

The Journey....

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

AUGUST 2025



Bushnell Methodist Church
Bushnell, Florida
Joyce Dunne, Pastor



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Wars and Rumors of Wars ?

This is an age-old question that both Christians and non-Christians ask. Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

Well it all goes back to the garden and the fall. When Adam and Eve sinned against God, the perfection of Eden ended, and suffering was literally born. God told Eve, *"I will greatly increase your pains in childbirth; you will bring forth children in pain."* Genesis 3:16

Women will experience pain and men will toil and labor to produce food as a consequence of the fall. God didn't directly punish them, but people will struggle and experience pain once expelled from the garden.

When Jesus' disciples asked Him about the end of the age and the signs to look for, He responded with an intriguing statement.

"See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains." Matthew 24:4-8

Just like during childbirth, the contractions a woman experiences increase both in intensity and frequency until the child is born. Jesus' unsettling words about birthing pains, describing end times, have captivated theologians for generations. His statement seems to describe a series of global catastrophes that will increase over time, getting more painful as we get nearer to the end of the age and Christ's second coming. More wars and rumors of wars, more famines and earthquakes. And increase in hatred, betrayal and lawlessness. People becoming lovers of money instead of lovers of God. And global Christian persecution will increase.

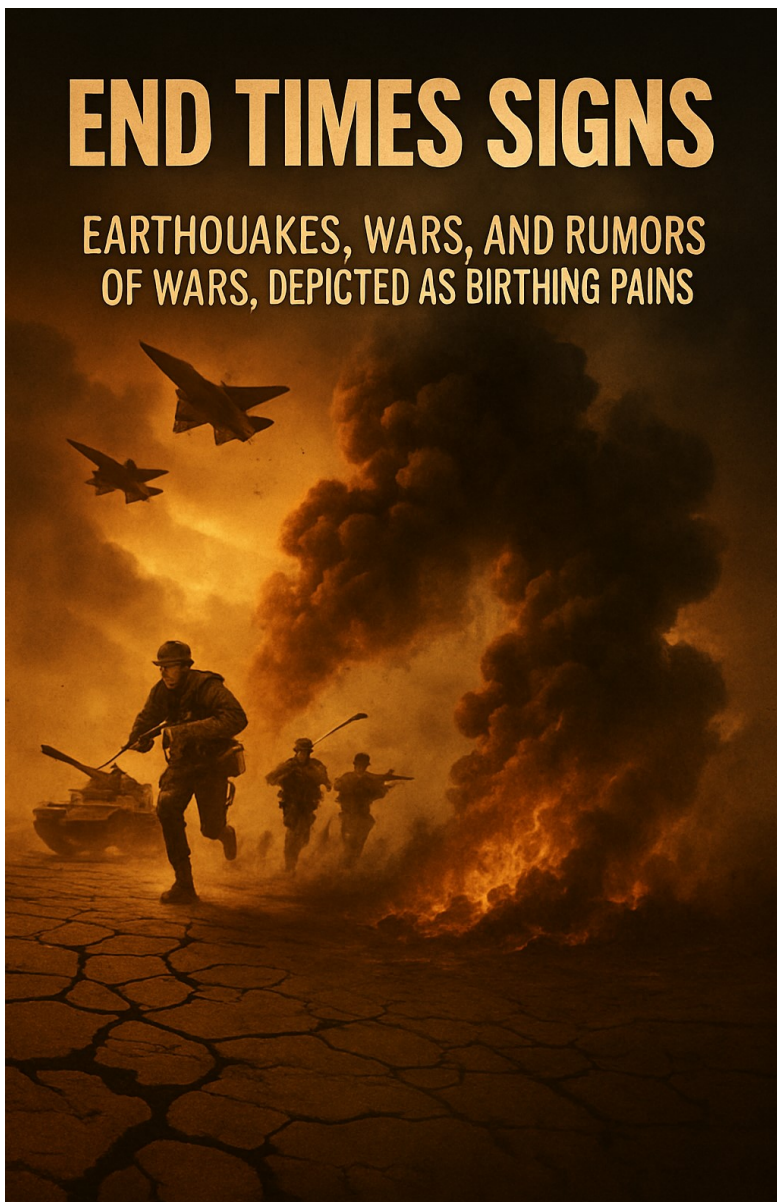
Jesus's teachings don't shy away from the reality that life will become increasingly difficult with escalating turmoil, persecution, global unrest, natural disasters, and spiritual confusion all causing human suffering.

But Jesus' message, while troubling, also brings hope. It's by no accident that Jesus chose to use the metaphor of childbirth pain, because we know birth pains lead to new life. Though the pain will be intense, we can anticipate God's coming bringing new life.

Jesus gave us the warning signs, so we wouldn't be caught off guard, and so we wouldn't lose hope. Many Christians echo Jesus' warnings today, but His words shouldn't frighten us, instead deepen our faith as we experience what was foretold over 2000 years ago. It's a call to persevere and not lose faith, even when bad things happen to good people. Because we know these things must take place. While times of trouble will increase, we shouldn't be alarmed, but instead stay alert, and remain faithful.

Birth pains set realistic expectations for all who follow Christ. While times of trouble will increase, they have a purpose and will lead to new birth and hope for a future as we cling to the promise of God.

Pastor Joyce





MUSIC CAMP RECITAL

**August 10th, Sunday - Summer Music Camp
Celebration/Ice Cream Social**

Come celebrate what we learned during the Summer Music Camp. Following the morning service there will be an Ice Cream Social (pizza will also be served to balance out the meal). Everyone is invited to come and support these great kids!



FREE BREAKFAST

**Saturday, August 2nd
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Free Community Breakfast
Everyone Welcome and come join the fellowship.**



MEN'S BREAKFAST

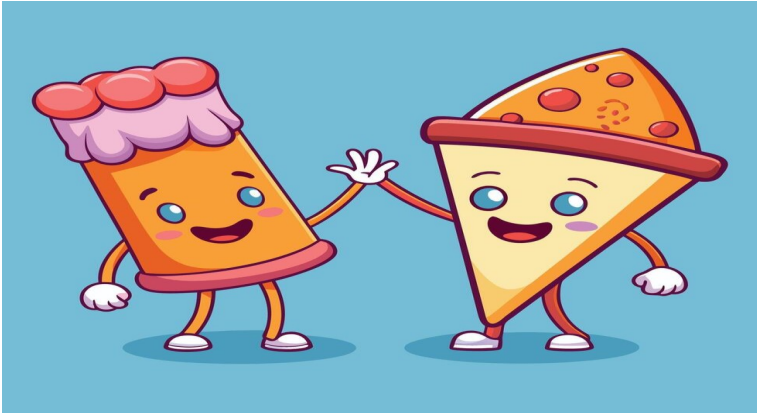
**Tuesday, August 19th, 9:00 a.m.
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell**



LADIES LUNCHEON

August 19th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Beef O'Bradys, CR-48, Bushnell. Please contact Celeste Hayes to confirm your reservation at 352-346-1304. If you need a ride please be at the church between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



Ice Cream & Pizza Social **August 10th, Sunday**

This will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service.



**JULY 9TH - AUGUST 6TH, WEDNESDAY
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

If you are between the ages of 8 and 12 years old there will be a free music camp with beginner guitar, voice and piano lessons and other activities every Wednesday through August 6th. Come join the fun! Please contact the church for details at 352-793-3221



Happy Birthday to:

08/10 Micah Adams
08/19 Hannah Gomez
08/22 Bert Park



Happy Anniversary to:

08/11 Jack & Patty Jordan

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, August 3
Scripture: Revelation 6:1-17 (NIV)
Sermon: “The Four Horseman and Divine Justice”

11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 10
Scripture: Revelation 9:1-21 (NIV)
Sermon: “When All Hell Breaks Loose”

11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 17
Scripture: Revelation 19:6-21(NIV)
Sermon: “The Final Battle: Final Victory”

11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 24
Scripture: Revelation 20:1-15 (NIV)
Sermon: “1000 Year Reign”

11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 31
Scripture: Revelation 21:1-14, 18-27 (NIV)
Sermon: “A New Heaven and New Earth”

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



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EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY SEPTEMBER 2025

09/01 - Labor Day (office closed)

09/04 - SPRC Meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**09/24 - Committee Mtgs. Wednesday, Trustee 4:00p,
Finance, 4:30p and Leadership, 5:00p**



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. Everyone welcome!

AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Comm. Breakfast 8a-10p
3	4	5	6 Food pantry 11a-1pm Music camp 10a-12p	7	8	9
10 Music Camp rec- tial Ice Cream pizza soc.	11	12	13 Food pantry 11a	14	15	16
17	18	19 Men's Breakfast 9:00a Ladies Lunch 1:00 p	20 Food pantry 11a	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Food Pantry 11a Farm Share 11a-1p	28	29	30
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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!