The Journey....

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

February2024



Bushnell Methodist Church Bushnell, Florida Joyce Dunne, Pastor



What Is LOVE ... Really?

I Corinthians 13:4-8a gives us a list of what Love is and isn't:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

This passage is often used at weddings to describe love in relationships. In the English language we use the word love in many different contexts. Love can be a warm, intimate, deep affectionate towards another. When the Bible says love your neighbor, it has a different meaning; to show care, concern and compassion for others. It can be used to say best wishes or as a salutation to good friends or loved ones. It can simply mean a person is smitten, infatuated or treasures someone. Additionally, it can mean someone who likes or enjoys something. George will often tell me he loves me ... not like pizza. To emphasize his true meaning.

But God has given us the capacity to love, because God is love, and we are created in his image. God loves us so much that he passionately pursues us, not willing to give up on us, no matter how much we try to run from him.

Such love gives us the strength and courage to work through any challenges we may encounter knowing that the God who gave us the capacity to love, loves us. Anyone in a relationship knows that love requires work, because it is against our human nature to put the needs of others before our own. How often are we inpatient, unkind, or easily angered? Too often. Do we find ourselves jealous of others, boasting in our own good fortune or unwilling to truly forgive and forget?

When we trust someone, it requires us to be open and vulnerable. When we truly love someone it requires us to admit when we are wrong and accept the admission of others with love and grace. Remembering we will be forgiven with the same measure we forgive.

This kind of love sounds impossible, but it is just this kind of love that has its source in God. So may our lives be filled with this kind of love that finds its power in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pastor Joyce





FREE BREAKFAST

Come join us the first Saturday of each month for a free breakfast and fellowship. The new hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

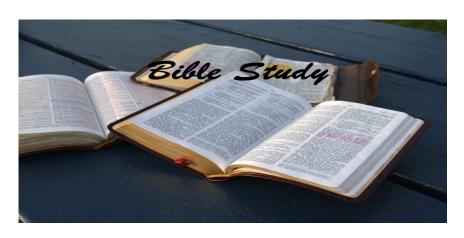
Hope to see you there on February 3rd!!



NATIONAL SEW DAY

Saturday, February 3rd 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided

Come join the fun and fellowship while we cut, sew and iron for the Quilts of Valor.



New Bible Study "Isaiah"

Author, Sandra L. Richter February 7th, Wednesday 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

(The "Isaiah" Bible study will be continued after the new **Lenten Bible study**)



February 14th at 4:00 p.m. **Bushnell Methodist Church**



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



COMMITTEE MEETINGS Tuesday, February 30th

Trustees - 5:00 p.m. Finance - 5:30 p.m. Leadership - 6:00 p.m. SPRC - 5:00 p.m



NEW NAME TAGS AVAILABLE

Order your new name tag! Above is a sample of our new name tag, as well as, in the narthex. The cost is \$ 6.00 each.

The number of tags, name and amount should be written on the envelope provided.

Place money in the envelope and drop in the box provided. Thank You!



FOOD PANTRY EMPHASIS MONTH

February 4th-25th

02/04 - "Meat You at Church" - Bring any kind of meat product (tuna, chicken, stew, meat, pastas, peanut butter).

02/11 - "Souper Bowl Sunday" - Bring chicken and rice or any chicken soup for the 49ers. Beef or vegetable soup for the Chiefs. 02/18 - "Fruit of the Spirit" - Please bring canned fruit, fruit juice, dried fruit, etc.

02/25 - "We've Bean Blessed and are Bringing in the Sheaves"-Bring canned beans, dried beans, beanie weenies, mac and cheese, cereal, crackers, pasta, rice, etc.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH @ 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall for a fun "Fashion" show followed by a night of games and snacks.



VALENTINE LUNCHEON Sunday, February 18th

Everyone come join us after the morning service. Please bring a dish to share and the meat will be provided.





Happy Birthday to:

02/02 Evan Johnson 02/05 Rebecca Higgins 02/10 Don Bennett 02/18 Don Peters

02/19 Jo Noggle 02/23 Skip Tompkin

Happy Anniversary to:

02/01 Charles/Dottie Witt

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



Please call or send a card



www.Facebook.com/bushnellmethodist

11:15 a.m. Sunday, February 4 Scripture: Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 Sermon: "What Is Our Vision"

Holy Communion: Please participate by having bread and drink in your home as we worship by live stream on Facebook.

11:15 a.m. Sunday, February 11 Scripture: Mark 9:2-9 (NIV) Sermon: "Brighter Than White"

11:15 a.m. Sunday, February 18 Scripture: Mark 1:9-15 (NIV) Sermon: "The Time Has Come"

11:15 a.m. Sunday, February 25 Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 (NIV) Sermon: "The Way of the Cross"

Praying with you and for you, Pastor Joyce



NEWS!!

Facebook.com/bushnellmethodist

Website: www.bushnellmethodistchurch.org



City of Bushnell Chili Cook Off February 10th, Saturday Bushnell Plaza Park, 117 E. Joe Strickland Ave.

Bushnell Methodist Church will be participating in the chili cook off. Come by the booth 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the fun and support the team!



EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY MARCH 2024

03/10 - Daylight Savings Time begins

03/17 - Winter family appreciation

03/24 - Palm Sunday

03/27 - Committee Meetings

03/28 - Holy Thursday @ Bushnell Methodist

03/29 - Good Friday @ 12:00p - Floral City Meth.

03/31 - Easter Sunday w/Communion

NEW LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, February 21st through March 20th, 5:00 p.m. dinner, 5:30 p.m.-6:30p.m. (no Bible study March 6th)

"He Chose The Nails" by author Max Lucado

Every gift from God reveals His love, but no gift reveals His love more than the gifts of the cross.

Study books can be picked up in the office.

(the Bible study, "Isaiah" will resume April 3rd)

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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:15 AM

See you then!