

# The Journey....

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

**JULY 2024**



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



**GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH**

## Reflections on Faith and Freedom

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day let us be filled with gratitude for the many freedoms and blessings we enjoy as Americans, including the freedom of religion to practice our faith. Independence Day conjures up images of spectacular fireworks displays lighting up the night sky as our flags flutter in the breeze. We have parades, with children waving flags, backyard picnics, and BBQs where friends and family gather to commemorate the birth of this great country. July 4th reminds us to celebrate the ideals of freedom, justice, and liberty for all.

But for Christians, freedom has even a deeper meaning. When we read the Declaration of Independence we see how our founding fathers boldly proclaim that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They believed in the Christian values upon which this great nation was built. Our faith calls us to embrace freedom wholeheartedly, not just for ourselves, but for all. As believers, we're called to seek justice, and equality in all aspects of society. To be agents of change when and where needed, so all people are treated with respect and dignity.

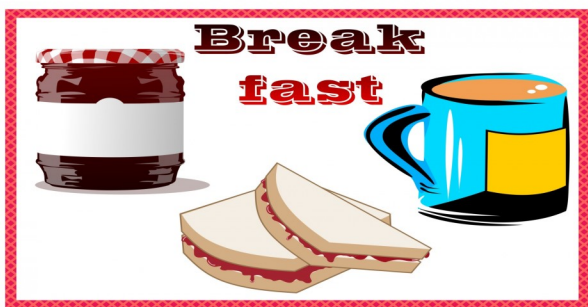
So let's take time this July 4th to pause and thank God for the blessings that come from the freedom we enjoy and remember those who have sacrificed to preserve these freedoms, both past and present.

As we sing patriotic songs and display our flags with pride this year, let us also use the freedoms we have been given to spread the message of God's love and grace to a country that is broken and in need of God's healing.

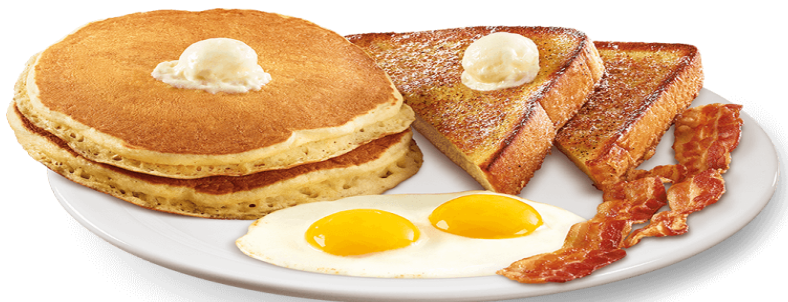
So this month, let's continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom for our nation and its leaders to make the right choices. God Bless America, and may His grace continue to shine upon us from sea to shining sea now and forever.

Pastor Joyce





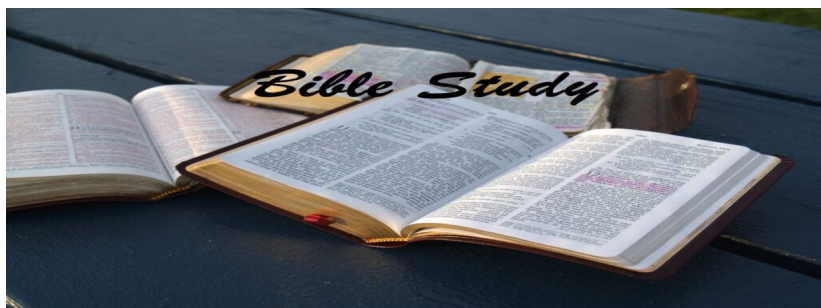
**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**JULY 2nd, TUESDAY, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Darryl's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell**



### **FREE BREAKFAST**

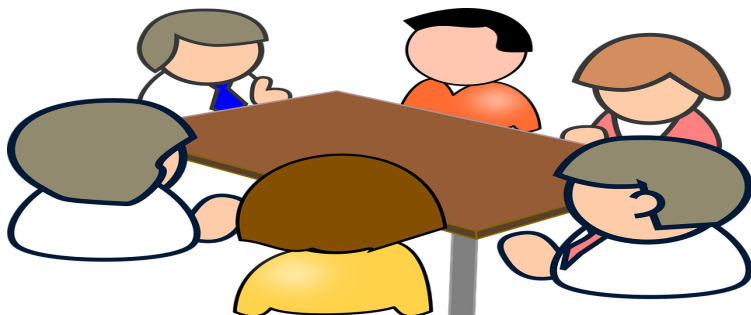
**Come join us the first Saturday of each month for a free breakfast and fellowship. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Hope to see you there on July 6th!!**



**NEW BIBLE STUDY**  
**The Great Apostasy - End Times Study**  
**"Revelation"**  
**by Author Stephen Armstrong**  
**Beginning on May 29th - August 21st**  
**Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.**

**(No Bible study on July 24th, Wednesday due to  
committee meetings)**



**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
**JULY 24th, WEDNESDAY**

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



## **LADIES LUNCHEON**

**July 16th, Tuesday at 1:00 P.M.  
Hope To See You at  
Papa Joe's Italian Restaurant,  
6244 Spring Lake Hwy., Brooksville.**

**To confirm your reservation please  
contact Celeste Hayes @  
352-346-1304.**

**Come and join the fun!**





**SCHOOL BACKPACK MINISTRY**  
**June 23rd - July 21st**

**It's that time again! Getting school supplies ready for the children at Bushnell Elementary School for the 2024/2025 school year. All donations are appreciated.**

**Packing party TBA.**



**The “Praise Team” singers at the church now have a new name,  
“Joyful Noise”**

**Awesome job for all that participate!**



Happy Birthday to:

07/30 Jackie Peterson



Happy Anniversary to:

07/13 Tommy and Sandra Bryan  
07/16 George and Joyce Dunne

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



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**11:15 a.m. Sunday, July 7**

**Scripture: Genesis 44-46 (NIV)**

**Sermon: "From the Pit to Reconciliation"**

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 14**

**Scripture: Esther 1:1, 4-5, 10-12, 15-22, 2:2-4 (NIV)**

**Sermon: "The Power and Perils of Pride"**

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 21**

**Scripture: Esther 2:5-10, 15-16, 19-23a, 3:1-5 (NIV)**

**Sermon: "Rising Above Circumstances"**

**11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 28**

**Scripture: Esther 3:5-6, 8-11, 13-14, 4:1, 3-17 (NIV)**

**Sermon: "Courageous Choices"**

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





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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    AUGUST 2024

**August 3rd - Free Breakfast (8a-10a)**

**August 6th - Men's Breakfast**

**August 20th - Ladies Luncheon**



### **NEW CALENDAR**

**There will be a new calendar on the side table in the church office.**

**This calendar is for anyone to use to set up parties, luncheons, decorating time, events, meetings, etc.**

**We hope this will help with eliminating any cross-over time with other events. Also, this should help with information that should go into the bulletin or newsletter, unless otherwise requested. The calendar will be checked weekly.**

**We hope you find this helpful and useful! Please let us know.**

# JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's break-fast 9:00 am Daryl's dinner	3	4 Fourth of July (office closed)	5	6 Free Breakfast 8-10 a.m.
7	8	9	10 Revelation Bible study 5:30 Food Pantry 11 am -1 pm	11	12	13
14	15	16 Ladies Luncheon 1:00 p.m.	17 Revelation Bible Study 5:30 Food pantry 11 am - 1 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 No Bible study Comm. Mtgs. Food Pantry 11am-1pm	25	26	27
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**You're INVITED!**

**Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM**

**See you then!**