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DEACON ORDINATION *Service*

March 6 *at* 6:00 PM

Russ Allen
Vickey Arroba
Josh Bone
Mario Chang
Stacey Elder
Kathy Goforth
Nichole Grady
Missy Hennessey
Gary Huhnerkoch
Stan Littlejohn

Please join us in the Sanctuary
in support of our new Deacons
who have been called to serve.



Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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What are you currently excited about? What are you really looking forward to? What is there in your life right now that when you think about it - you immediately start smiling? Maybe it's the anticipation of the birth of a child or grandchild? Maybe you just welcomed a new member into your family and you light up every time you think of them. Perhaps there is a special event right around the corner for you: birthday, anniversary, wedding, family reunion, etc. Maybe it's that vacation that you have been planning for a long time and you can't wait to enjoy it. Maybe it is as simple as getting to enjoy another day with family and friends.

It is important for all of us to have those things that we are looking forward to. We need those things in our lives that give us a sense of joy and anticipation. If we are to find peace and contentment in our world, there must be those positive, exciting things for us that we focus on. It is much too easy to watch the news and feel a sense of doom and gloom. Every bit of good news must be followed by ten stories of bad news. The news media today constantly wants to dictate how we feel about what is happening in our world. They don't want us to draw our own opinions, but they want us to accept theirs. Their common theme is how bad things really are.

We as Christians have been given a different challenge. We are to rejoice always! (Philippians 4:4). We rejoice because no matter what is happening around us, Jesus has already saved us. We don't let the circumstances of the day steal our joy. He has already won the battle over Satan for eternity and nothing can change that. No matter what goes on in this world, we are protected. We therefore have so much to look forward to. We can enjoy each day and take every opportunity that comes our way, to share the source of our excitement about life. In today's world people that have no joy, need our joy. People that say they are not excited about anything, need the excitement a relationship with Christ brings. People that have no hope, need our hope. Our hope is in the One who will never let us down.

I'm excited about what God is doing here at Pritchard. I'm looking forward to what He has planned for our future. And I'm most excited about our opportunity to share our Jesus with the world around us. If you are not excited about anything today, get excited about YOUR opportunity to share our Lord. It will certainly change your attitude every day!

In His Love,
Bobby



Rev. Stan Heiser

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New Discipleship Training Opportunity to Begin!

A new discipleship training opportunity will be available for women each Thursday night from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Williams Center (third floor). CHRISTIAN WALK 101 begins March 17 and will be led by Debra Huhnerkoch. This new class is open to women of all ages, both members and non-members of Pritchard. It is focused on introducing attendees to the Christian walk. It's dedicated toward supporting each attendee's journey towards becoming more like Jesus through the knowledge and practice of critical spiritual disciplines. Class format will consist of a brief teaching of materials, along with dedicated time for discussion and questions. The agenda will cover 7 different spiritual disciplines over the course of about twelve weeks:

- Session 1 Introduction to the Course and Each Other
- Session 2 The Practice of Spiritual Discipleship
- Session 3 The Practice of Reading and Studying the Word of God
- Session 4 The Practice of Prayer and the Spiritual Discipline of Fasting
- Session 5 The Practice of Identifying and Growing God's Gifts in Your Life
- Session 6 The Practice of Serving Christ
- Session 7 The Practice of Making Disciples
- Session 8 Course Wrap-Up

Come join Debra as she leads this exciting new study for the women of our church. Sign up by calling the Church Office today!

SummerFest 2022

Week 1 is May 16-20 and Week 2 is August 8-12. Both weeks are the same programs and events. The cost for each week is \$340.00 per person. Sign up today on Realm or contact me for more information!

Sweet Spirits News

It is time for another fun gathering at Sweet Spirits on Wednesday, March 30! If you haven't heard, this is a program for all adults 50 and above. The key to the event is FELLOWSHIP!!! We all gather together for a good time! In addition to fellowship, we have a delicious meal from Cracker Barrel, a time for singing the old timey songs, and a special guest entertainer. We are very fortunate to have a dear friend to many of us, entertainer/singer John Leon Lewis. Everyday, John is singing and spreading the joy of the Lord all over Charlotte. John serves as Minister of Music at River

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Hills Community Church and is the Conductor for Magnify Choir and Orchestra. (We have taken groups from Pritchard over the years to hear these magnificent choral presentations). John has recorded 11 albums and in 2018 he recorded his 12th album. This album has 15 songs on it and each song was arranged and orchestrated for John by David T. Clydesdale. David went to Prague and together with the Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, he recorded the music for John's 12th album. John is calling this album "GRACE". For more than 50 years, John has truly experienced the GRACE of God over and over again. We will be GRACED by John's performance for us, and just by his presence on Wednesday, March 30.

Sweet Spirits will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Cost is \$10.00 per person and is payable at the door. Sign up on Realm or see me on Sunday mornings after worship. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 23, to turn in our final numbers to Cracker Barrel for our delicious meal. Remember.....

The best place to be is *together* with the *sweet spirits!*

Pastor Search Committee

Please be in prayer for the Pastor Search Committee as they begin meeting this month. Those members are: Vickey Arroba, Megan Crowell, Perry Holland, Frances Nettles, Jeff Rogers, Chris Wallace, and Marilyn Withrow.



Pritchard Family,

A contribution to Pritchard's Benevolent Fund has been given in memory of:

Althea Barton

Lois Goble

Betty Carter

Arzelle Mitchell

Eula Ferguson

Bea Vick

Having been blessed since birth by my parents who instilled in me the love of God, I am thankful. I am thankful also for the ladies who were an example for me in my adult life. Their encouragement, faith and support enabled their husbands to be the strong leaders of our church. Many thanks to them -

Paul Barton

Ray Goble

Modie Carter

Q. Mitchell

James Ferguson

Bing Vick

To God be the Glory!

~ Anonymous



Josh Bone
 Overflow Addiction Ministry Director
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Everyone is dealing with something.

March brings on nice weather, blooming flowers, Spring break and generally some increased attendance on Sunday mornings. It's a time of renewal and life as Winter passes and we prepare for the season ahead. Although this is extremely general, most would find something here to identify with or add to the discussion, possibly March Madness as we are still in the South. For myself, March has been one of the toughest months of the year for some time now. This year marks 8 years since the passing of my Mother, as well as her birthday. While others enjoy this time, we never truly know what others are going through. If we wore shirts that said our current emotions, things might be a whole lot easier, but obviously that isn't the case. So how is it we can learn to read others, respect privacy and support those in need? The true answer to this lies in prayer and trusting God's will. I've found that God is always working in my life, but it is usually me who isn't paying attention. Each day is filled with opportunities to demonstrate kindness and be of service, but I only see these opportunities when I'm tuned in to what's happening around me, rather than what I want.

It would be foolish to think we can ever "fix" someone's day, but the fact remains we definitely have an impact. Think of how often someone you'll never meet has "made" you angry in traffic. The truth is no one can ever make you feel an emotion you don't choose to engage in. People don't make you "mad" or make you "happy", we choose to experience these emotions based on a response to another person's actions. We could also choose to ignore them rather than be angry. That choice is up to you.

As I said above, I knew March would roll around every year. The dates on the calendar were inescapable. For some time, I spent this month in despair and self-pity. Before getting sober, it was an excuse to drink more which inevitably would lead to more trouble and woes. I had to make changes in my life if I ever wanted anything to change. So that's what I did. March will always be a hard month for me, but now I get to celebrate my wedding anniversary in the midst of those memories. God placed an opportunity in my path to do something about the things that happened in my life. He presented me a chance to be grateful for His sovereignty and provisions if I would only trust in His plan. This year marks 4 incredible years with my wife Jennifer. Thank God for His blessings.

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My point in sharing all this information about myself is simple. I spent a long time in self-pity, unaware of the pain or experiences anyone else was going through. I was blind to the beauty of the world around me and God opened my eyes. If your eyes are already open, use that gift to open the eyes of others. You never know what battles they may be facing. On the other hand, if you're still stuck in the "Groundhog Day" cycle of life with drugs, alcohol or mental health, there is a way out. The same power that flowed through Jesus, flows in you when we claim victory in His name. Don't let fear control your life, for we overcome fear with faith. God loves you and wants you to be happy. Trust what He offers to you and March into Freedom!



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

March Madness is upon us. It is going to be a great month of teaching and learning. We are extremely excited about Camp Ridgecrest this year! Please save the dates: Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12.

TOBYMAC Hits Deep Tour

WHERE: Bojangles Coliseum
 COST: \$15/person. We will meet at the church at 5:30 PM, have some Chick-fil-a nuggets and sides, then drive the van to the Coliseum. We will return to the church around 9:30 PM.



We are continuing to study *Real Talk* which is a series designed to help students take steps toward having real, honest conversations about relationships. The goal is to help them discover God's truth about relationships and how that applies to their lives, both now and in the future.

Fletcher Lodge Renovations

We are searching for old or new photographs of our lake lodge. If you have any, please consider sharing them with Marilyn Withrow. We would like to use them during the dedication service at the lake lodge (to be determined at a later date). Copies will be made of your picture(s) and the original(s) will be returned to you. Contact Marilyn at mwitt4971@gmail.com



Adam Calderone
Recreation Director

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With March now upon us, it means one thing: March Madness! My favorite sporting event of the year, it is always a mark on the calendar of things to come. Spring is in the air and it is a welcomed change. Spring is a good time to reflect on how your New Year has been going and things to be improved upon. My hope is that everyone will continue taking advantage of our programs like pickleball, basketball, softball, and utilize the fitness center even more. Now is the time to make the push!

Dust off your cleats, grab your glove and bat, because softball is back! We will once again be playing softball this Spring at Park Road Park. Please contact me for more information about how to join the team and for the schedule.



PARENT vs. CHILD
BASKETBALL
GAME



WHERE KIDS GET TO CHALLENGE THEIR PARENTS TO A GAME OF BASKETBALL!

MARCH 12 • 10:00 AM

1117 South Blvd. Charlotte NC 28203 Overflow Center(Gym)

REGISTER AT WWW.PRITCHARDREC.COM



Please join us on March 12 as we host the first annual kids vs. parents basketball game. Kids that are in 1st through 5th grade will get the opportunity to play against their parents in a friendly game of basketball. There will be special coaches for the game as well! Be sure to come out and support.

VBS Volunteers "Make Waves!"

Calling all willing and able adults! Get ready to make waves in the lives of our children! Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14 from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon.

In this wet and wild VBS, kids will learn that what you do today can change the world around you. When you put your trust in Jesus, you can "make waves" because of His Spirit living inside you. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God's Word, we'll help kids understand how they can share God's love with the people around them. They'll discover that when they put their faith in Jesus, God will give them His Spirit. And like the Bible says, the Spirit is like many streams of living water. Kids will explore what it means to "make waves" in their own lives that will influence the people around them.

Sign up on Realm or contact Melissa Wisor at mwisor@pritchardchurch.com if you have questions.

Women on Mission

The WOM ladies will meet in person on Tuesday, March 1 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bag lunch. We look forward to being together again. See you there!

Thrift Store

Half Off Sale on ALL Items!
Wednesday, March 2

Stop by and see what you can find!
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



SAVE THE DATE

LEGO and LET GOD

Camp Ridgecrest 2022

AUGUST 8 - 12

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

SERMON: "HAPPY ADVERSITY"

SCRIPTURE: JAMES 1:1-12

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

SERMON: "I'LL PAY YOU LATER"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 14:7-14

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

SERMON: "SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 4:5-15

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

SERMON: "BEYOND OUR DREAMS"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 12:15-31

REV. BOBBY MORROW

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, March 6

The flowers on the altar table are 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, Melanie Evans Harper, Marcia Evans Rhyne, and Jon Evans. The six center flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dear sister, Stephanie Evans.

Mama and Stephanie, you were both cherished by so many and we miss you every day, but we have joy in that we will meet again in Heaven.

Sunday, March 13

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my dear wife, Hope Riggins. Happy Birthday! I love you! David

Sunday, March 20

(This date is available. Please call Lynn in the Church Office if you'd like to provide flowers.)

Sunday, March 27

The flowers on the altar table are given to glorify our Lord and in loving memory of Talmage Spence on his birthday today. They are placed by his wife, Peggy and family.

From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

GET YOUR PAWS ON A GOOD BOOK

A STRANGER'S GAME by Colleen Coble

Desperate for answers about her best friend's drowning death, wealthy hotel heiress Torie goes undercover on Jekyll Island. When she meets Joe rescuing turtles, she finds a tentative ally. The more they dig, the more truth eludes them. One thing is clear: someone will risk anything to keep secrets buried!

AT LIGHTHOUSE POINT (Three Sisters Island #3) by Suzanne Woods Fisher

Blaine Grayson returns to Three Sisters Island with a grand plan--to take Camp Kicking Moose to the next level. Her dream starts to unravel when she discovers Moose Manor's kitchen has been badly remodeled by her sister, Cam, who doesn't know how to cook. Bestselling author Suzanne Woods Fisher invites you back to the coast of Maine for a story that reminds you to release what doesn't matter and cling to what does: faith, family, and friendships.

A DISTANT SHORE by Karen Kingsbury

Ten years ago, teenage Jack saved a nameless girl from drowning in the Caribbean Sea. Now an FBI agent, he and Lizzie meet again when he liberates her from a trafficking ring and inspires her to become an agent.





Tuesday, March 1

10:30 AM—Women on Mission
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, March 2

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open (1/2 off sale!)
11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 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
6:00 PM—Pastor Search Committee Meeting
6:30-8:00 PM—Christian Walk 101

Friday, March 4

11:00-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, March 5

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, March 6

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
10:30 AM—Worship Service
6:00 PM—Deacon Ordination Service

Monday, March 7

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Tuesday, March 8

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

Wednesday, March 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, March 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, March 11

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, March 12

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, March 13....DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

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

Monday, March 14

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 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, March 17....ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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, March 18

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, March 19

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, March 20

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

Monday, March 21

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

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, March 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, March 25

7:30-9:00 AM—Free Coffee Friday
11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open
5:30 PM—Youth to Toby Mac Concert

Saturday, March 26

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, March 27

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

Monday, March 28

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

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, March 31

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

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- David Crowell and family in the passing of his aunt, Betty Conder.
- Edith Parker and family in the passing of her cousin, Austin Broome.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Edith Parker on the birth of a great granddaughter, Sierra Willow Alfred, born October 31, 2021. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21" long. Mother is Jessica Alfred and grandmother is Catherine "Betsy" Alfred.

welcome



To Our New Member!

By Baptism:
Robert Bolick

Celebrate A Special Day

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 - *March 20; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 19, 26; July 3, 17, 24, 31; August 14, 28; September 4; October 16, 23, 30; November 13, 20, 27.*

You can choose your price range at Starclaire House of Flowers. Simply go to their website - www.starclairehouseofflowersflorist.com to see their selection. They have access to our Sanctuary and can deliver your flowers on Saturday for Sunday's service. Remember to take your arrangement after worship to enjoy in your home.

ADDICTION
MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

Email Josh Bone
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