The Journey....

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

FEBRUARY 2026

Bushnell Methodist Church
Bushnell, Florida
Joyce Dunne, Pastor

GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

GOD IS LOVE

Love is at the heart of the gospel, and February is often thought of as the month of love. In a world that sells the concept of love as chocolates, roses and romance, scripture teaches us that God's love is most clearly revealed at the cross. John tells us in John 4:16, God is love, and he who abides in love, abides in God, and God in him. We cannot truly know love, if we do not abide in God. Love is not something God does, it is at the very essence of who He is. In a month that is filled with hearts and cupids, let our call to love be the blood stained cross, where Jesus laid down His life and showed us what true love really looks like. A love that is self giving, sacrificial and underserved. Because, this kind of love reminds of what we have been given in Christ.

We are called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind, that this is the greatest commandment. Long before Valentine's Day ever began, God invited us into a covenant of love, to remember our first love, and not be tempted to drift towards lesser things that the world calls love.

So this month, ask ourselves two questions. Has something taken the place of our first love, or are we giving God our leftover love, time and attention? If so, then we need to return to our first love, and allow the Spirit to rekindle a fresh devotion to follow and serve Christ. Because when we do, we allow God's love to flow beyond ourselves to renew and refresh others who are seeking true love.

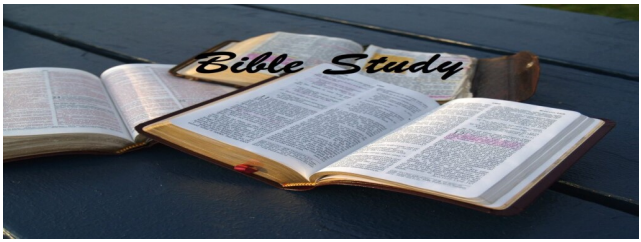
On the night before Jesus' crucifixion, he gave His disciples a new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." Because this is how the world will recognize His disciples, by their love. A love that is patient and kind, not envious or proud and is not easily angered. A love that is willing to lay down comfort and convenience to care for others. As the body of Christ, we are to embody this different kind of love, one that speaks the truth, forgives others, and carries one another's burdens when it would be easier to just walk away.

Sadly, for some, February can be a tough time of year, because of feelings of loneliness, being forgotten or less than, because life doesn't match the world's script. But scripture clearly tells us that our value and worth are not found in relationships or by the number of friends we have on Facebook, but by the love of the One who calls us by name and are invited into God's family where His love is shared generously. God's love is new every morning, so that we can remain steadfast through every season whether we find ourselves in want or plenty.

The truth is, we live in a world that is hungry for real love, so as this month unfolds, may our hearts rest in the One whose love never fails and may the Spirit give us the boldness to share the love that we ourselves have freely received.

Pastor Joyce

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



BIBLE STUDY
February 4th - April 15th
Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
(No Bible Study on 02/18 or 03/25)

Deborah and The Book of Judges
By author, Sandra Richter

FREE BREAKFAST
Saturday, February 7th
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 17th, 9:00 a.m.
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell

LADIES LUNCHEON

February 17th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
Ladies luncheon will be held at Beef O'Brady's In Bushnell on CR-48. 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 7th 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to become involved with the new musical program please see Jo Jefferson.

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

Food Pantry Emphasis Month
February 1st through 22nd

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
Meat will be provided and please bring your favorite dish to share. (following the worship service)

Happy Birthday to:

02/05 Rebecca Higgins
02/10 Don Bennett
02/19 Jo Noggle
02/23 Skip Thompkin

Happy Anniversary to:

None

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

OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

Please call or send a card

www.Facebook.com/bushnellmethodist

11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 1
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)
Sermon: "Too Blessed To Be Stressed"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 8
Scripture: Mark 4:34-41 (NIV)
Sermon: "Do Not Fear"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 15 Transfiguration Sunday
Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV)
Sermon: "Transfiguration"

5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (NIV)
Sermon: "Rest and Restoration"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 22
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)
Sermon: "Both Human and Divine"

Praying with you and for you,
Pastor Joyce

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NEW NAME TAGS AVAILABLE

Order your new name tag! 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!

EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY MARCH 2026

03/08 - Special Disaster Relief Offering
Daylight Saving Time (turn clock ahead 1 hour)
03/04-03/11 - 4:30 - Bible Study
03/25 - Committee Meetings
03/29 - Palm Sunday

Ash Wednesday Service
February 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 20th @ 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Bring the snacks y'all love to eat and take a seat! Door prizes to be won so come join the fun!!

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Pantry Emphasis Month Choir prac. 9:30	2	3	4 Chime 10a Bible Study 4:30p Food Pantry 11a	5	6	7 Free Breakfast 8-10am Sew Day 10a-3p
8 Souper Bowl Sunday Choir prac. 9:30	9	10	11 Chime 10a Bible study 4:30-5:30p	12	13	14
15 Fruit of the spirit Valentine Lunch Choir prac.9 :30a	16	17 Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. Ladies Lunch 1 pm	18 Chime 10a food pantry 11a-1p Ash Wed. service 5:00p-	19	20 Game Night 6:00 p.m.	21
22 We've Bean Blessed Choir prac. 9:30a	23	24	25 Food panty 11a a Chime 10a Bible study 4:30-5:30p.	26	27	28

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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!