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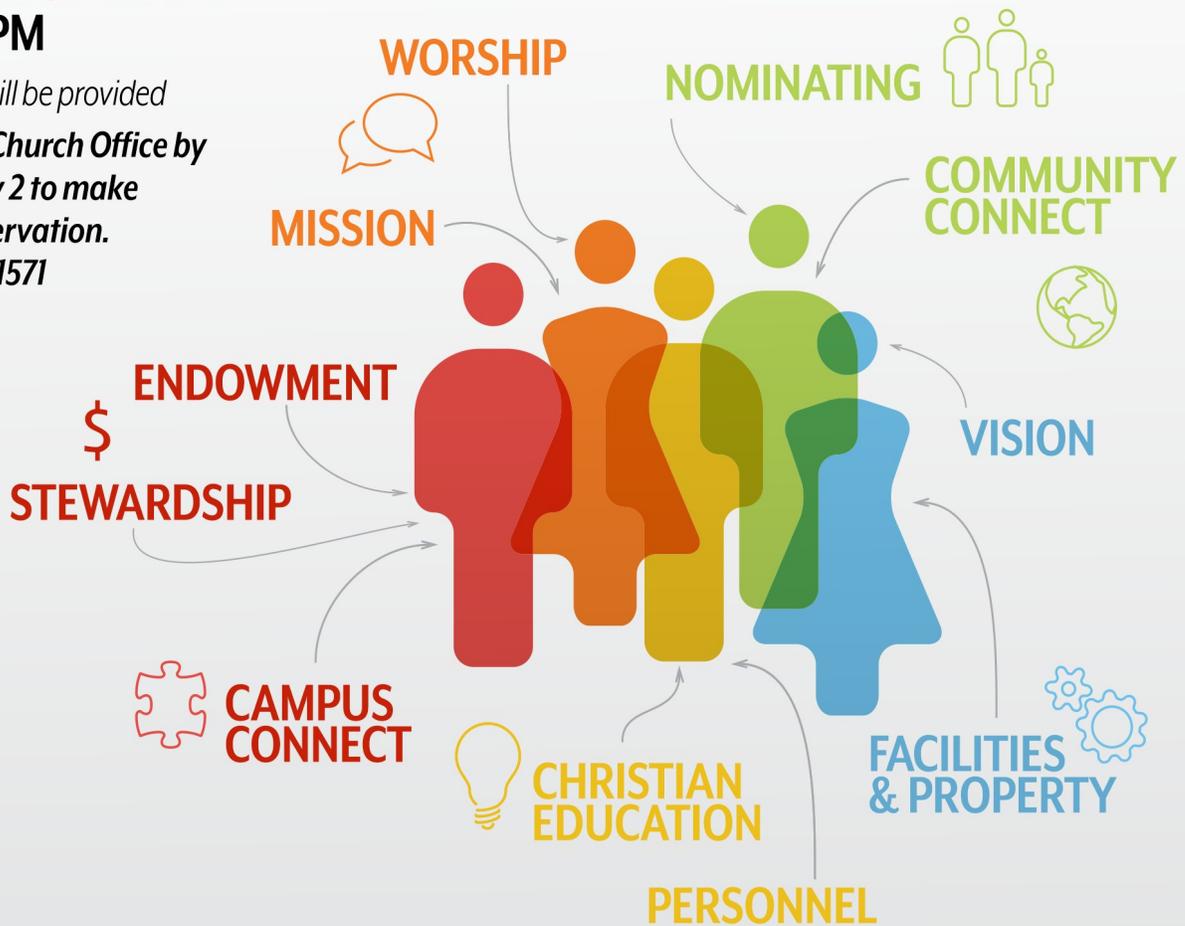
COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

FEBRUARY 7

6:00 PM

Dinner will be provided

**Call the Church Office by
February 2 to make
your reservation.
704.376.1571**





Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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Some of you have commented that beginning the year talking about a leadership change in the church was a “bummer”. On a personal level, I am glad that the overwhelming sentiment was not, “We’re so glad! It’s about time!” The announcement of beginning the process needed to be made so that the church could begin the work associated with that change. As I said on January 9th, this will be an exciting time in the life of our church. We are looking to our future, a very bright future, for the leadership that will take this church to the next level and lead for many years to come. We are going to continue to do all in our power to see that the church is ready for this transition. But this process will take some time. The Nominating Committee is already hard at work and you will be informed about what is taking place every step of the way.

Because of that, no more sad sentiments or goodbyes now. There will be time for that once a new pastor is named. We have work to do and I will be here with you investing in that work. There are several opportunities for us coming up soon to make a difference in people’s lives and we need to take full advantage of that.

Overflow Addiction Ministry is off to an incredible start. All who are involved can feel God’s hand in this ministry. We are seeing new faces each week and they are finding love and acceptance in our midst. I had several people tell me last Saturday night that they were sad we would not be having services on Sunday, but that they would see me the next week. So many are hungry for the support and fellowship that the church can provide. We are going to be given even more of an opportunity to “Be the Presence of Christ” in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you to all of you who are making this possible by volunteering to serve at Overflow!

One great fellowship opportunity coming up in the future is our Men’s Retreat. As of the middle of January we already have 25 registered to attend. I believe that this is going to be our largest crowd ever for this important event. Many of these men will be new and have not experienced this type of spiritual bonding opportunity before. Jeff Rogers will be leading our programming for the weekend. I just know God has great things in store for all who attend. It can have a lasting effect on our church, too! Please begin to pray now for God’s blessing on this event.

We also hope to ordain 11 of our Deacons this month. Because of the rise in Covid cases in January, we postponed this important event to encourage maximum participation. This is not only a high and holy moment for those being ordained, but for the entire church family. I’m so grateful that so many new people have said yes to this service opportunity. I believe our families are going to find themselves in great hands for the months ahead. I can’t wait to celebrate with these dedicated servants.

In His Love,
Bobby



Rev. Stan Heiser
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 Senior Adults
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SummerFest 2022

Have you made your plans to attend one of our two weeks? SummerFest will take place May 16-20 and again August 8-12. You can do as some of our folks and attend both weeks!

It is now time to sign up for May. I have limited spaces in the Conference Center and they always go fast! To guarantee a space for you, everyone must sign up no later than Sunday, February 27. On March 1, I must turn over to Caswell all unused Conference Center rooms for other churches needing spaces. Between March and May, you can still sign up, but there is no guarantee that a room in the Conference Center will be available. They are always in great demand!

The cost for each week is \$340.00 per person which includes your lodging for four nights, meals for five days, conference registration (which covers speakers, entertainers, special interest classes), and transportation on one of our minibuses (if you prefer not to drive yourself).

Our theme for the week is "THE GIFT of Gathering, A Celebration" (scripture theme from Hebrews 10:24-25). If you have any questions, please contact me. You can sign up on Realm or contact the Church Office at 704-376-1571. I hope you will join us for SummerFest and experience this life changing week at Fort Caswell!

Sweet Spirits News



Calling all adults 50 and above! Have you heard the news? Our next Sweet Spirits meeting will be Wednesday, February 23 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. A delicious BRUNCH by CRACKER BARREL will be served. Our guest entertainer will be cartoonist Marcus Hamilton, illustrator of the world-famous comic panel, DENNIS THE MENACE, and award winner of

the cartooning industry's highest honor for "Best Newspaper Cartoon Panel of the Year" in May 2005. In addition, there will be a great time of fellowship, singing your favorite ole' timey songs, and an entertaining story from Maxine. Plan to join us! MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE or sign up with me on Sunday mornings after worship. More information coming throughout the month! Remember..."the Best Place to be is Together"...with the Sweet Spirits!!!

Blessings, Stan Heiser

Pritchard Kids

Your Pritchard Kids have Blasted Off! We recently started a new series which focuses on launching our faith into new heights. It is jammed packed with asteroids, rockets and Biblical figures that teach us the importance of having a relationship with Christ.

WORSHIP CARE

1-HOUR-EVERY-5 WEEKS COMMITMENT

As we continue to grow, we are seeking volunteers to serve during Worship.



WE NEED YOU
 SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM



CONTACT MELISSA WISOR
 TO LET HER KNOW
 YOU ARE AVAILABLE
 TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN



Can you entertain kids?
 Can you serve snacks?
 Can you read a book?

If you answered "YES", then you are perfect for the job!

BLESSING BAGS
for the community

During the next few weeks, we will be collecting supplies for Blessing Bags. Our families will be able to take the Blessing Bags, once assembled, to hand out to our homeless neighbors.

Bins will be located at the front entrance of the Sanctuary and the Williams Center 1st floor. You may also support this mission project, financially, via the website. Just make sure to choose "Kids Ministry"

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES

- travel sized shampoo/conditioner, deodorant and soap
- combs, toothbrush/toothpaste, tissues, band-aids
- crackers, granola bars, gum, water bottles,
- chapstick, wet wipes or hand sanitizer
- Hothands, gloves, toboggans, socks



HELP US SPREAD THE LOVE TO OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS IN THE COMMUNITY



Josh Bone
 Overflow Addiction Ministry Director
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The month of February always carries a central theme of love which easily connects with our Addiction Ministry. I feel as though I am constantly teaching and practicing this eternal commandment to "love others as ourselves". One of the most sought after feelings in the recovery community is a sense of belonging and love. I am witness to Pritchard shining in this department and doing our duty as the "hands and feet" of Christ, continuously showing love and generosity within the Church and to our neighbors. After all, it is through love and support that this entire ministry is founded. When we see this commandment, our attention usually steers towards how we treat others. The fundamental existence and practice of Christianity is about love and service to others. We are shown countless examples of the importance of service, humility and faith. What is rarely questioned is what it means to "love ourselves".

In the realm of substance abuse and mental health, most don't start their journey with feelings of being worthy or loved. Many battle depression, anxiety and thoughts of hopelessness. In short, we have very little love for ourselves, and therefore, would never seek to treat anyone as we have treated ourselves in active addiction. In my past experience working as a counselor, I often pose the question, "If I asked you to list all the things you loved, how long would it take you before you list yourself?". This question would always draw sighs and gasps as it clearly shows facts of how we neglect and mistreat ourselves in addiction. Upon entering into the Christian faith, we are challenged to "love others as ourselves", but we are still learning to look in the mirror and like the person we are. So how do we begin to love ourselves, and what does self care look like in recovery and practicing our Christian faith?

The first suggestion I have in loving yourself is finding value in your life. I often find it soothing to read the various teachings of Jesus and know His ministry ultimately led Him to the Cross to die for my sins. In reading about the simplicity of His message and the complexity of His purpose, I find value in my own life and relationship with God. Learning to understand why Jesus came helped me to be intentional in my own actions and accept the gift of life in sobriety.

Another suggestion in loving myself is putting my spiritual gifts into practice. Scripture says to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord", and although many of us may not have this gift, we all have something to offer to others. We all have a purpose and direction for our lives. I've found when I find purpose, I also find fulfillment. It's easier to love myself and the person I am becoming when life has new meaning through my actions.

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Prayer has been said to be the most powerful tool we have as Christians. Taking time to speak to our Father and tell Him what's on my heart is always available for me. God wants us to speak to Him not because He doesn't know our needs, but because He wants to hear from us. How humbling it is to know an all powerful, omnipotent God cares enough to hear my every prayer. I must surely be worthy of love.

As we enter our second month of Overflow Addiction Ministry, I look forward to continued opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ to those near and far from Him. I'm excited to be a part of such a powerful and needed movement, both within our Church and the Charlotte community. Be sure to stay up-to-date for upcoming guest speakers and events. This month, be kind to yourself in making sure you are practicing all of the commandment, both in loving others and yourself.



MEN'S RETREAT

Cheraw State Park, Cheraw, SC

February 25 - 27

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Golf, hiking, fishing and target shooting!
 Great food and fellowship
 with an inspiring program presented by
 Jeff Rogers.

Questions? Contact Ron Sigmon at 704-277-5417

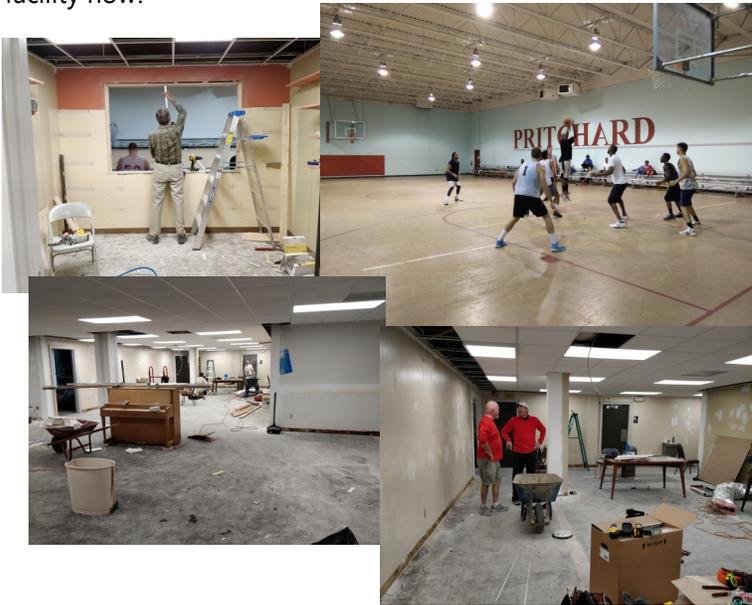
To register, sign up on Realm
 or call the Church Office.



Adam Calderone
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The Men's Basketball League has returned for the winter season. For those who don't know, I originally got involved with the league about 5-6 years ago when I saw Matthew Rogers doing the score clock/book for one of the games. I asked him if he needed some help, he said 'yes, can you start tomorrow?' I thought he was joking, but he was not. I began helping out and becoming familiar with Pritchard through this avenue and the rest is history. We have seen tremendous support from the community and hope to continue to find new ways to engage with the men who play in our league. Games this season are Monday-Wednesday evenings and it will run until late March; come out, watch, and support! Look for an end of season event, likely involving a cookout.

Here are a few pictures of the old gym. I always think back to that gym and how blessed we are to have a renovated facility now!



A few other quick snippets from Recreation:

Come try pickleball! Mondays and Wednesday's 12-2, all encouraged to come and try it out. Paddles can be provided. Look out for more evening sessions in March and beyond for those who can't attend during the day.

Spring is quickly approaching, which means softball will be returning! Dust that glove and the cleats off, the season will be starting before you know it. Be on the lookout for more updates soon.

Be sure to stop by the Overflow Center and get a workout. It is free! Come see the new equipment and work on those New Years Resolutions.



Rev. Brack Ballard
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Hi Pritchard Family!

Pritchard Youth had a blast in January! From fun snow days to our youth ski trip. We are so thankful to have a church that supports our youth and their families. In February, we have some fun youth groups, plus we plan to attend Winter Jam! Winter Jam is a Christian concert on Sunday night, January 6. If it gets cancelled, Plan B is to go ice skating. Either way, it is going to be a great month in February!



February		
02/06/22 (Sun)	First Sunday Breakfast!	Activity
02/06/22 (Sun)	Winter Jam Concert	Activity
02/13/22 (Sun)		Youth Group
02/20/22 (Sun)		Youth Group
02/27/22 (Sun)		Youth Group

Agape Ministry is continuing to go great! We were so thankful to get together over Christmas break and have a blast skiing together in January. In February, we plan to continue to having meals and building in community with one another. In addition, we will soon be announcing potential Bible Studies!



Love, Rev. Brack Ballard

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SERMON: "A WEDDING TO REMEMBER"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 2:1-12

REV. BRACK BALLARD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

SERMON: "DISPOSABLE CULTURE"

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

SERMON: "MUCH IN BETWEEN"

SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SERMON: "DO YOU KNOW THE SHEPHERD?"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 10:1-10, 14-15

REV. STAN HEISER



Sunday, February 6

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Hawkins on her birthday today. They are placed by Marilyn Billmeyer.

Sunday, February 27

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Ferguson, James & Eula Ferguson on their birthdays. They are placed by Reggie & Sarah Ferguson, and Susan Brown.

Blanket America Ministries and WMU Mission Shoppe/Thrift Store Report for 2021

2021 was a different year for the WMU Mission Shoppe. Due to COVID, we did not reopen the Thrift Store until September 1. Your donations continued to supply us with many items to sell and send to the Blanket America Ministries. Half-off sales helped us greatly and pleased our customers that had waited a long time for us to reopen. For the 4 months that we were open, we raised \$4,865.08 for the Baptist Men's Local Project Fund/Helping Hands. As in past years, some of the money comes from placing select items at Lilly's Auction for sell and some with Perry's Jewelry Store for sell.

We had 2 pick-ups in 2021 for Blanket America Ministries. Your generous donations for the people in the Appalachian area provided a total of 424 large boxes/bags and containers filled with clothes, handbags, shoes, linens, toiletries, kitchen items, jewelry, books, CD's, DVD's, games, puzzles, toys, electronics, tools, crafts, and holidays items. We also provided them with pictures, lamps, furniture, rugs, vacuum cleaners, and other household items.

The gifts that you have provided to the people in the Appalachian area through the Blanket America Ministries has been a blessing to them over the past 9 years. Recently, we were informed that Blanket America Ministries had to suspend all their pick-ups. One of their drivers had an injury and can't drive, and the founder of the ministry is no longer driving the trailer. The cost of insurance was also too high for their church. While we wish them well as they seek God's will for the future, **we plan to continue to support the Baptist Men's Local Project Fund through your donations and the WMU Mission Shoppe/Thrift Store.**

At this time, we have arranged for a pick-up from the National Kidney Foundation. (*"The National Kidney Foundation is the leading organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and their families, and tens of millions of Americans at risk"*). These are the items we will not be able to take: TV's, entertainment centers, beds, mattresses, car seats, and no magazines over 1 year old. We will give you more information about appropriate donations as we move forward.

We pray that you will continue to support the Baptist Men's Local Project Fund with your donations to the Thrift Store. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Farson or Nancy Elder.

**Tuesday, February 1**

10:30 AM—Women on Mission (ZOOM)
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (at the Spence home)
6:30 PM—Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 2

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 3

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, February 4

11:00-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, February 5

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, February 6

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, February 7

10:00 AM—David Withrow Memorial Hike (South Mountain)
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:00 PM—Committee Orientation

Tuesday, February 8

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time/Bible Study (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 9

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 10

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, February 11

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, February 12

10:00 AM—Pritchard Kids Valentine's Day Family Brunch
6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, February 13

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service
11:45 AM—Church Council Meeting

Monday, February 14...VALENTINE'S DAY**Tuesday, February 15**

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 16

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 17

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, February 18

7:30-9:00 AM—Free Coffee Friday
11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, February 19

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, February 20

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, February 21

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 22

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 23

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
11:00 AM-1:00 PM—Sweet Spirits
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 24

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)
10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, February 25

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open
Men's Weekend Retreat at Cheraw State Park

Saturday, February 26

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, February 27

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, February 28

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open



We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Robert Thompson and family in the passing of his mother, Madison Bolin in the passing of her grandmother, Sallie Wayne Thompson.
- Rose Thompson and family in the passing of her nephew, David Everheart.
- Brack Ballard and family in the passing of his grandmother, Norma Lee Cook.
- The family and friends in the passing of Betty Hawkins.
- Lynda Whitehead and family in the passing of her mother, Sylvia Link.

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to David Bailes, our Minister of Music and Outreach, who is celebrating 16 years at Pritchard. He joined our team on February 1, 2006.

Congratulations also to James Phillips, our Maintenance man and "Jack of All Trades", who is celebrating 60 years at Pritchard.

Thank you, David and James, for your ministry and many, many years of service at Pritchard! We love you!

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

Note of Thanks

Dear Pritchard Friends,

Thank you for the sweet cards and emails that I have received over the past couple of months. My treatments are finished until March when they plan to re-evaluate and hopefully make sure the cancer didn't spread. I truly appreciate your prayers and kind messages that Lynn brings to me.

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." (1 Peter 5:10 KJV)

Pat Plyler

welcome



To Our New Member!

By Statement:

Jeff Steger

Remembering Someone Special

Is there a particular month or day that's a special time for you or your family? Maybe a milestone birthday or anniversary? Maybe you want to honor someone special? Or remember a loved one? If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on one of the following open dates, please contact Lynn in the Church Office - *February 13, 20; March 20; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 19, 26; July 3, 17, 24, 31; August 14, 21, 28; October 16, 23, 30; November 13, 20, 27.*



David Withrow Memorial Hike

WHEN: Monday, February 7

WHERE: South Mountain State Park (Possum Trail). Meet at the Visitor's Center at 10:00 AM...RAIN OR SHINE. Jacob Fork Access and Visitor Center (3001 South Mountain Park Avenue, Connelly Springs, NC 28612).

QUESTIONS? Contact John Austin at 704-962-4109 or maxton747@gmail.com

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