

The Journey....

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

SEPTEMBER 2024



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



**GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH**

Labor Day And Christian Service

As Christians, what is our perspective about working hard, serving others and honoring the Lord with our labor?

Labor Day for many, marks the end of summer with barbecues, pool parties or that last trip to the beach. But Labor Day holds a deeper meaning, when we recognize it is a day we set aside to pay tribute to the contributions of the many workers who are instrumental for our society to flourish. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the value of work, the dignity it provides, and the many ways we can be in service to others and God.

To the Christian, work is more than simply earning a living, it's a vocation, a calling that gives us purpose. In the very beginning, God placed Adam in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Which demonstrates that work is understood to be an integral part of the human experience. It should not be seen as a burden or a punishment, but as a way for us to participate in God's plan for humanity.

The Apostle Paul teaches us in Colossians 3:23-24 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." When we understand labor in this way, it transforms our perspective that it is not just work, but rather an opportunity to glorify God with our work.

Whether you work for a paycheck, or you volunteer to be the hands and feet of Jesus to others, the principle is the same. Just like Jesus served others through teaching, feeding, healing and even washing the disciples feet, we should labor in a way that loves our neighbors and serves God. Jesus' labor was selfless and for the Christian our work should not just be about personal gain, but about contributing to the well being of others as well.

I am so pleased how our church offers so many opportunities to labor for Jesus, through our food pantry, community breakfast, backpack ministry, thanksgiving baskets, toy ministry, music ministries and various outreach events.

Labor Day is a reminder that every job, no matter how big or how small, is significant in bringing the love of Jesus to others.

Scripture reminds us there is a rhythm to life through the creation narrative; God creates for six days and rests on the seventh and so should we set apart a time for worship and for rest. We are told to set aside a day, the Sabbath and keep it holy. Rest is not just a break from work, but necessary for us to refresh our bodies, renew our spirits and connect with God. Which can seem difficult in our fast-paced world. This is not a suggestion, but a commandment for our well-being physically, emotionally and spiritually. We can never feel whole without rest.

Labor Day is a day to appreciate the value of work and reflect on the fruits of our labor as we give thanks to God for the work he has provided for us. And reflect, am I using the gifts and abilities that I have been given to serve others? If so great! If not, maybe this is a time to dedicate your labor and align your work and your faith through your labor.

Pastor Joyce



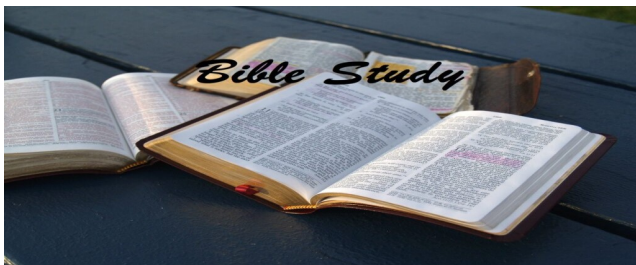
THANKSGIVING BASKET MINISTRY

September 29th through October 27th

We simply cannot offer up prayers of thanksgiving around our tables without reaching out in a meaningful way to God's children who, by whatever circumstances, are in want.

Your monetary or food gift is a tangible way of both thanking God for His gracious provisions so we may help others.

Thanksgiving basket distribution times TBA.



BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, September 4th
The Great Apostasy - End Times Study
"Revelation"
by Author Stephen Armstrong
Resuming 09/04, Lesson #4.
No Bible Study 09/11 or 25th



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Tuesday, September 3rd 9:00 a.m.
Darrell's Diner, CR-48, Bushnell



FREE BREAKFAST
Saturday, September 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!!

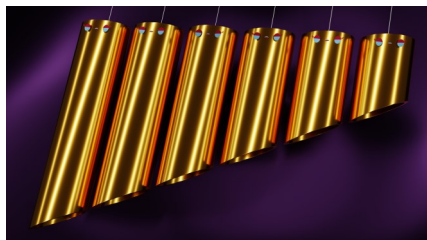


LADIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 17th at 1:00 P.M.
Hope to see you at the Breakfast Station of Ridge Manor, located at 31180 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville. (located in the Winn Dixie plaza in Ridge Manor)

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

Come and join the fun!



CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE

Every Wednesday, beginning September 4th thru December 18th at 9:30 a.m.

If you would like to become involved with the new musical program please see Jo Jefferson.

choir practice



The new choir practice season will begin on Sunday, September 22nd, at 9:30 a.m.



Committee Meetings

Wednesday, September 25th

Trustees - 5:00 p.m.

Finance - 5:30 p.m.

Leadership - 6:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday to:

09/09 Stacy Gideons
09/23 Jack Jordan
09/24 Joyce Longworth
09/27 Josie Strong



Happy Anniversary to:

09/07 Charlie and 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)

Bert Park
110 Creekside Dr. Apt 204
Painted Post, NY 14870
607-689-6019



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11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 1
Scripture: James 1:2-4, 12-27 (NIV)
Sermon: "From Temptation to Triumph"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 8
Scripture: James 2:1-19 (NIV)
Sermon: "Seeing the Image of God in Everyone"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 15
Scripture: James 3:1-12 (NIV)
Sermon: "The Power of Words"
Guest Speaker: Hannah Foster

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 22
Scripture: James 4:1-4, 13-17 (NIV)
Sermon: "Making Plans with God in Mind"

11:00 a.m. Sunday, September 29
Scripture: James 5:7-9, 12-16, 19-20
Sermon: "Practical Faith"

**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 OCTOBER 2024

10/01 - Men's breakfast 9:00 a.m.

10/05 - Free breakfast 8-10:00 a.m.

10/06 - All Saints Day

10/13 - Staff Parish Appreciation

10/15 - Ladies luncheon

10/19 - City of Bushnell Festival

10/20 - Laity Sunday



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.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Men's Break - fast 9 am Darrell's Diner	4 Chime choir 9:30am Bible Study	5	6	7 Free Breakfast 8-10 a.m.
8	9	10	11 No Bible study Chime prac. 9:30	12	13	14
15	16	17 Ladies Lunch 1:00pm	18 Bible study Chime prac. 9:30 Food pantry 11 am - 1 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 No Bible study Committee mtgs.	26	27	28
29	30	T-giving Basket Ministry begins Thru 10/27				

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You're INVITED!

Sun. Worship at 11:00 AM

See you then!