvette Smith

All of our outings and events will be on the screens before and after service for you to review.

Be Blessed, Be BOLD and Be of Good Courage with Clear Vision In 2020