

The Journey....

**DRAWING OTHERS TO GOD THROUGH FAITH,
HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE**

APRIL 2025



**Bushnell Methodist Church
Bushnell, Florida
Joyce Dunne, Pastor**



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

From Palms to Resurrection

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are the bookends of Holy Week; the most significant week in the Christian calendar. Holy Week tells the story of sacrifice, hope and renewal. It follows Jesus' journey from celebration to crucifixion, to resurrection. His journey helps us to understand how this one week deepens the true meaning of Easter and helps us to fully embrace Christ's message of hope.

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is recorded in all four Gospels. Instead of entering the city riding on a stallion, which would represent His kingship, Jesus came riding on a donkey, a symbol of peace. Jesus' choice to ride a donkey is not by accident, it fulfilled the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." This would have resonated with the Jewish crowd who would have been familiar with the scripture. He was greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting, "*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*" (John 12:13). The crowd jubilate as they welcomed Jesus as their King and Messiah. The word Hosanna means "save us" demonstrating their hope that Jesus was the promised Messiah. They understood His coming as political to redeem them from Roman oppression.

The crowd was unaware of the events that would unfold in the days ahead. However, Jesus knew this journey into Jerusalem would lead to his arrest, suffering, and death. Palm Sunday, therefore, is both a joyful and solemn occasion, because it sets the stage for the Passion of Christ.

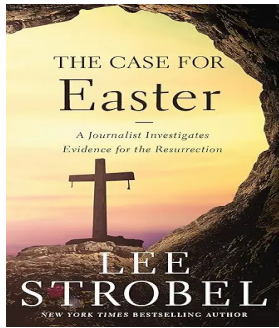
In a short time the joyful mood of Palm Sunday makes a dramatic shift when Jesus confronts the religious leaders. After celebrating Passover with His disciples, He is betrayed by one of his own, Judas for 30 pieces of silver. By Good Friday, the cries of "*Hosanna!*" turned to the cry to "*Crucify Him!*" The suffering and crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday reminds us of the cost of redemption. A stark reminder of the brokenness in the world and the lengths God would go to redeem us.

We celebrate Easter with joy because Jesus' resurrection is the fulfillment of the hope that began on Palm Sunday with the cries of Hosanna! Save us. The empty tomb demonstrates Jesus' authority over death which gives us the hope and confidence we have in eternal life. Easter transforms the cross, a symbol of suffering, into a symbol of victory and salvation. Easter is the culmination of the story that began with a baby in manger in Bethlehem.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday invite us to reflect on our own spiritual journeys. The palms represent the joy of our faith, while the events of Holy Week challenge us to confront the trials and sacrifices we may encounter to live as a disciple of Christ. This Holy Week, may we carry the palms branches with celebration that Christ is with us as we hold fast to the promises of the resurrection and eternal life.

Pastor Joyce





LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

April 2nd and 16th, Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

“The Case For Easter”
by Author, Lee Strobel



FREE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 5th

Come join us the first Saturday of each month for a free breakfast and fellowship. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, April 15th, 9:00 a.m.
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



LADIES LUNCHEON

April 15th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Ladies luncheon will be held at the Fujiyama Japanese Steak House, 2571 CR-48, Bushnell. Please contact Celeste Hayes to confirm your reservation at 352-346-1304. Hope to see you there!



April 12th, Saturday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Bushnell Plaza. Come out and join the fun!

choir practice



Choir practice every Sunday
morning at 9:30 a.m.



EASTER CANTATA PRACTICE

April 4th, 2:00 p.m. at Floral City Methodist Church

April 11th, 2:00 p.m. at Bushnell Methodist Church



Sunday, April 13th

**Combined choirs of Floral City and
Bushnell Methodist Churches**



Happy Birthday to:

04/01 Felix Adams

04/03 Kim Adams

04/09 Tyler Montgomery



Happy Anniversary to:

04/27 Don & Jeanette Hoyt

04/28 Tyler & Linda Montgomery

Angie Bartel
116 Shawnee Trail
Ringgold, GA 30736

Marie Massey
3610 NE 16th Place
Ocala, FL 34470
352- 223-3766 (Cell)
352-620-9991 (Home)

Bert Park
110 Creekside Dr. Apt 204
Painted Post, NY 14870
607-689-6019

Betty King
2020 Harbourside Dr. # 422
Longboat Key, FL 34228



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11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 6 Communion Sunday
Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14(NIV)
Sermon: "Where Are You?"
Quest Speaker: Rev. Tyler Montgomery

11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 13
Sermon: Easter Cantata

11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 20 Easter
Scripture: Matthew 28:5-8, Mark 16:2-8, Luke 24:1-12,
John 20:1 (NIV)
Sermon: "Sonrise"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 27
Scripture: Luke 24:13-33 (NIV)
Sermon: "Walking With Jesus"

**Praying with you and for you,
Pastor Joyce**



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17th, Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

(There will be no service on Good Friday)



EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY MAY 2025

05/03 - Community Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

05/07, 14, 28 - Bible Study, 4:30 p.m.

**05/20 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Darrell's Diner
Ladies Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.**

**05/21 - Committee Meetings, Trustees- 5:00 p.m.,
Finance- 5:30 p.m., Leadership-6:00 p.m.**

05/21 - Farm Share, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



FARM SHARE

Come every 4th Wednesday of each month here at the church from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Some eligibility may be required.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Chime 9:30a Food pantry 11a-1pm Lenten Study 4:30p	3	4 Cantata prac. 2 pm @ Floral City	5 Comm. B-fast 8-10 am
6 Choir Prac. 9:30a	7	8	9 Chime prac. 9:30a Food pantry 11a-1pm No Bible Study	10	11 Cantata prac. 2 pm at Bushnell	12 Bunny Bash 2-5p Bushnell Plaza
13 Easter Cantata Choir prac. 9:30a	14	15 Men's Break-fast 9:00a Ladies lunch 1p	16 Food pantry 11a Lenten study 4:30-5:30p	17 Maundy Thurs. Ser. 5:00 pm	18 No Good Friday Ser.	19
20 EASTER Choir prac. 9:30a	21	22	23 Food pantry 11a Epic B/S 4:30p FARM SHARE	24	25	26
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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!