

The Journey....

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

JANUARY 2025



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



**GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH**

Why Do We Baptize?

Throughout Church history, believers have presented themselves and their children for Christian Baptism. It is one of the two sacraments recognized in the Methodist tradition, the other being Holy Communion. John

Wesley taught that through baptism a person was initiated into a covenant with God. Upon baptism a person was spiritually reborn and claimed by God as an heir to the Kingdom of God. He taught that baptism was not essential nor sufficient for salvation, but was the “ordinary means” for how God’s divine grace was applied to our lives. While Wesley affirmed and practiced infant baptism, he insisted that a profession of faith was necessary for salvation, because without a personal commitment to Christ, the gift of baptism is fruitless. Thus, as Methodist, we offer Confirmation Classes to our students beginning around fifth grade and up, to help them understand their faith and their commitment to Christ. Wesley understood spiritual rebirth began with infant baptism that would naturally lead to a profession of faith and commitment to Christ later in the person’s life. Baptism in many ways parallels the Jewish tradition of circumcision, as a rite of passage whereby a person is initiated into the community of faith. Many denominations practice infant dedication, which is very different from baptism. In a dedication, the parents are making a gift to God, much like Hannah in the Old Testament did with her son Samuel at the temple, a gift for God to accept. While in baptism, God offers us the gift of His boundless grace for us to accept. Wesley viewed the sacraments, including baptism as an outward sign of an inward grace. In other words a means through which God’s grace is imparted to us. Wesley understood Baptism as the way we enter into the covenant with God and are admitted into Christ’s church. The Lord’s Supper is nourishment for the soul to empower us to live lives that are Christ centered. Baptism is only performed once in a person’s life, Holy Communion is to be celebrated often. Both Baptism and Holy Communion are commanded by Christ. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in Matthew 3:13-17, and he teaches his disciples in Matthew 28:19 to baptize others in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just as the Spirit descended upon Jesus during his Baptism, we believe we are baptized by water and the Spirit, (John 3:5) and when a person is baptized they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and are united with Christ’s life, death and resurrection.

Methodists do not believe nor practice believer’s baptism whereby someone is saved through the sole act of Baptism. Methodists practice infant baptism because of the abundant evidence found in Acts. Acts 2:38-39 “Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 16:15 “When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.” Acts 16:33 “At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.” Entire households would have included persons of all ages, including infants. No one should not be denied the gift of the Spirit and to be reborn and incorporated into Christ’s church. My hope is this will answer some of the questions some have concerning Christian Baptism in the Methodist tradition. Pastor Joyce

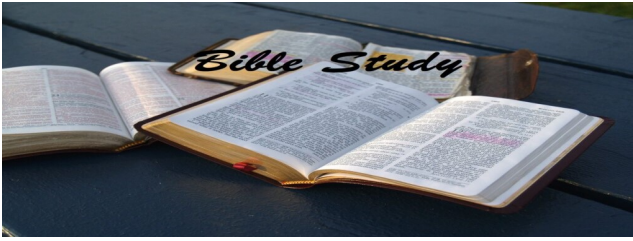
Baptism



*Happy
New Year*

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Wishing you and your family a very Happy and
Prosperous New Year! Pastor Joyce, Mary,
Rosa, Russ & Ariella



BIBLE STUDY
January 15th, Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

“The Epic of Eden”
Understanding the Old Testament
by Author, Sandra L. Richter



FREE BREAKFAST
Saturday, January 4th
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, January 21st, 9:00 a.m.
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



LADIES LUNCHEON

January 14th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Ladies luncheon will be held at Kafe Kokopelli, 37940 Live Oak Ave., Dade City. Please contact Celeste Hayes to confirm your reservation at 352-346-1304. Hope to see you there!



Committee Meetings

January 22nd, Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Trustees, 5:30 pm
Finance, Leadership 6:00 pm



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. **No chime choir practice on January 1st or 8th.**

choir practice



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

(No choir practice on 01/05, Sunday)



**Consecration of New Officers
January 5th, Sunday**



REMOVING CHURCH DECORATIONS
January 8th, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

*We will be removing and packing away the
holiday decorations from the church,*



Happy Birthday to:

- 01/17 Charlotte Henderson
- 01/25 Pastor Joyce Dunne
- 01/26 Lynn Bicknell
- Bill Schoolman
- 01/29 Jo Jefferson



Happy Anniversary to:

None

Angie Bartel
116 Shawnee Trail
Ringgold, GA 30736

Marie Massey
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Ocala, FL 34470
352- 223-3766 (Cell)
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110 Creekside Dr. Apt 204
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Betty King
2020 Harbourside Dr. # 422
Longboat Key, FL 34228



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11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 5 Consecration of Officers
Scripture: (Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV))
Sermon: "Journey Of The Wise"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 12
Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV)
Sermon: "Anointed By The Spirit"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 19
Scripture: Luke 4:4-30 (NIV)
Sermon: "Temptation In The Wilderness"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 26 Disaster Relief Sunday
Scripture: John 2:1-11 (NIV)
Sermon: "Saving The Best For Last"
Guest Speaker: Tyler Montgomery

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



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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!

**COMING
SOON**

EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY FEBRUARY 2025

February 2-23rd - Food Pantry Emphasis

02/01 - National Sew Day

Free Breakfast

02/09 - Souper Bowl

Valentine's Lunch

02/18 - Ladies Luncheon

02/25- Men's Breakfast



**DISASTER RELIEF SUNDAY
JANUARY 19TH**

We will be establishing a fund to assist the Global Methodist disaster response organization, "Faith Responder". Faith Responders mission is to provide aid following storms that occur in Florida

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Food pantry 11 am	2	3	4 Free Breakfast 8-10am
5 Consecration of Officers	6	7	8 undecorate Church 10 a Food pantry 11a-	9	10	11
12 Choir prac. 9:30a	13	14 Ladies lunch 1:00p	15 chime prac.9:30a food pantry 11a Bi- ble study 5- 6:30p	16	17	18
19 Choir prac. 9:30a	20	21 Men's Break- fast 9:00 am	22 Food pantry 11 a Chime 9:30a Comm meet	23	24	25
26 Disaster Relief Choir prac. 9:30a	27	28	29 Chime 9:30 Food Pantry 11a	30	31	

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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!

