### The Journey....

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

### **JULY 2025**



Bushnell Methodist Church Bushnell, Florida Joyce Dunne, Pastor



### Why is The Book of Revelation Important?

The Book of Revelation can seem mysterious and even intimidating, but when taken in context of the entire Bible and our human history, we can begin to see how past prophecies have been fulfilled and how it reveals fresh insights into how end times may occur.

The book was written by the Apostle John at the direction of Jesus Christ during a vision. The book is filled with imagery and cryptic symbols, which have captivated and inspired theologians for millennia. Some are intrigued by it poetry, others its prophecy and some believe it holds a coded message to Christians. Many books have been written and Hollywood movies made trying to make sense of the messages within its pages. No matter how you approach the text you must agree that it demands careful interpretation, because it is divine revelation to God's people. Just because it's difficult to understand, doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

Most scholars agree that the book is apocalyptic in nature, meaning it reveals hidden truths about the spiritual battle between good and evil and the ultimate fate of the world. Also the book is prophetic, revealing past events that could not have been understood when written, but can now be deciphered through the lens of human history. It also seems to present future events and warning of judgment to come. It also contains letters to seven churches in Asia Minor addressing their specific challenges and calls them to remain faithful.

Revelation draws a lot of its imagery from Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah and much of the symbolism can only be understood when we study the Old Testament text and its symbolism. This is why when people read Revelation without a good understanding of the Old Testament, it just doesn't make sense, so most stop trying.

John wrote the book during a time of Christian persecution, so John was trying to encourage his readers that God is sovereign and evil will not have the last word. He describes a cosmic battle when good defeats evil and humanity faces a final judgment, encouraging the faithful that they will share in Christ's victory. And finally, the book concludes with a vision of the new heaven and new earth, when suffering and death are no more and God's people will dwell with Him in peace all eternity.

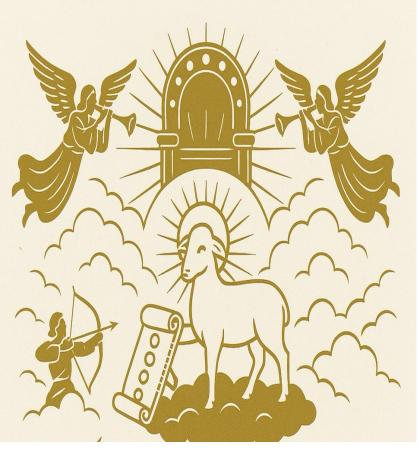
Over the remainder of the summer, we will attempt we dive into this sacred text to uncover its message as the inspire Word from God.

Peace Pastor Joyce

## REVELATION

OF JESUS CHRIST

SUMMER SERMON SERIES





### **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**



FREE BREAKFAST Saturday, July 5th

Due to the 4th of July holiday the free community breakfast has been canceled.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST** 

Tuesday, July 15th, 9:00 a.m. Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



### **LADIES LUNCHEON**

July 15th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 14415 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL. Please contact Celeste Hayes to confirm your reservation at 352-346-1304. If you need a ride please be at the church between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



COMMITTEE MEETINGS July 23rd, Wednesday

Trustees, 4:00 p.m. Finance, 4:30 p.m. Leadership, 5:00 p.m.



### JULY 9TH - AUGUST 6TH, WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If you are between the ages of 8 and 12 years old there will be a free music camp with beginner guitar, voice and piano lessons and other activities every Wednesday through August 6th. Come join the fun! Please contact the church for details at 352-793-3221



### **Happy Birthday to:**

07/01 Lynn Proudman 07/03 Cindy Dittmer 07/28 Dave Roush 07/30 Jackie Peterson



### **Happy Anniversary to:**

07/13 Tommy & Sandra Bryan 07/16 George & Pastor Joyce 07/24 Gary & Evelyn Christy

Angie Bartel 116 Shawnee Trail Ringgold, GA 30736

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11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 6

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-8, 12-20 (NIV)
Sermon: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 13

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-6, 3:14-22 (NIV)

Sermon: "Spiritual Health Check For The Church"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 20

Scripture: Revelation 4:1-11 (NIV)
Sermon: "Before The Throne"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 27

Scripture: Revelation 5:1-14 (NIV)

Sermon: "The Lamb Is Worthy Of Praise"

Praying with you and for you, Pastor Joyce



### **NEWS!!**

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### BACKPACK MINISTRY June 22nd - July 20

Benefiting the children at BES for the new school year! All donations are welcome and appreciated.



### **EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY AUGUST 2025**

08/01 - 8 - 10 a.m. - Free Community Breakfast

08/10 - Ice Cream/Pizza Social Music Camp Recital

08/19 - 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast 1:00 p.m. - Ladies Luncheon

08/27 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Farm Share



### **FARM SHARE**

Come every 4th Wednesday of each month here at the church from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Some eligibility may be required.

## JULY 2025

	Sat	5 No Comm. Breakfast	72	19	26	
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	Thu	ဗ	10	17	24	31
	Wed	2 Food pantry 11a-1p.m.	9 Food pantry 11a-1pm Music camp 10a-12p	16 Food pantry 11a Music camp 10a-12p	23 Food pantry 11a Farm Share Music Camp Comm. Meet.	30 Food Psntry 11a Music camp 10a-12p
	Tue	-	ω	15 Men's Breakfast 9:00a Ladies Lunch 1:00 p	22	29
	Mon		7	4	21	28
	Sun		ဖ	13	20	27

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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!