### The Journey....

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

### **SEPTEMBER 2025**



Bushnell Methodist Church Bushnell, Florida Joyce Dunne, Pastor



### What Does it Mean to Call Upon the Lord?

As part of our faith journey, we use language like "Calling Upon the Lord," but what does this phrase really mean?

It's a practice we develop as we mature in our faith, so whether we find ourselves in moments of joy, gratitude, distress or uncertainty we reach out to God to guide us in our steps, decisions and the future knowing that He cares for us.

Matthew 7:8-11 teaches us, "For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

Therefore when we reach out to our Heavenly Father, He will anchor us in the hope that will guide us through the haze of uncertainty and ambiguity. It's a time when we intentionally direct our heart, mind and voice toward God, offering our praise, requests and cries for help through prayer. This practice I s deeply rooted in scripture with countless believers finding strength and comfort through their willingness to call upon the Lord.

Calling upon the Lord is also an expression of faith, because it is during these times that we demonstrate our trust and dependance on God for answers, seeking wisdom beyond our own ability and understanding.

God listens to our prayers, He hears our deepest hopes, our fears. Through our personal prayers, our relationship with the Lord becomes more real and intimate. When we read through the Psalms we often see that David called out to God, sometimes in anguish, sometimes in praise. David always trusts the sovereignty of God.

I encourage you, if you don't already, set aside times throughout the day for prayer morning, noon and night. You can sing a song in praise, read scripture in search of answers, or share your hopes, dreams and worries, always giving thanks in every circumstance and season of life. God will respond, when we call upon His name.

Pastor Joyce

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### **SPRC MEETING**

September 4th, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.



### FREE BREAKFAST Saturday, September 6th 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Everyone welcome and come join the fellowship.



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Tuesday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



### **LADIES LUNCHEON**

September 16th, Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Ladies Luncheon will be held at the Fujiyama Steakhouse, 2571 CR-48, Bushnell. 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.



**COMMITTEE MEETINGS September 24th, Wednesday** 

TRUSTEES - 4:00 p.m., FINANCE - 4:30 p.m. AND LEADERSHIP - 5:00 p.m.



### SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, THURSDAY @ 9:00 A.M.

A Patriot Day/National Day of Service, recognizing those lost in 9-11, as well as the veterans and first responders that gave all for their country, will take place at the National Cemetery in Bushnell on September 11th, 2025. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. to clean headstones and beautify the site in coordination with the cemetery staff. If you are interested, please contact David Higgins, or Mary Blaisdell, the church secretary to volunteer. Bring a friend!!



### CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE

September 24th, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.



### **CHOIR PRACTICE**

SEPTEMBER 28TH, SUNDAY AT 9:30 a.m.

Choir practice will held every Sunday morning.



### **Happy Birthday to:**

09/23 Jack Jordan



### **Happy Anniversary to:**

09/07 Charlie & Patty Morrow

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)

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Betty King 2020 Harbourside Dr. # 422 Longboat Key, FL 34228



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11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 7 Scripture: Revelation 22:1-17(NIV)

Sermon: "Eden Restored"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 14 Scripture: Luke 15:1-10 (NIV) Sermon: "Rejoice, I Say Rejoice!" Guest Speaker: Hannah Foster

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 21 Scripture: Psalm 79:1-9 (NIV)

Sermon: "Struggle, Faithfulness, Redemption"

**Guest Speaker: David Higgins** 

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 28

Scripture: Psalm 146 (NIV)

Sermon: "My Hope Comes From The Lord"

Praying with you and for you, Pastor Joyce



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### **SEPTEMBER 1st, MONDAY**

(church office will be closed)



### **EVENTS COMING YOUR WAY OCTOBER 2025**

10/01, 08, 15, 22 & 29th - 10:0 a.m. - Chime Practice

10/04 - 8-10:00 a.m. - Free Community Breakfast

10/05, 12, 19 & 26th - 9:30 a.m. - Choir Practice

10/21 - 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast 1:00 p.m. - Ladies Luncheon



### **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. Everyone welcome!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day (office closed)	2	3 Food pantry 11a-1pm	4 SPRC Mtg. 6:30p	ស	6 Comm. Breakfast 8a-10p
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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!