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Pritchard Kids & FAMILIES



Park & Picnic Meet-Up

Join us at Freedom Park for a morning of fun for the kids and conversation for the parents! Meet us at the big black train engine behind the ball fields (East Blvd. Access). Don't forget your picnic lunch!

APRIL 7
10AM

Outdoor Movie Night

APRIL 17
6:30PM

Join us for a family friendly movie in the Pritchard Courtyard after Overflow! We will have a **food truck** on site to take care of your dinner needs! Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs.

SUMMER
CAMPS

SAVE-THE-DATE!

VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 14-17
3yr - 5th grade

9AM -
NOON

CAMP RIDGECREST
AUGUST 9 - 13

Rising 3rd grade -
completed 12th grade

\$250 per camper



Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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By the time you receive this newsletter we will be on the verge of our greatest celebration of the year, Easter. Last year we had to celebrate virtually! This year I pray that many of you will choose to worship with us in person. There is no substitute for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus along with other believers. It allows our spirits to connect and we feel the presence of the Lord in His Sanctuary. Remember that we are still being cautious, wearing masks and social distancing. We can't wait for the day that we can put these precautions behind us and smiles and hugs will return to our gatherings. That day is approaching.

Easter represents the confirmation of Jesus being who He said He is. His Resurrection conquered death and provided that same assurance for all of us. Death no longer carries the fear that it once did. For those of us who have committed our lives to Christ, we have received the promise of eternal life. Our death simply represents a transition from this life on earth to our eternal life in His presence. We will join those Christians that have preceded us in death in an eternal celebration with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. No wonder we treat Easter with such a sense of gratitude!

In the absence of fear, we find ourselves more willing to live and not just exist. We have been forced during the last year to live a restricted life. Many would say we have been forced to simply exist, not being allowed to do many of the things that bring us joy and satisfaction in our life. Fear has been part of that restriction. We have feared the unknown. We have feared the what-ifs. We have reacted to uncertainty with anxiety. Fear has kept us from living the life God intended for us to live.

That is the reason that Jesus came to remove that fear from our lives. He knows that if we live in fear we will never be able to live life to the fullest. Remember He said in John 10:10, "the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come that you might have life more abundantly!" The absence of fear leads to more abundant living. Jesus Christ lived His life as an example for us to follow. He died so that we might be forgiven of our sins. He was resurrected so that we might know that our God has the power over everything, even death. That powerful God loves us and provides for us daily.

We can live in the absence of fear no matter what we face because the victory has already been won. Our lives may be a struggle sometimes because of the sin in this world. But the end of our story has already been written. We win. Not because of anything we have done but because of what God has done through His Son Jesus. That is certainly worth our taking the time to celebrate this Easter. I hope you will plan to be there in person to help us do just that.

In His Love,
Bobby Morrow



Rev. Stan Heiser
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Our church is honored once again to host NCBAM for their next Virtual Statewide Conference coming this month. I appreciate the leadership and expertise of Joe Hicks, our AV Director, who is making this meeting a reality! I invite all of you who might be interested to join us for ***“Bridging the Gap: Mobilizing faith-based groups to help seniors find their spot and take their shot”*** April 13 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. With the vaccination system favoring online signups, many seniors may be among the last in the state to get vaccinated. Join us to learn ways our church can help! Sign into the NCBAM website to view.

Speakers include:

- Dr. Michael C. Blackwell, President and CEO of the Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina and NCBAM Founder.
- Dr. Sandy Gregory, NCBAM Director.
- Carla West from the NC Department of Health and Human Services Covid Response Team.
- And myself as Chairman of NCBAM’s Aging Adult Innovating Ministry.

Sessions led by:

- Dr. Brian Davis - *“Ancient Blueprints for Building New Bridges Across the Digital Divide.”* Dr. Davis is the Director of Community and Congregation Engagement Wake Forest Baptist Health, Wake Forest, University/Baptist Hospital.
- Dr. Sherrie Lee - *“Vaccine Facts and Fallacies.”* Dr. Lee is the Education Coordinator at Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County.
- Melanie Beason - NCBAM Call Center Director and Samantha Allred - NCBAM North Central Regional Director *“Navigating Covid Vaccination Availability and Locations for Seniors.”*

“We are all members of one body.” (Ephesians 4:25)

I hope you will be able to join us for this very informative gathering! Register at ncbam.org/events

GOOD NEWS! **SummerFest 2021** is coming.....the BEST SummerFest celebration ever! It is time to start making plans to attend one of our two weeks: August 9-13 or September 13-17. SummerFest is a five-day, four-night retreat for adults 50 and above that happens twice a year at Fort Caswell on Oak Island, NC. The two weeks include times for worship, entertainment, classes that are of interest to adults (Bible studies, fishing off the pier, art class, jewelry making, Fancy Finds Road Show for furniture refinishing class, water aerobics, and special classes from NCBAM). You’ll also meet new friends, share laughs, ride adult size tricycles/bicycles, swim in the ocean or the Olympic size swimming pool, visit

special places in the Southport community, take a ferry boat ride over to Fort Fisher and Carolina Beach (for Brett’s Donuts), and enjoy delicious meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) served right on the campus. All of this while enjoying the sights and sounds of being at the mouth of the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean - just across from Bald Head Island and Southport on the mainland. The cost for each week is \$340 per person which includes your lodging for four nights, meals for five days, conference registration (which covers speakers, entertainers, special interest classes), and transportation to/from on our church bus if you prefer not to drive yourself.

Who will be leading us in 2021? Same folks who planned to lead us in 2020! **Mike Cogdill** (from Campbell University) - Proclaimer for our worship service for both weeks each morning at 11 AM. **Mark Cabaniss** (from Nashville, TN) - Worship leader and choir director for both weeks each morning at 11 AM. **Larry Kessler** (from Mt. Airy, NC) - Pianist once again for both weeks. Our entertainers for both weeks will be **Nixon Blevins and Gage, Mark Cabaniss** in concert, **Marcus Hamilton** - Cartoonist of Dennis the Menace, **communion by waterfront at sunset** on Thursday evening led by Doug Cole of our SummerFest Leadership Team, and a **Silent Auction** to support our Endowment Funds that help underwrite and keep down the expenses of our SummerFest programs each year.

So Covid-19 may have taken our joy away from attending SummerFest 2020, BUT...not in 2021! With Covid vaccinations taking place, we’re ready to be back together with all of our friends from across our state! Our theme for the week is *“The Gift of Gathering.”* Fort Caswell requires us to give our actual count for attending each week no later than 60 days before the event. Therefore, I need everyone attending in August to sign up by June 1. If you plan to go in September, you must sign up by July 1. Your deposit of \$170 is also due at this time. The remaining balance is to be paid by August 1 and September 1, respectively. If you have any questions, please contact me. You can sign up on Realm or contact the Church Office.

I am looking forward to the day in the not too distant future when we all can be back together again, experiencing all our favorite senior adult events, especially now that most of us have had our Covid vaccinations and restrictions are being reduced. I am looking forward to seeing you soon on Sunday morning in Bible study and worship. We are still wearing masks and keeping our social distance, but how wonderful it is to be able to see each other in person again!

Blessings, Stan

CAMP RIDGECREST

in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains

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Greetings Families!!

April is upon us!!! I know it has been a crazy semester so far! I really appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility when it comes to our youth scheduling. Our special event for the month of April includes a Lock-In. Drop-off at the Overflow Center (gym) at 4:45 PM on Saturday, April 24. We'll travel to Spare Time Entertainment in Huntersville for bowling, laser tag, and an escape room! Students are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

Our college group continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday evenings periodically and will continue our monthly dinners as in-person events begin again at Pritchard. We are so grateful for this group of young people who are dedicated to growing their faith during these busy seasons of their lives.

I am praying for our students as some of them prepare to be back in-person at school for the first time this month. Please call/text if you need anything at all.



By-Laws Change Request

PRESENTATION:

Sunday, April 11 after the Morning Worship Service

DISCUSSION:

Wednesday, April 14 via Zoom at the Quarterly Conference

VOTE:

Sunday, April 18 after the Morning Worship Service

The Vision Committee has reviewed and is making a motion to change the By-Laws regarding when Deacon Selection begins. This was presented to the Vision Committee by last year's Deacon Nominating Chairs, Susan Rose and Charlene Washburn, respectively.

The motion to change the By-Laws (Church Officers, Section 3 - Deacons, B - Nominations and Election, Line 2)

Current Wording: "Nominations for deacons would be solicited from the congregation for a period of four (4) weeks beginning September 1st, with the use of deacon nomination slips."

Change the wording by inserting the words "no later than" after the word "beginning" so that the sentence will now read: "Nominations for deacons would be solicited from the congregation for a period of four (4) weeks beginning no later than September 1st, with the use of deacon nomination slips."



Joseph Habedank

in Concert at Pritchard

Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 AM

Joseph Habedank is a GRAMMY nominated, Dove Award winning singer/songwriter and has been named Gospel Music's Favorite Soloist by way of the Singing News Fan Awards for three consecutive years (2017, 2018, 2019). Joseph has a unique and equally powerful testimony that has been featured on Fox News' Spirited Debate, TBN's Praise the Lord, and in such publications as Billboard Magazine, CCM Magazine, and Glenn Beck's The Blaze. He has shared his songs in some of America's greatest churches and venues, including the Brooklyn Tabernacle, Charles Stanley's First Baptist Atlanta, The Grand Ole Opry, and the historic Ryman Auditorium. On the heels of his critically-acclaimed debut solo release, *Welcome Home*, he was awarded Singing News Magazine's New Soloist of the Year in 2014. *Ressurrection* was the first album released by a solo artist to receive the Dove Award for Southern Gospel Album of the Year and garnered his first GRAMMY nomination for Roots Gospel Album of the year in 2018. His current release, *Deeper Oceans*, has recently been nominated for Southern Gospel Album of the Year at the 50th Annual GMA Dove Awards and includes his first number one single, *Shame On Me*. Additionally, Joseph was awarded Young Artist of the Year in 2009 by the fans of Gospel Music and Songwriter of the Year at the Absolutely Gospel Music Awards in 2011, 2018 and 2019. His songs have been recorded by Country and Gospel greats such as Reba McEntire, Restless Heart, Dailey and Vincent, The Booth Brothers, Legacy Five, Triumphant Quartet, Brian Free & Assurance, Karen Peck & New River, The Hoppers, and many more. He has co-written five #1 songs and has been nominated for 11 GMA Dove Awards. Joseph currently resides just outside Nashville, TN with his wife, Lindsay.

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**
Outdoor Service

**April 1
7:30 PM**



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PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

SERMON: "HE IS RISEN"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:1-10

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

SERMON: "THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:19-31

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

SERMON: "ENTRANCE TO THE KINGDOM"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 18:18-29

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

CONCERT BY JOSEPH HABEDANK

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, April 11

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the following special people - Bill and Ann Todd, in-laws of Robert Thompson; Bob Harper, father of Ginger Thompson on his birthday; Ann Rogers, sister of Ginger Thompson who was a light and inspiration to everyone who knew her.

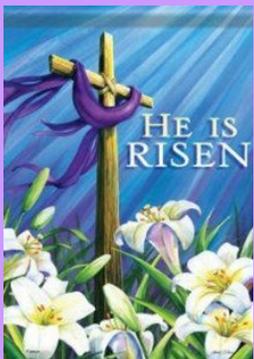
Sunday, April 18

One arrangement on the altar table is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of one of God's most loving and faithful servants, Mary Lou Evans, wife of Jasper Evans, and mother of Kathy Evans Moore, Jean Evans Patterson, Doug Evans, Jr, Melanie Evans Harper, Marcia Evans Rhyne, and Jon Evans. Mama, you were cherished by so many and we miss you every day, but we have joy in that we will meet again in heaven.

The other arrangement on the altar table is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of another of God's most loving and faithful servants, Sue Faye Evans, wife of Jasper Evans, stepmother to his children, and grandmother to Kevin Moore (Micah), Louann Damery (Kelsen Perry), Ashley Wondra (Carter, Kennedy and Crosby), Lauren Roseman (Ellie), Charles Harper (Luke, Josiah and Annabeth), Courtney Harper (Brynlee), Amber Rhyne, Kasey Rhyne, Justin Evans, and Emily Jackson. Sue, you were cherished by so many and we miss you every day, but we have joy in that we will meet again in heaven.

Flowering of the Cross

Please bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Sunday morning, April 4 before the worship service. The cross will be located right outside of Solomon Chapel. There will be committee members to assist you with placement of flowers. Flowers may be cut from your own garden or purchased. This experience is a beautiful way to celebrate that "He is Risen!" If you have questions, please contact Hope Riggins at 704-564-0166.



FROM THE MEDIA CENTER by Katrina Gore

Sunday, April 4

Easter is a very special time of year for Christians. To us it is so much more than chocolate bunnies and colorful eggs. It is a season of remembrance of how Christ died for our sins and His resurrection from the grave. He is risen!

He Choose the Nails by Max Lucado

Max Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance. Go ahead and linger on the hill of Calvary and see just how much God did to win your heart.

The Passion of Christ by Erika Geiss

Rediscover the story of the last painful hours of Jesus's life. This stunning book provides magnificent imagery and illuminating text to retell each pivotal moment, including The Last Supper, Judas's betrayal, as well as Jesus's trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. Contains more than 100 color images by legendary artists such as Da Vinci, Caravaggio, and Rembrandt.

The Darkness and the Dawn by Charles Swindoll

The two most significant events in human history are the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Dr. Swindoll uncovers the secret of how Jesus's resurrection enables you to live triumphantly.



Thursday, April 1

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

7:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 2...GOOD FRIDAY

Saturday, April 3

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

NO FINE ARTS DANCE CLASS/NO YOGA

Sunday, April 4....EASTER

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, April 5

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

NO FINE ARTS DANCE CLASS

Tuesday, April 6

10:30 AM—Women on Mission (ZOOM)

3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group

Wednesday, April 7

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)

10:00 AM—Kids and Families Park & Picnic Meet Up

NO FINE ARTS PIANO CLASS

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES (Spring Break Week)

Thursday, April 8

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, April 9

Saturday, April 10

10:00 AM—Fine Arts Dance Class

11:00 AM—Fine Arts Yoga

4:45 PM-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, April 11

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, April 12

6:00 PM—Deacons Meeting

4:00 PM—Fine Arts Dance Class

Tuesday, April 13

Wednesday, April 14

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)

6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)

7:00 PM—Quarterly Conference (ZOOM)

Thursday, April 15

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, April 16

Saturday, April 17

10:00 AM—Fine Arts Dance Class

11:00 AM—Fine Arts Yoga

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Youth

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

6:30 PM—Outdoor Movie Night

Sunday, April 18

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, April 19

4:00 PM—Fine Arts Dance Class

Tuesday, April 20

Wednesday, April 21

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)

2:00 PM—Fine Arts Piano Class

6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)

7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Thursday, April 22

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, April 23

Saturday, April 24

10:00 AM—Fine Arts Dance Class

11:00 AM—Fine Arts Yoga

4:45—Overflow Youth Bowling/Lock In

4:45-6:15 PM—Overflow Kids

5:05-6:15 PM—Overflow Service

Sunday, April 25

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School (Adults, Youth, Children)

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, April 26

4:00 PM—Fine Arts Dance Class

Tuesday, April 27

Wednesday, April 28

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Carolina Steak House)

2:00 PM—Fine Arts Piano Class

6:30-7:00 PM—Fellowship (ZOOM)

7:00 PM—Bible Study and Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Thursday, April 29

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)

Friday, April 30

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your donations to our Food Pantry over the years. Due to Covid, agencies are no longer sending us food referrals. If you have food items, please consider donating them directly to the agencies.

Stewardship Update

Revenues & Expenses – Summary

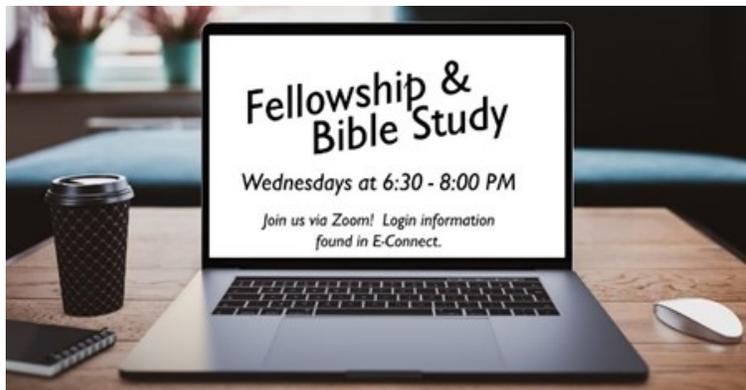
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	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues	\$146,480	\$137,175	\$238,660	\$235,745
Total Expenses	\$109,175	\$113,267	\$226,896	\$226,659
Net Total	\$37,305	\$23,907	\$11,764	\$9,086

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$11,764 through the month of February 2021.

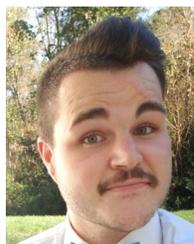
April Quarterly Conference

Our Quarterly Conference will take place Wednesday, April 14 via Zoom at 7:00 PM. Chairpersons will report on the 2021 January/February/March quarter. If you cannot be present for the Zoom meeting, please find someone on your committee to report for you. A Zoom link will be sent out via E-connect. Please submit a copy of your report to the Recording Clerk for our Church Minutes.



SCHEDULE -

- April 7 - SPRING BREAK/NO PRAYER MEETING
- April 14 - Quarterly Conference
- April 21 - Led by Bobby Morrow
- April 28 - Led by Stan Heiser



Welcome to Our New Member!

By Baptism:
Cole Calo

Notes of Thanks

Thank you to those who tied the knots on the fleece blankets for Crisis Assistance. When all the throws are returned, we will have done 64! Thanks to all!
~Sarah Ferguson

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls after the death of my mother. The love you showed us has truly meant a lot.
~ Ralph Milford

We Express Our Love and Sympathy to:

- ~ Chip and Lynne Baucom in the passing of their son, Wes and Angela Livingston in the passing of her nephew, Shane Baucom.
- ~ The family and friends in the passing of Mary Martin.
- ~ Josh and Jennifer Bone in the passing of her grandmother, Kelsey Strange and Lily Bone in the passing of their great grandmother, Joyce Richardson.

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Join us in wishing a Happy Anniversary to Brack Ballard, our Minister to Youth and College Aged Students, who is celebrating his one year return to Pritchard on April 19. Thank you, Brack, for your ministry and faithfulness to Pritchard. We're glad to have you back! We love and appreciate you!

"We give thanks to God always for you..."
1 Thessalonians 1:2

CHURCH STAFF

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