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The Junction is a place  
where we can connect...

We all have a deep need for God to be part of our daily lives, and a way that we seek to fill that need is by being part of a church. For some of us, however, church has not provided an opportunity for us to really **connect with God**. We will have that opportunity at the Junction.

We were not intended to go through the good or bad times in life on our own. We need others' support in difficulties as well as needing friends with whom we can share our joys. The Junction will help us **connect with our neighbors**, because each of us has a part to play in God's work in our lives.

We are not the first ones to try to live life as God wants; we stand among 2,000 years of men, women, and children who have accepted Jesus' invitation to become his followers. At the Junction, we will seek to **connect with other followers of Jesus**, past and present, and learn from their lives with God.

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The Junction is a ministry of  
Bright Star United Methodist Church.

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**Children's Ministries:** Weekly children's parable in worship, Children's Church, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Wee-Wesleyans, Prayer Pals, Children's Choir, Children's Chimes, and more.

*For more information contact our children's director,  
Katie Henry. email: children@brightstarumc.org*

**Youth Ministries:** Weekly youth group meetings, discipleship groups, Sunday School Bible Study, Mission Trips, Camps, Retreats, Youth Choir.

*For more information contact our youth coordinator,  
Ron Altomare.*

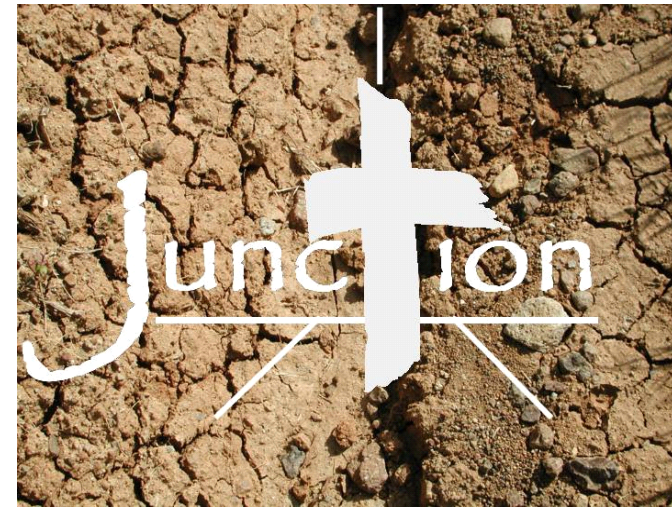
**Adult Ministries:** Koinonia Fellowship Groups, Sunday School Classes, Hilltoppers Senior Adult Ministry, Chancel Choir, Bible Studies, Men's Groups, and Women's Groups.

*For more information contact one of our pastors,  
Thom Shores-Senior Pastor—404-285-5725  
Tim Constien-Associate Pastor—404-915-0304*

**Bright Star Pre-School & Parent's Morning Out:** Parent's Morning Out, ages 6 weeks—2 years. Pre-school classes for 2, 3, and 4 year old children. Choose from 2, 3, or 5 days/week.

*For more information contact our Pre-School Director,  
Deena Canup*

**Wednesday Night Dinner:** Join us for dinner and activities. Child care 6—8:30 pm. Children and Adult choirs, Men's, Women's and Youth Bible Studies, and Children's activities.



(jūngk'shun) Def: 1. A place where two or more things come together. 2. Something that joins or connects 3. The state of being joined together and a connection is made. 5. The place where different things come and are bound together into one.

*a gathering of worshippers*

*Connecting with God,  
our neighbors,  
and other followers  
of Jesus*

*Connecting  
with God,  
who is with us*

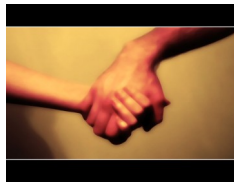


Connecting with God is the primary purpose of our time together at the Junction, and so we want to find many different ways to do that. The method may vary from week to week, but we will always seek to connect with God by creating space within our time together for personal prayer and experience of God's presence.

We will have stations available where you can always feel free during our time together to go and be with God. Some may have suggestions to guide your time of prayer; others will simply provide some space where you can have some undistracted time with God.

*Connecting with our  
neighbors around us*

It is tempting to think that being a Christian is only an individual matter. While it does involve personal choices, our relationships are also an integral part of God's work in our lives. Trying to follow Jesus on our own willpower is very frustrating; we simply weren't made to do it. Following Jesus with the help of others in encouraging relationships brings us joy while helping us to grow.



There are a lot of people involved in leading our times of worship together at the Junction, not just our pastors. This is because everyone has a story of how God has shown us his love and faithfulness, and we benefit by learning from as many people as possible. We give everyone the chance to minister to all of our neighbors by offering opportunities of service even as a part of our worship time together.

*Connecting with  
thousands of years of  
other followers of Jesus  
before us*

Many times we assume that something is automatically



better the newer it is. If we do this, especially with our faith, we can miss out on the opportunity to learn valuable lessons from the past.

At the Junction, we will seek to learn from others who follow God today and who have done so throughout history. Whether it's by using the Psalms for prayer, learning the stories behind some of our favorite songs and hymns of the faith, seeking to understand some of the ancient Christian creeds, or incorporating some of the historical practices and symbols of Christian worship, our faith will be enriched by learning from others who have followed God closely.

***Join us! 11:00 a.m. Sundays  
in the theatre at  
Bright Star UMC.***