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*Palm
Sunday*
CELEBRATION

APRIL 10 | 10:30 AM



EASTER

AT PRITCHARD

CELEBRATE WITH US

APRIL 17
10:30 AM





Rev. Bobby Morrow

Pastor

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April Showers bring May flowers. Did you grow up hearing that phrase each spring like I did? Every time it rained in April, my Mother would repeat that phrase. She also said that we could expect strong winds in March. This past month sure did live up to her prediction. If you had tried to fly a kite on some days in March you would have become airborne yourself!

April most often is the month that we celebrate Easter, the most holy day on the Christian calendar. It is the day that all of Jesus's words about Himself are confirmed. His resurrection signaled that He is in fact the Son of God. He came to earth to die for our sins and was raised to new life so that we might also be raised to that same new life in Him. If He has power over death itself, then what do we have to fear? Scripture confirms for us that He will be at the right hand of the Father interceding for us when we fail. The Holy Spirit will live within us to guide us in our everyday living. It was our Heavenly Father's plan to assure us of His unconditional love for us. We celebrate that each Easter.

I grew up wearing new clothes each year for Easter Sunday (that is until I rebelled against the outfits my Mom wanted me to wear). The idea of new life in Christ was celebrated in our home by looking and feeling "new". The day was important. It was special and my parents wanted us to know it was special. They wanted their children to recognize the value of new life available through a relationship with Jesus. And for my sisters and me, it worked. And I know it worked for many of you. I came to realize the clothes didn't matter, but thanking God for the life He offered because of His sacrifice meant everything.

I hope you will plan to join us for all of our worship services leading up to and including Easter. Each one will celebrate the gift God has provided the world through His Son. Easter is a high and holy day of remembrance, and we will treat it that way. But I like to think that we treat every opportunity to worship God as important, worthy of our participation. We have so much to be thankful for, but nothing greater than the gift of salvation. I pray you recognize that and will take every opportunity to show God your gratitude through your daily living. May God bless you in this Easter Season and I look forward to celebrating it with you here at Pritchard!

In His Love,
Bobby



Rev. Stan Heiser

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It's Happening!!!! SummerFest May 16-20 "The Gift of Gathering...A Celebration"

I am so happy to announce that SummerFest...May 16-20, 2022 is finally going to happen!!! In August of 2019, we gave everyone a "Save the Date" card with the May 2020 dates. Covid entered our world and the rest is history. After two years of trying, we will be able to safely hold our seniors favorite retreat at NC Baptist Coastal Retreat and Conference Center at Fort Caswell on Oak Island, NC. Our SummerFest Planning Team from across NC is glad to announce that most of our key leaders, interest group leaders and entertainers will be joining our events in May and August this year! Only one entertainer and one interest group leader will not be able to join us since they committed in September of 2019. Very remarkable! Our SummerFest Planning Team is working on a weeklong CELEBRATION like we have never seen before! Thirty have signed up for May which is full at this time. Our second week will be August 8-12 and we are accepting reservations now. This week is the same program as May 16-20. Join us in August...we will CELEBRATE again!!!!

SWEET SPIRITS coming again Wednesday, April 27

Calling all adults 50 and above to attend our next Sweet Spirits Gathering! Great fellowship, a delicious meal from Cracker Barrel, a time of singing the old timey songs, and a special guest speaker/entertainer each month. Our guest this month will be Heather Vogelbacker who is the owner of Blue Moon Estate Sales. Blue Moon Estate Sales provide caring, compassionate, and professional estate sale services that help you close one chapter and fund the next. Downsizing in days is their specialty.

Sweet Spirits meet each month at 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10 per person and is payable at the door. Sign up on Realm or see me on Sunday mornings after worship down front by the Chapel. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 20, so we can turn in our final number to Cracker Barrel for our delicious meal. Remember....the best place to be is **together with you and the Sweet Spirits!**

North Carolinas Baptist Aging Ministry 2021 Highlights

NCBAM Strong! "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house" ...they **go from strength to strength (Psalm 84:4-7)**. "For aging adults who are lonely, in frail health, and need help for the journey from the North Carolina Baptist Aging

Ministry, the march goes on."

NCBAM received two major awards in 2021...the George L. Maddox Award was presented to NCBAM in September to recognize the ministry's "excellence in creative programming for older adults." The Maddox is the most competitive award given by NC's Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS).

NCBAM also received the First Place Award for their audio book "One Hope: 30 Daily Devotions for Overcoming Loneliness" by the Baptist Communicators Association. NCBAM distributed more than 400 copies of the devotional in 2021 to seniors experiencing loneliness. An outstanding team of men and women wrote the devotions. I had the privilege of narrating the 20 male written devotions for the audio book and Charity Johnson, also of NCBAM, narrated the 10 female devotions from the Podcast Recording Studio at the NC Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville, NC.

NCBAM was selected to receive funds from the Tractor Ride that kicked off the 2021 Southeast Old Thresher's Reunion at Denton Farm Park. NCBAM supporters broke all fundraising records for the event! Through sponsorships, admissions, and the live auction, NCBAM received \$29,947.00! Funds will be used for ministry projects this year.

NCBAM's Senior Adult Ministry State Leadership Conference last May was a response to thousands of calls from seniors seeking help with vaccine appointments. Live stream from Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, "Bridging the Gap" addressed the digital divide that challenges and isolates many older adults.

NCBAM's AAIM Fall Regional Gatherings featured two keynote addresses videotaped here at Pritchard on "Grief and Loneliness in a Time of Crisis."

The Call Center is the heart of NCBAM - everyday connecting seniors with community services and mission-minded volunteers. In 2021, we had 5,815 calls in and 944 calls out. Servant Care contacts were 875. FEMA Alarms installed: 192. Hope Line Volunteers trained: 50. Information and referrals provided: 1,971.

For the past six years it has been my privilege to serve as chairman of NCBAM AAIM. As I begin my seventh year, I look forward to getting back out in person with our outstanding leadership team from across the state of NC. We hold our first Statewide NCBAM AAIM ROUNDUP at Bay Leaf Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC on May 2, then I'll be leading sessions at SummerFest at Fort Caswell May 16-20.

NCBAM AAIM (North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry Aging Adults Innovating Ministry) offers "Help for the Journey" for all senior adults throughout all 100 counties of North Carolina. NCBAM is a jewel for the NC Baptist State Convention.

Blessings, Stan



Josh Bone

Overflow Addiction Ministry Director

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A familiar passage from Ecclesiastes tells us there is a "time for everything". Scripture tells us there is a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to mourn and a time to dance. All this is true, but what happens when we don't take the time necessary to do these things? What happens when we work on our own time, instead of trusting God's timing? The truth is we usually make a mess of things and end up with bigger issues than we started with. History has shown us humans to be a slightly hard headed bunch, though. The gift of free will often looks like a curse. Just ask Eve about that apple from the Forbidden Tree!

While this first paragraph may appear to focus on the decisions we make, what I truly wanted to focus on is time. There are many precious things on earth. Diamonds, fossil fuels, gold, but the most valuable asset I can think of is time. Science has yet, to my knowledge, found a way to create more "time". The 2-3 minutes you'll spend reading this article is an investment. It shows you believe there is some reward in "spending" your time reading this message because maybe you'll find some knowledge or comfort in it. Time is the most precious possession we have, because the time we have here on Earth is limited. The amazing fact is, what we do with this limited time here on Earth, determines what happens in our eternity. We must choose to invest our time wisely.

In working with those in recovery, there is often a great sense of guilt, remorse and self-pity in the years wasted in active addiction. Sometimes it is those same feelings that push us back to old behaviors and lifestyles. We feel as if we've been living a certain way our entire lives and cannot break the cycle or change. That simply is not true and is from the enemy talking. Take for instance Saul who was converted on the road to Damascus. Saul was an evil man, murdering and hunting Christians down, but God used him to write a majority of the New Testament. Saul, who became Paul, found value in dedicating his life to Christ. He found more freedom in a jail cell than many of us find in life today. He wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain". Paul understood the value of his time here on Earth in doing God's work and the result of him investing in his future in eternity. Now I don't expect any of us could imagine the peace Paul found to pen such words, but today we can examine where we fall short. We can look at where our time is spent and whether we are taking the "time" to do as God would have us.

As I write these messages each month, I am often reflecting on my own life. I believe a good steward of the Gospel is often speaking to themselves, for we can never be self-righteous or prideful. God despises arrogance and "gives grace to humble". What I suggest is being intentional with our time. Just as we budget our finances, we must budget our time. Most will receive a paycheck bi-weekly, but our deductions from the "time account" are limited. We must be mindful where we invest, making sure the return is fruitful. Take time this month to balance the books and be frugal with our most valuable possession. Scripture states there is a time to be born and a time to die. Fill the time in between with His works and find joy in your life.



TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Jeannie Sigmon

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Jeannie serves as our Accounting Assistant. She comes to us with over 30 years of financial administration experience with 3 previous churches. She grew up on the west side of Charlotte and attended West Meck High School and Central Piedmont Community College. Jeannie has resided in the Denver, NC area for 30 years. She and her husband, Mike, have been married for 47 years and they have 2 grown children, Jana and Richard. Jeannie enjoys family vacations, walking for exercise, and reading.

Madison Werner

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Madison serves as our Operations Assistant. She graduated from Belmont Abbey College with a Business and Marketing degree. If shown how, she can do pretty much anything if she asks a lot of questions. She likes baking, arts/crafts, and her pet goldfish. She is the eldest sibling of two younger brothers. She has relatives in Iowa and Alabama. Madison resides in Mount Holly, NC and is happy to be here at Pritchard.



Adam Calderone

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On Saturday March 12, we hosted the first annual **Kids vs Parents basketball game**. The concept was simple: could kids ranging from 1st-5th grade beat their parents in a game of basketball? With Pastor Bobby filling in as the head coach for the kids team, the kids took home the win by a score of 26-16! A dominating performance for the kids. We look forward to making it an annual tradition and growing the game each year!



Softball is back under way Thursdays at Park Road Park. Despite quite a few rain outs, we will continue to play throughout the spring. Come out on Thursdays and support our Pritchard Softball Team!

The **Men's Basketball Spring League** is set to start in mid-April, if anyone is interested in joining, please contact me for more information. We would love to have more Pritchard members involved!



Rev. David Bailes

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Homecoming Choir

Hopefully, you noticed an announcement for Homecoming elsewhere in this newsletter. We are seeking former choir members to sing in the choir on this special day of celebration.

Whether you are still part of the Pritchard congregation or have moved on, we want you to share in this special time. If you let me know, I will send you a PDF of the choral music and an MP3 recording. Please come and join us!



Vacation Bible School

Calling all willing and able adults! Get ready to make waves in the lives of our children!

Monday, July 11 – Thursday, July 14

9:00 AM – 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 TODAY! If you have questions, please contact Melissa Wisor at 704-376-1571 ext. 120 or email her at mwisor@pritchardchurch.com

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

SERMON: "I NEED YOU"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 6:5-8

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

SERMON: "THE LAST SUPPER"

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 22:7-20

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

SERMON: "THE IMPOSSIBLE MIRACLE"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20:1-17

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

REV. BRACK BALLARD

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, April 3

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; and Ann Rogers, sister of Ginger Thompson who was a light and inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Sunday, April 10

The Easter lilies in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amon and Imogene Baucom. They are placed by Chip Baucom, Angela Livingston and their families.

Sunday, April 17 - Flowering of the Cross

Sunday, April 24

The 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, 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, & Crosby), Lauren Roseman (Ellie), Charles Harper (Luke, Josiah, & Annabeth), Courtney Harper (Brynlee), Amber Rhyne, Kasey Rhyne, Justin Evans, and Emily Jackson (Winnie). 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.

Pritchard
HOMECOMING
2022

MAY 1 | 10:30 AM

Come Join the Celebration in Worship
Followed by Lunch

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kristen Tucker

For those who have not yet returned to live worship, and former Pritchard members, this will be a great day to celebrate!





Friday, April 1

11:00-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, April 2

7:30 AM—Men's Breakfast/Workday at Lake Lodge

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, April 3

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, April 4

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Tuesday, April 5

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

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

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

Wednesday, April 6

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, April 7

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—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Men)

6:30-8:00 PM—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Women)

Friday, April 8

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, April 9

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, April 10...PALM SUNDAY

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point

10:30 AM—Worship Service

6:00 PM—Life Group: Ladies Dinner (off campus)

Monday, April 11

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:30 PM—QUARTERLY CONFERENCE/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, April 13

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, April 14...Maundy Thursday

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—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Men)

6:30-8:00 PM—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Women)

Friday, April 15....Good Friday

NO GYM ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 16

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, April 17.....EASTER

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, April 18

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, April 19

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time (ZOOM)

Wednesday, April 20

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, April 21

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—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Men)

6:30-8:00 PM—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Women)

Friday, April 22

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, April 23

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, April 24

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, April 25

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Tuesday, April 26

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

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

Wednesday, April 27

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, April 28

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—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Men)

6:30-8:00 PM—Life Group: Christian Walk 101 (Women)

Friday, April 29

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, April 30

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- The family and friends in the passing of Billie Mullis.
- Edith Parker and family in the passing of her great granddaughter, Ciara Alfred.

Staff Anniversary

Congratulations to Brack Ballard who serves as Minister to Youth and College Aged Students. He came back to work at Pritchard on April 19, 2020 after serving briefly at another church. We love and appreciate you, Brack! Thank you for your ministry to our young people!

Flowering of the Cross

Please bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Sunday morning, April 17, 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 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.

Let's Celebrate!!!

Is there a particular month or day that's a special time for you or your family? Maybe a milestone birthday, anniversary or graduation? Maybe you just want to honor someone special? If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on one of the following open dates, please contact Lynn in the Church Office - **May 8, 29; June 19, 26; July 17, 24; August 7, 28; September 4; October 16, 23, 30; November 13, 20, 27.**

If you're working on a budget, you can find a variety of arrangements 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 or give to your loved one!

April Quarterly Conference

Our next Quarterly Conference will be Tuesday, April 12 via ZOOM at 7:00 PM. Chairpersons will report on the January/February/March 2022 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 in E-Connect. Please submit a copy of your report to the Recording Clerk for our Church Minutes.



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