

The Journey....

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

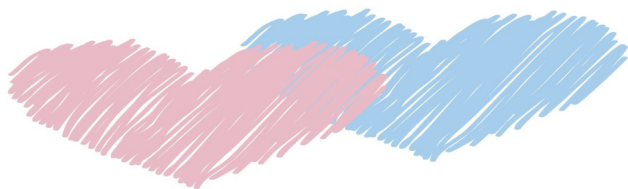
FEBRUARY 2025



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



**GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH**



Is Love A Feeling Or An Action

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The word Love can bring up many different kinds of feelings. We say we love pizza, our children and our spouse, but hopefully we don't love them in the same way. The word pizza may alert our taste buds that a good meal will be had. While loving our children brings very different emotions, such as care, protection, pride and joy. While loving our spouse, brings about emotions like comfort, pleasure, and romantic love which is really a mutual attraction that leads to a strong bond between two people that lasts a lifetime.

Love is a profound concept and central to the Christian faith. Love reveals the very nature of God. "God is love" (I John 4:8) suggests that love isn't simply an abstract idea, it's the essence of who God is. When we think about love do we consider love to be a feeling or an action?

Feelings of love can be powerful and deeply human. These emotions can draw us into relationships, ignite compassion, and create bonds of intimacy. When we think of love, our hearts and minds can move towards moments of joy and connection.

But Scripture warns us not to rely on our emotions alone, because feelings can be fleeting and can change depending on the circumstances. For instances, in marriage, feelings of love may ebb and flow, but that doesn't diminish the nature of the commitment. While emotions are a part of love, they are not what leads to a lasting loving relationship.

Scripture often portrays love as an action. Paul describes love as patient, kind, not envious or boastful, not self-seeking, and always persevering. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) These traits are not emotions but rather actions that require choice and effort to live out in our daily lives.

Jesus demonstrated how love is an action through His acts of love, when he healed the sick, fed the hungry, forgave sins, and laid down His life, so we could be reconciled with God. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friend." (John 15:13) His sacrifice on the cross was the ultimate expression of love, and it wasn't based on a feeling but on obedience to the Father.

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Acts of love can stir feelings of joy and peace, both in the giver and the receiver. While the feelings of can inspire us to do good.

Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." This kind selfless love does not come naturally for most, but as Christians we need to aspire to live this commandment out in our lives.

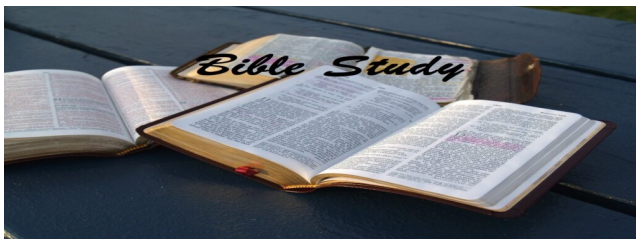
Love doesn't have to be grand or dramatic, because it's in the small, consistent actions, like listening patiently, offering encouragement, and helping others that love can become transformational and enduring.

So love is both a feeling and an action, but as Christians, it's the action that demonstrates the depth and authenticity of Christ's love and draws us closer to God and each other. When we choose to love, even when we don't feel like it, we embody the sacrificial love that Jesus demonstrated.

Pastor Joyce



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th



BIBLE STUDY

February 5th, Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

"The Epic of Eden"

**Understanding the Old Testament
by Author, Sandra L. Richter**



FREE BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 1st

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, February 18th, 9:00 a.m.
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell**



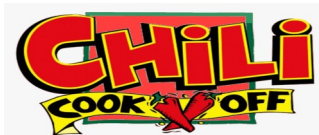
LADIES LUNCHEON

February 18th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
Ladies luncheon will be held at Breakfast
Station, 31180 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville
Please contact Celeste Hayes to confirm your
reservation at 352-346-1304. Hope to see you
there!



Quilts of Valor National Sew Day

Saturday, February 1st
10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



February 22nd, Saturday - 12p.m.-3p.m. - The Chili
Cookoff will be held at the Bushnell Plaza Park. If
you would like to volunteer with your personal
chili recipe please see David Higgins. All
volunteers will have a sample taste-off of their
chili on Sunday, February 9th



CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to
become involved with the new musical program please
see Jo Jefferson.

choir practice



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



Food Pantry Emphasis Month
February 2nd through 23rd



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th
Bring in chicken soup if you're an
Eagles fan and tomato soup to cheer
on the Chiefs.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
following the worship service



Happy Birthday to:

02/05 Rebecca Higgins
 02/10 Don Bennett
 02/18 Don Peters
 02/19 Jo Noggle
 02/23 Skip Thompkins



Happy Anniversary to:

None

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



Please call or send a card



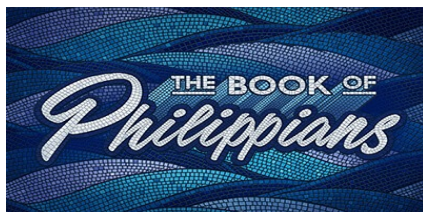
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11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 2
Scripture: Philippians 1:3-14, 21, 27 (NIV)
Sermon: "Joy In Every Circumstance"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 9
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11, 14-18 (NIV)
Sermon: "Shining Like Stars in a Dark World"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 16
Scripture: Philippians 3:3-9, 12-14, 18-21 (NIV)
Sermon: "Pressing Toward the Goal"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 23
Scripture: Philippians 4:4-19 (NIV)
Sermon: "Rejoice In The Lord Always"



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



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EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY MARCH 2025

03/01 - Free Breakfast 8-10 a.m.

03/05 - Ash Wednesday

03/16 - Winter Family Appreciation Luncheon

**03/18 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Darrell's Diner
Ladies Luncheon, 1:00 p.m.**

03/26- Committee Meetings



**WORSHIP TEAM MEETING
February 5th at 3:30 p.m.**



RED NECK GAME NIGHT

**Friday, February 21st @ 5:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.**

**Bring the snacks y'all love to eat and take a
seat! Door prizes to be won and a Frogs Breath
Swag bag for everyone. Come join the fun!!**

FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Free Breakfast 8-10am Sew Day 10a-3p
2 Food Pantry Emphasis Month	3	4	5 Bible study 4:30-5:30p Food pantry 11a- 1:00p Worship meeting 3:00p	6	7	8
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16 Choir prac. 9:30a	17	18 Men's Break- fast 9:00 am Ladies lunch 1	19 Food panty 11 a Chime Pract.9:30a Bible study 4:30-5:30p.	20	21 Game Night 5:30p.m.	22 Chilli Cookoff 12-3p
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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!