

The Journey.....

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

DECEMBER 2025



Bushnell Methodist Church
Bushnell, Florida
Joyce Dunne, Pastor



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

The True Meaning of Christmas

Every December, our homes and communities light up with colorful lights and glittering decorations. We hang wreaths, decorate trees, wrap gifts, bake cookies and sing our favorite Christmas carols. It's truly a beautiful season of celebration and generosity. We welcome our treasured traditions to greet us with nostalgia, as we remember the Christmases of our youth. But in the midst of the lights, shopping and laughter, it's easy to forget why we celebrate in the first place.

Christmas is not just about presents under a tree, or gathering with family and friends. It's about love came down to live among us. The Creator of the universe stepped into His creation as a humble baby, so that we may have life, and not just life, but life eternal. *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."* John 1:14

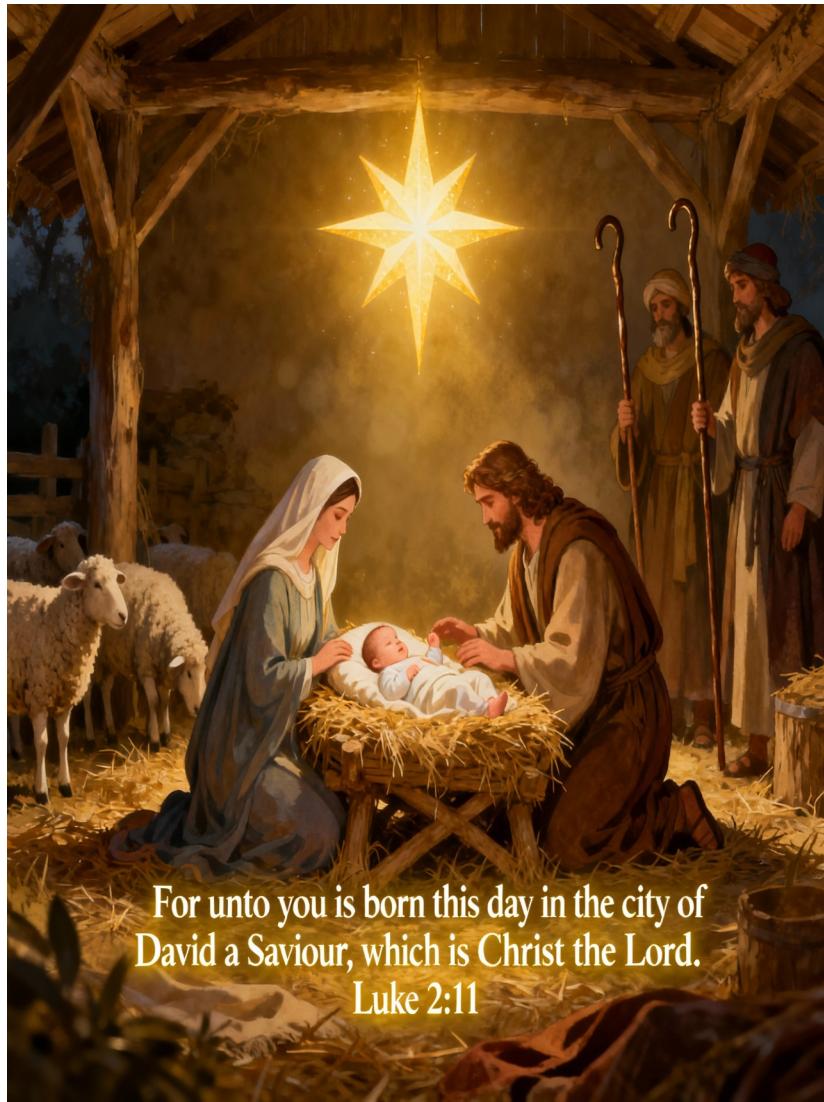
This one single verse holds the true meaning of Christmas. God didn't send an angel, or a messenger, He sent Jesus, His Son, to enter our world as a human baby, so that we might know the extent of His love for us. The eternal God fully divine and fully human didn't come as a king with royal splendor. He came as a vulnerable infant to an ordinary family of no importance. His first visitors, the shepherds, received the extraordinary news. *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:11

The true meaning of Christmas, it's not found in the gifts under the tree, but in the gift God gave the world. In a humble stable, wrapped in love, the Son of God entered human history and forever changed the world.

This miracle child reminds us that God became one of us, to bring light where there was darkness. Every candle we light and every carol we sing is a reflection of that light that still shines today.

As we gather to exchange gifts this year, let us remember the greatest gift ever given. Let our love reflect the love of the One who came to dwell among us. So as we prepare our homes for the coming of Christ, let's also prepare our hearts and celebrate the living presence of Christ our Lord this Advent Season.

Pastor Joyce



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David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11



FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 6th

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Everyone welcome and come join the fellowship.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



December 5th, Friday, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in going Christmas Caroling in Floral City, please see Carolyn Thatcher for details.



LADIES LUNCHEON

December 16th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Ladies Luncheon will be held at Pappa Joe's, 6244 Spring Lake Hwy., Brooksville. Please don't forget to bring your gift exchange. There is a \$ 10.00 limit. Please contact Celeste Hayes to confirm your reservation at 352-346-1304. If you need a ride please be at the church between 12:00 p.m. and 12:15 p.m. Hope to see you there!



IT'S A MUSICAL TEAMS PARTY!

December 14th, Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

There will be a party held for all the musical groups at Jo Jefferson's house at 11230 E. Wise Lane, Floral City. Come join the fun!



November 3rd - December 1st - Toys For Kids Ministry

All donations are greatly appreciated and will help make a wonderful Christmas for the children at Bushnell Elementary School. Packing party TBA.



CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE

December 3rd, 10th & 17th, Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



Wednesday, December 10th & December 17th, 4:30 p.m.



CHOIR PRACTICE

December 7th, 14th & 21st, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
(*No choir practice on 12/28*)

Cantata Practice will be held each Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
and December 19, Friday at 2:00 p.m.
Choir practice will held every Sunday morning.



Christmas Open House, December 21st, Sunday, 3-5 p.m.
A Christmas Open House will be hosted by Russ and Carolyn
Thatcher at 11554 E. Springs Lane, Floral City.
Everyone welcome!



Happy Birthday to:

12/23 David Higgins

12/27 Tommy Bryan
Evelyn Christy



Happy Anniversary to:

12/20 Mike & Shirley Revels

12/21 Terry & Betsy Gideons

12/30 Felix & Kim Adams

Angie Bartel
116 Shawnee Trail
Ringgold, GA 30736

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, December 7

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV)

Sermon: "The Kingdom of Heaven Is At Hand"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 14

Scripture: Matthew 11:2-11 (NIV)

Sermon: "Are You The One?"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 21 Cantata

5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 28

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23 (NIV)

Sermon: "God's Provision In Times of Trouble"

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



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*We would like to wish everyone a very
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Pastor Joyce, Mary, Jo, Rosa, Russ and
Ariella*

**COMING
SOON**

EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY JANUARY 2026

TBA



DECEMBER 4TH, THURSDAY BELL RINGING

We will have the annual bell ringing at Walmart for the Salvation Army consisting of 2-hour shifts. **All volunteers will be greatly appreciated.** Please see Hannah Foster to sign up for this holiday event.



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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Food pantry 11 Chime Prac. 10a Comm. Mtgs.	4 Bell Ringing at Walmart	5 Christmas Caroling in F. City See Carolyn Thatcher 5:30p	6	Comm. Breakfast 8a-10p
7	8	9	10 Food pan- try 11a-1pm Chime prac 10a Advent study 4:30p	11	12	13
14	15	16 Men's Break- fast 9a Ladies lunch 1p	17 Food pantry 11a Chime prac. 10a Advent study 4:30	18	19 Cantata prac. 2p at church	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5 pm No Food Pantry No chime prac.	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 No chime prac. No B/S			

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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!