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FITNESS CENTER OPPORTUNITIES



PICKLEBALL

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 11, & 18 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Pritchard at South End - 1117 South Blvd. Overflow Center (Gymnasium)

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Rev. Bobby Morrow *Pastor*

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I can't believe I am writing the first article in the Messenger for 2022. The things we have dealt with in the last two years seem to have sped time up to the point that we have a problem remembering where it has gone. I think we have found ourselves wishing for the time that we are dealing with this virus and the difficulties it brings to speed past, that we have missed living in the moment. Even though we do not yet see an end to that which has so changed our lives, it is time for us to focus on living right now.

We have some great new opportunities to serve our Lord in 2022 and we don't want to miss any of those. Overflow begins again with the same purpose as it started, but with a more targeted audience. It is an audience that God has determined for us. We are excited about following the direction He has laid out for us and watching how He is going to bless it. Our Overflow Addiction Ministry has the potential to grow at an incredible rate. We pray God will allow us the privilege of participating in what He has already planned to do. Many opportunities for service are going to grow from this ministry. All of us need to be ready for where God is going to call us to serve.

Concord International Church meets on our campus each Sunday. We have developed a partnership in attempting to reach our community for Christ. We are developing a new partnership with Vizion Church to do the same thing. Under the banner of "Together for CLT", we want to celebrate the fact that all three churches are attempting to reach our city with the saving message of the Gospel. We are planning a joint worship later this year that will fill our Sanctuary to capacity and beyond. It will be exciting to worship together and recognize that even though we are different congregations, we have the same purpose, to bring people to Christ and make disciples.

I believe that in order for us to reach our potential in this new year, we need everyone to reengage. We can no longer continue to have a large portion of our congregation staying at home and only participating online. So much is lost when we are not together in person. We have some in our congregation that simply are not able to attend and we are grateful that they have the opportunity to stay connected online. We have a larger number though that have chosen not to return to worship for convenience, and we need you back. We want to begin 2022 with our people back worshipping and serving together. I am asking you to commit to being back in Bible study and worship for 2022. The blessing you receive will benefit you and our church!

In His Love, Bobby



Rev. Stan Heiser
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Happy New Year! We all have so many great hopes for 2022...the years of 2020 and 2021 were such difficult ones! For so many, they experienced sickness, loss, loneliness, isolation, fear, etc. were only a few of the many problems faced. It is my prayer that 2022 will be a year of celebration as we begin to return to a more normal and healthier year. SummerFest 2022

It's time to start making plans to attend one of our two weeks - May 16-20 or August 8-12, or do as some and attend BOTH weeks! You may be asking yourself, "What is SummerFest?" 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 such as Bible studies, fishing off the pier, art class, jewelry making, turtle talks in the nature center, water aerobics, and special classes from NCBAM. You'll also meet new friends, share laughs, ride adult size tricycles/bicycles all over campus, swim in the Atlantic Ocean or Fort Caswell's Olympic size swimming pool, visit special places in the Southport community, and take a ferry boat ride over to Fort Fisher and Carolina Beach (where we'll pick up some homemade Brett's Donuts). There's also delicious meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) served right on campus, taking in 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 \$340.00 per person** which includes your lodging for four nights, meals for five days, conference registration (covers speakers, entertainers, special

interest classes), and transportation on our minibus (if you prefer not to drive yourself).

Who will be leading us this year?

- Mike Cogdill Proclaimer for our worship services both weeks each morning at 11:00 AM.
- Mark Cabaniss Worship leader and choir director each morning at 11:00 AM.
- Lori Williams Our pianist for both weeks.

Entertainment:

<u>May 16 and August 8</u>: Nixon, Blevins and Gage <u>May 17 and August 9</u>: Marcus Hamilton, Cartoonist of Dennis the Menace

May 18 and August 10: Mark Cabaniss, Dr. Andrew Roby and friends present the musical/drama "Bright New Wings."

May 19 and August 13: Communion by waterfront at sunset led by Doug Cole of our SummerFest Leadership Team. Once again, we'll have our Silent Auction to support our Endowment funds that help underwrite and keep down the expenses of our SummerFest programs each year.

It is 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 in the Conference Center in May, 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 there. Between March and May, you can still up, but there is no guarantee that a room in the Conference Center will be available. They are always in great demand!

Our theme for the week is "The GIFT of Gathering: A Celebration." Scripture theme is from Hebrews 10:24-25. Hopefully, after reading all of this, you will want to join us this year. 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...the life changing week at Fort Caswell.

Blessings, Stan Heiser





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This time of year often puts us in a season of reflection and projection, thinking of what the past year held and the new year will bring. Spending time in the past and contemplating the future often leads to regret and anxiety. Philippians 4:6 tells us "do not be anxious", rather we should remedy the situation with prayer and gratitude. Obviously, this is much easier said than done, but God always supplies the answers in His word if we seek them.

A major obstacle in addiction ministry will always be the guilt and shame associated with the past. Many enter into sobriety with limited experience of forgiveness. There are often years of abuse, neglect, pain and suffering coupled with consequences that don't go away with sobriety alone. People use drugs and alcohol to escape the emotions associated with life. Learning a new skill such as prayer and gratitude takes practice. Learning to trust God's word, His people and accepting grace takes repetition. I've always found I can see Christ in others long before they tell me. The peace in their eyes and genuineness in their words is the sign something is different. When we share what the "difference" is, it offers others the same solution. Scripture says we become "new" and therefore no longer bound to the guilt and shame of sin. As we learn to meet people where they are, it will require being vulnerable about our own lives. Trust is earned when we step down from the pedestal of religion and instead engage in relationship. We are all sinners saved by grace.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told the Disciples "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow would worry about itself." It is conveyed in scripture that "worry" is a lack of faith and inability to trust God's perfect will in our life. As amazing as this sounds, I find it necessary to look at the beginning of the teaching to understand the words of Jesus. In this teaching He points out the birds in the sky and flowers in the fields. God takes care of their every need. As we are created in His own image, it is evident we are more valuable than the birds and flowers. Whenever I am confronted with worry, or a lack of faith, I must always look to my past as a tool to show me God's provision. When I use the past for evidence I cannot find an instance where my needs were not met in one way or another. I've always heard the windshield is larger than the rearview for a reason. Our past is simply a tool to continue forward in the present. Our experience presents a remedy for anxiety if we choose to exercise our faith.

In the next season, it is my prayer we as the Church will rest more in assurance from our Savior than the anxieties of the world. There is always sound Biblical knowledge in His word to combat whatever we are facing. The world suggests "New Year's Resolutions" to become a better person, but the Word states "God's power is made perfect in our weakness".

Whenever guilt, shame or anxiety show up, I must remember where my Power lies.





Adam Calderone
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With the New Year upon us, I wanted to highlight some ongoing Recreation Department programs and what to expect in 2022.

On November 29, we hosted our first Pickleball Clinic! Led by local pickleball ambassadors (and also husband and wife) Dick and Desire Osman, the dynamic duo taught our pickleball players about the history of the game, how to play, and basic fundamentals of the game. Look at the smiling faces below, I'd say it was a hit! Played in our Overflow Center, we have capacity for 3 games to be going on at once, so 12 players can be playing at any one time. With two weekly sessions from 12-2 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays (and possibly more into the New Year), as well as some evening sessions in January, all are welcome and encouraged to come learn and try it out. Once you play, you will be hooked!



With the New Year upon us, get started on your New Years Resolution and start off 2022 with a bang! The Overflow Fitness Center now has extended hours, including being open a few hours before Overflow. What better way to start the New Year than to workout and worship with our Overflow Addiction Ministry. There is no cost for Pritchard members to utilize the fitness center. See the front page of this newsletter for fitness center hours.

Our men's basketball registration is quickly approaching. For those who aren't familiar, we host one of the most popular men's recreation basketball leagues in Charlotte. Registration will take place on January 13 and the season will begin on January 24. If interested in registering a team or if you don't have a team but would still like to play, please contact me for more information about how to sign up.



Pritchard has a boys youth basketball team! Led by Matthew Rogers and myself, our 8 year old boys got their first win on December 11! The kids have learned about the importance of teamwork, fellowship, and having fun. After their first win, the kids celebrated in excitement and wanted to get together to take a team picture. Practices are from 6:15-7:15 every Monday through the end of February. All are encouraged to come watch our young boys practice and meet the kids/families.



Stay tuned throughout the year for continued programming. I hope to meet more of you in the New Year and make the Overflow Center (and beyond!) a place to develop the mind, body, and spirit for all!

Adam

Quarterly Conference

Our next Quarterly Conference will take place Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. 2021 chairpersons will report on the 2021 October/November/December quarter. At our April 2022 Quarterly Conference, the new 2022 chairpersons will report on January/February/March of 2022. A reminder will be sent via email prior to each conference.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available in the Gathering Place, the Sanctuary and the 3rd floor of the Williams Center. Boxes are not numbered, nor do they have individuals names printed on them. You may also come by the Church Office during operating hours to pick up a new box.

Weekly Prayer Sheet

We have a special prayer sheet that is updated weekly. If you know of someone who should be added (or removed), please contact Katrina at **kgore@pritchardchurch.com** or by calling 704-376-1571. This prayer sheet is sent out every Tuesday in E-Connect.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

SERMONS BY REV. BOBBY MORROW, PASTOR



Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, January 23 at 6:00 PM

This is a very important service as we ordain our new Deacons. Please come and support them as they have been called to serve.

RUSS ALLEN * NICHOLE GRADY* VICKEY ARROBA MISSY HENNESSEY* **BETTY BARBERREE* GARY HUHNERKOCH*** BECKY BLACK STAN LITTLEJOHN* JOSH BONE* TANYA MAZINGO MARIO CHANG* MAC McCormick* KEVIN ELDER VERNON SYKES STACEY ELDER* SUSAN ROSE **DOUG EVANS**

(*DENOTES THOSE TO BE ORDAINED)

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, January 24

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Childers on his birthday.

They are placed by Allen and Sandy Childers, and Reggie and Sarah Ferguson.

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 in 2022, please contact Lynn in the Church Office.

January 2, 9, 16, 30; February 6, 13, 20; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 10, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 12, 19, 26; July 3, 17, 24, 31; August 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11; October 9, 16, 23, 30; November 13, 20, 27.

There are 2 florists who have access to our Sanctuary - Starclaire House of Flowers (704-553-2435) and Elizabeth House of Flowers (704-342-3919). They can place the arrangement in the Sanctuary on Saturday before your scheduled date. As an alternative, you may do an arrangement of your own and bring it to the Sanctuary on Sunday morning. Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up!



KATHY GOFORTH*

From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

Let It Snow

Celebrate the Winter season!

Enjoy the cooler temps, hot chocolate, warm casseroles, skiing.....and maybe the snow?

Blizzard by Al Lacy

When three murderers escape from the Colorado Territorial Prison, Marshal Holloway and the mysterious stranger track them down. A thrilling tale of faith, soul-stirring love, and a violent family vendetta.

Love Blooms in Winter by Lori Copeland

Mae Wilkey's elderly neighbor, Pauline, needs family to come and help. But she does not remember if she has anybody. Mae finds a name in Pauline's desk and contacts Tom Curtis. He does not recall an Aunt Pauline but decides to pay a visit in response to Mae's desperate letters. Will the journey bring more than Tom expects?

Thin Ice (*Men of Valor series-2*) by Irene Hannon

Christy Reed has endured such grief after losing her parents to a car accident and her sister in a house fire. Just as her life begins to feel slightly normal, she receives a letter addressed to her in her sister's handwriting with a note that states she is still alive. While collaborating with Lance the FBI agent, to reopen the case, he questions who the woman is they buried.



Saturday, January 1....NEW YEAR'S DAY (CAMPUS CLOSED) Sunday, January 2

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, January 3

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

Tuesday, January 4

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

10:00 AM—Chair Yoga

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (at the Spence home)

6:00-8:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30 PM—Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, January 5

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

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 6

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

10:30-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, January 7

11:00-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, January 8

4:00-6:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, January 9

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, January 10

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 11

10:00 AM—Chair Yoga

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:00-8:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time/Quarterly Conference (ZOOM)

Wednesday, January 12

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

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 13

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

10:30-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, January 14 Saturday, Janua<u>ry 15</u>

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, January 16

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, January 17...MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, January 18

10:00 AM—Chair Yoga

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:00-8:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, January 19

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

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20

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

10:30-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, January 21

Saturday, January 22

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, January 23

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

6:00 PM—Deacon Ordination

Monday, January 24

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

Tuesday, January 25

10:00 AM—Chair Yoga

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, January 26

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

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 27

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

10:30-11:30 AM—Sunago Singers

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, January 28

Youth/College Age Ski Trip

Saturday, January 29

Youth/College Age Ski Trip

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, January 30

Youth/College Age Ski Trip

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, January 31

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

12:00-2:00 PM—Pickleball

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Craig Poole and family in the passing of his father, Gene Poole and his mother, Carol Poole.
- Pam Walters and family in the passing of her husband, Roger Walters.
- Mark Boynton and family in the passing of his mother, Jo Boynton.
- Donna Baldivid and family in the passing of her brother, Marvin Davis.
- Chip Baucom and family in the passing of his wife, Angela Livingston and family in the passing of her sister-in-law, Lynne Baucom.





Rev. Brack Ballard Minister to Youth and College-Aged Students

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Hi Pritchard Family! Happy New Year!! We are excited for 2022 and all that God has in store for Pritchard youth! We have ski trips, outdoor ice-skating, a Toby Mac concert, and so much more to be excited about for the upcoming semester! In January, we have our youth and college-aged ministry ski trip from January 28–30. Youth group has been extremely positive on Sunday mornings with youth choir right after church. Please mark your calendars from below!

Sunday, January 2—No youth group; Sunday, January 9—New Year Sunday breakfast; Sunday, January 16—Youth group; Wednesday, January 19—Youth council meeting; Sunday, January 23—Youth group; Friday, January 28—Activity; Saturday, January 29—Annual youth/college ski retreat; Sunday, January 30—Activity

Agape Ministry is continuing to go well! We are getting together over Christmas break for dinner to talk and dream about plans for next year. In addition the College-aged students are going on the ski trip! I'm teaching the Bible study for the youth and Carrie Henderson is teaching the Bible study for the Agape Ministry. It is going to be a great month and trip!

Love, Rev. Brack Ballard

Stewardship Update: November 2021 Revenues and Expenses Summary

Total Revenues Total Expenses **Net Total**

MTD Actual \$129,623 \$127,803 \$1,818

MTD Budget \$106,875 \$116,933 (\$10,058)

YTD Actual \$1,294,087 \$1,261,670 \$32,417

YTD Budget \$1,213,024 \$1,306,683 (\$93,659)

Pritchard Memorial shows a profit of \$1,818 for the month of November. Our year-to-date net total is a positive \$32,417.

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