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MESSENGER

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Pritchard **HOMECOMING** 2022

MAY 1 | 10:30 AM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Kristen Tucker

Come join the celebration in Worship, followed by a catered lunch

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

Lunch fee \$5/person or \$20/family

THE CHURCH THAT MADE ME

As you think back of your time at Pritchard, there is something or someone that shaped your life. We are looking for individuals to share, in 1-3 words, during Worship. These individuals, will fill the stage, holding a poster, of their memory. Examples include "Fletcher Lodge", "Hal Shoemaker", "Camp Ridgecrest", "Dr. Potter". Please email your memory to **Melissa Wisor** at Mwisor@pritchardchurch.com by April 27. She will print your memory!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Please contact **Lauren Sykes**
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Rev. Bobby Morrow *Pastor*

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On Sunday, May 1 we will be celebrating our 120 years of existence as a church. This is no small feat and should be celebrated. We not only have been a church since 1901, our buildings have been located on the very same property. That property has expanded over the years as wise church members helped us to acquire property around us that would prepare us for the future. We have been the beneficiaries of their wisdom and commitment to Pritchard.

We have been blessed to have members who have sacrificed through the years to provide for us first rate facilities in which to meet. Their commitment to God is evident through their legacy of generosity. But it is not our beautiful facilities that we will celebrate on the 1st, but the people who have sustained the work of Christ for 120 years in this place. The people of Pritchard have always been willing to do what it takes to make the Gospel available at 1117 South Boulevard. That can do attitude has grown out of experiencing God's provision throughout our existence. Our history contains testimony after testimony of God's miraculous intervention at the most critical times in our existence. The "church", the people, have acted in faith time and time again and God has rewarded us with His blessings.

Pastors, staff members, Sunday School teachers, Deacons, care givers and servants of every kind have all left a visible influence on Pritchard. I don't go one single week without hearing the names of the most influential people in your lives during your time serving here. Many of those have gone home to be with the Lord and many of them are in church with us each week. A strong legacy of love and hospitality has been deposited in our midst. I tell people often that those traits are woven into the fabric that is Pritchard. We have been influenced by those who preceded us and we want to share what has been shared with us.

I hope you will make the time to be in worship with us on May 1. Kristen Tucker will be returning to preach on that morning. She has 4 months of Pastoring First Baptist Church Smithfield, NC, and we can't wait to have her back home. She is one of those Pastors who helped to sustain our influence in the community that God has placed us in to serve. She will be a blessing to us again on that day. We will share lunch together after the worship service. It will be a time that we can share in fellowship and remembrance. I can't wait to celebrate with my church family God's goodness to us for more than 120 years. See you then!

In His Love,
Bobby



Rev. Stan Heiser

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NCBAM AAIM State Leadership Conference

The NCBAM AAIM State Leadership Conference will be held May 3 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Bay Leaf Baptist Church in Raleigh. Those who attend live or live-stream, will come for education, inspiration and fellowship. Attendees will be spiritually encouraged while learning how to prevent identity theft and protect their homes and other assets.

For those unable to attend in person, the conference will also be live-stream on NCBAM's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

I will have the privilege of emceeding the program as chairman of NCBAM AAIM. Our entire NCBAM team is so excited to be able to present this program live again with participants from across the State attending in person at Bay Leaf Baptist Church. Over the past two years, Pritchard has hosted these events as a live live-streamed statewide program from our Sanctuary without audience participation because of COVID.

If you cannot come to Raleigh, join us over YouTube or Facebook. You will be glad you did! NCBAM...Encourage, Empower, Educate. NCBAM...a ministry of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

SummerFest 2022 "The Gift of Gathering: A Celebration" (Hebrews 10:24-25) May 16-20 and August 8-12

SummerFest is Fort Caswell's premier five-day, four-night retreat for adults 50 and above! Our week's theme, "The Gift of Gathering: A Celebration" comes from Hebrews 10:24-25 and shares how we are to gather together, encouraging one another. With the years of COVID in our past, we are moving forward in love and good deeds and celebrating the opportunity to gather together in His Love.

The programs for the weeks of May and August will be -

Worship Leaders:

- *Mike Cogdill, Proclaimer* - Professor and Dean Emeritus at Campbell University Divinity School. Mike will lead us in worship with his inspiring and challenging Bible study messages each morning at 11:00 AM in Smith Chapel.
- *Mark Cabaniss, Music/Worship Creator* - Mark is a music publisher, writher/producer, broadcaster, and educator. He is President/CEO of Jubilate Music Group based in Nashville. His published compositions include choral anthems and musicals, full-length theatrical musicals, and more. Mark is a Dove Award-winning producer and the recipient of several

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ASCAP awards, and the NAMM Believe in Music Award. He has enjoyed collaborations with Bob Barker, Kathie Lee Gifford, Steve Allen, Charles Strouse, Andy Griffith, Shirley Jones, Rupert Holmes and others. He resides in Nashville.

Entertainment and Special Worship:

- Monday: Nixon, Blevins and Gage (a band featuring bluegrass music)
- Tuesday: The Carolina Traveler from Raleigh, NC (his TV programs have received many state and national awards)
- Wednesday: Mark Cabaniss (an evening of musical theater...."Bright New Wings")
- Thursday: Doug Cole (traditional vespers service along with communion by the water)

Also included:

Morning class options and large group gatherings, wonderful meals and breaks all throughout the day, optional afternoon games, excursions, swimming in the Olympic size swimming pool/ocean, golf, rocking on the back porch of the Conference Center watching the boats/ships go by, making new friends, relaxing in God's beauty, etc.

May attendees from Pritchard...REMINDER - the cost for the week is \$340.00 per person. Final payments are due Sunday, May 8. For those wanting to travel down on one of our 15 passenger mini buses, please contact me.

We are signing up attendees for August 8-12 now. If you are 50 and above...sign up today!

Spring has sprung...here comes SWEET SPIRITS for May!

We are calling all adults 50 and above to attend our next Sweet Spirits Gathering on Wednesday, May 25! There will be a time for GREAT fellowship, a delicious meal from Cracker Barrel, a time of singing old timey songs, and a special guest speaker/entertainer.

Sweet Spirits meets at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 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 door exit. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 18 so we can turn our headcount in to Cracker Barrel. REMEMBER....the best place to be is together with you and Sweet Spirits!!!

I hope you can join us for some or all of these events in May. I will be looking for you in worship Sunday morning!

Blessings, Stan



Josh Bone

Overflow Addiction Ministry Director

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We've all heard the saying "April showers bring May flowers". That's great as we head into the month of May, but what about every other time of the year? How can we walk through the valleys of life being expectant of the view from the mountain top? The answer is faith.

With Easter just passing, I read a lot of blurbs from the perspective of the Disciples this year. Many were from "Silent Saturday", you know, that Saturday after Jesus died on the Cross between His resurrection on Sunday. I couldn't imagine the faith they demonstrated in this lowest of valleys. Having literally followed Jesus in His ministry to see Him die on the Cross and waiting for the Truth to be revealed on Sunday. I would imagine it is the same kind of faith Moses had as he commanded the Red Sea to part, or the faith Daniel had that he would be safe in the lion's den. Throughout scripture, God has shown us these demonstrations of faith and how faith without works is dead. Faith is the building block of a relationship with Christ and it is necessary to navigate through the valleys of life. So how do we grow and strengthen our faith?

In my experience, my faith has grown when I stop trying to understand the "rain". I've learned that God's vision is transcendent of time, meaning He can see the future and the past, therefore having the ability to put together the events in the middle. When I put my faith in things happening the way they are supposed to, rather than the way I want them to, my faith in God's timing begins to grow. I've come to accept that God loves me. He gives me evidence of this fact on a daily basis. As my Heavenly Father, He has demonstrated time and time again how He has my best interest at heart. As I continue to see facts of His omnipotence, I grow to trust Him and therefore grow my faith. Trust is a vital ingredient to faith. If I did not trust God, I would not believe in His will over mine which usually means I would end up making a mess of things. I know this from experience as well.

Another "virtue" I've found of importance as we grow our faith is patience. This principle is often put on a pedestal because it is rare and delicate. In a society based on instant gratification, it is difficult to express how powerful patience is. Between Google, Facebook, Amazon and Netflix we don't have to wait for much. Maybe that's why traffic is so stressful for all of us these days because it is one thing in our lives where instant gratification isn't readily available, unless you count the Expressway on I-77. If prayer is our most powerful tool as a

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Christian, I believe patience would come in a close 2nd. When we pray to God, we usually expect a prompt answer as if it's an email of some sorts. The reality is our prayers will always be answered in some form or another if we are patient. Scripture shows us many stories of patience, from Job to Abraham. God did not answer prayers on their time, but rather on His and for His glory. For Job and Abraham, it did not hinder their faith, but in retrospect it enhanced it.

The next time you're feeling stressed, stuck in traffic or just downright irritated, remember God has a plan and it's better than yours. Remember valleys are worth walking through and there's something to be learned from every trial. Perspective is one thing we can control. If you can't change your situation, change the way you're looking at it. Take a step back and see what God is designing, for in our weakness, He is strong. We must depend on Him during the rain and know the sun is coming soon.



A simple smile, a positive Christlike spirit and a friendly "Good Morning!" can make all the difference in someone's day.

We are looking for 10-15 volunteers we could use on rotation for various spots around campus to welcome people on Sunday mornings.

If you feel led to help with this important ministry, please contact Tim Stewart at trss1964@gmail.com



Adam Calderone


Recreation Director

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The Men's Basketball league officially started on April 19. During our Spring season, we will be hosting 26 teams across various skill levels and divisions. Games will be on Sundays 12:30-5:30 PM, and Mondays/Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 PM. Come support the players and watch some of the best recreation basketball Charlotte has to offer, here at Pritchard!



Come join us for pickleball every Monday and Wednesday from 12:00-3:00 PM! There is no cost to attend, and equipment is provided. We continue to see growth within the program and hope more of you will join!





Join us for a week a week of hands-on learning and playing of variety of sports like basketball, pickleball, dodgeball and much more!

Ages: 8-12 year old. Cost: \$200. Scholarships available.

Please contact Adam Calderone for more information.
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JUNE 27-JULY 1 **AUGUST 1-5**

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Rev. Brack Ballard

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Greetings Youth and College-Aged Families!

May is upon us. One more month then we are off for summer vacation!! It is going to be a great month of teaching and learning. If you have not already signed up for Camp Ridgecrest, please do so soon! You can register through our website www.pritchardchurch.com or on Realm.

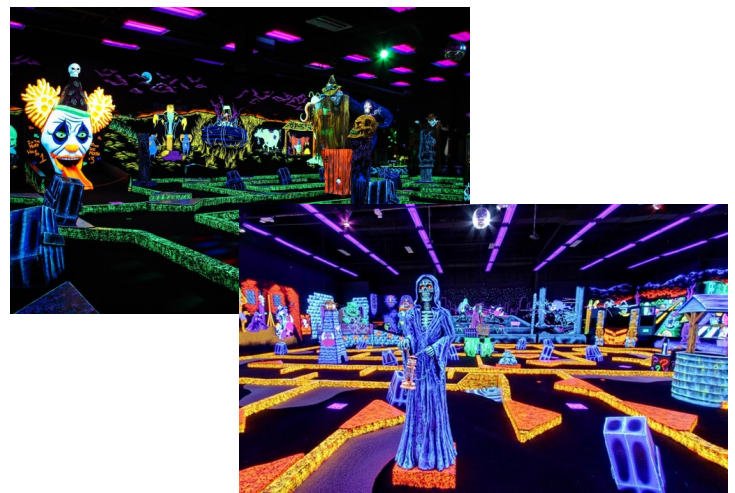


Senior Trip

Saturday, May 7 we are going on our senior trip. Our seniors this year include Wyatt Elder and Jue'l Givens. It is so hard to believe they are graduating High School! Wyatt's favorite is sushi, so we are going to plan to have that for dinner. In addition, we will include roof top views, gifts, communion, and so much more!

Youth Lock-In

Saturday, May 21, we are planning for our Youth Lock-In! Excitement can't even begin to describe it! Upon Tom Creech's recommendation, we are heading to Monster Mini Golf in North Charlotte. This will be a night of epic putt putt with neon colors in the dark! In addition, the night will also include: nerf guns wars, Bible study, and so much more!



PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 1 (HOMECOMING)

SERMON: "BACK TO THE FUTURE"

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 21:1-19

SPECIAL GUEST: REV. KRISTEN TUCKER

SUNDAY, MAY 8

SERMON: "A MOTHER'S DREAM"

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MAY 15

SERMON: "HOW WILL THEY KNOW"

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 8:26-40

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MAY 22

SERMON: "FROM SAUL TO PAUL"

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 9:1-19

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, MAY 29

SERMON: "RULES AND REGULATIONS"

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 11:1-18

REV. BOBBY MORROW

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, May 15

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tim Stewart in celebration of his birthday on May 16. They are given in friendship by Susan Rose.

Sunday, May 22

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in honor of my beloved grandson, Sully Hirt, in celebration of his 13th birthday on May 29. The flowers are given with much love by Susan Rose.

Sunday, May 29

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Melissa Goforth's birthday today. You are loved and missed so very much, but we know that you will have one of the best birthdays ever celebrating with our Lord and Savior and family! Happy Birthday!

Love always, Mom and Dad

Celebrate Someone Special

We have a handful of dates left to place flowers in the Sanctuary. Would you, your Sunday School class or group like to remember someone special who has made a significant impact in your life? Consider placing flowers on the altar table: *June 26; July 17, 24; August 7, 28; September 4; October 16, 23, 30; November 13, 20, 27.* Reach out to Lynn or Katrina in the Church Office to reserve your spot today!

From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

BUZZ on into the Media Center. Spring is here!
Enjoy the warm weather and the beautiful flowers.



Butterfly Palace by Colleen Coble

When Lilly Donnelly arrives to work at the famed Butterfly Mansion in 1899, the massive house and unfamiliar duties threaten to overwhelm her. But Lilly resolves to prove herself to her new employers. While serving at an elegant dinner party, Lilly recognizes one distinguished guest as Andrew, the love of her life, who abandoned her without a word back home. He seems to have assumed a new identity and refuses to acknowledge her.

Woman of Sunlight (Brides of Hope Mountain Series #2) by Mary Connealy

After years of isolation on top of Hope Mountain, Ilsa Nordegren may finally be ready to leave. Raised to fear the world, Ilsa and her sisters never planned to come down, but when the Warden family arrived in need, they had to help. And it may cost them everything.

The Love Letter by Rachel Hauck

Chloe is determined to make her own mark. When screenwriter Jesse meets her, he believes she's perfect to play the role of Esther Longfellow, the woman to whom his Revolutionary War grandfather wrote a heartfelt message. Will a love letter from the past have an impact on their future?



Sunday, May 1....HOMECOMING

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
 9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point
 10:30 AM—Worship Service
 11:45 AM—Homecoming Lunch

Monday, May 2

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Tuesday, May 3

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, May 4

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, May 5

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, May 6

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, May 7

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, May 8

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
 9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point
 10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 9

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew
 11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open
 6:30 PM—Fellowship/Prayer Time/Bible Study (ZOOM)

Wednesday, May 11

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, May 12

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, May 13

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, May 14

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, May 15

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
 9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point
 10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 16

Senior Adults leave for SummerFest at Caswell

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

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, May 19

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, May 20

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, May 21

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry
 Youth Lock-In

Sunday, May 22

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
 9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point
 10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 23

11:00 AM-7:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

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, May 26

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, May 27

11:00 AM-3:00 PM—Fitness Center open

Saturday, May 28

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, May 29

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School
 9:15-10:15 AM—Life Group: Starting Point
 10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, May 30...MEMORIAL DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, May 31

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

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

• Sharon Nunn and family in the passing of her mother, Argene "Jean" Hunley.

Thank You

To the men who built my ramp - Buck Boyd, Doug Evans, Bobby Morrow, Stan Heiser, David Foard, Mike Fricks and Jeff Stegar - I am so thankful for the hard work. I enjoyed the fellowship. I know that it was made with love. I am forever grateful.

Much love, Argene Hunley

****This note was written on April 7 prior to the passing of Argene Hunley*



Sign Up for
our Email List

We occasionally send an email to our folks letting them know of an important event at Pritchard. It may be something outside of what is included in E-Connect. If you're interested in knowing the latest on Pritchard's campus, reach out to the Church Office so we can add your name to the email list. We look forward to connecting with you and keeping you up to date!



welcome

To Our New Member!

By Baptism:

Reagan Self

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to Katrina Gore, our Office Assistant and Media Center Director, who is celebrating her third year at Pritchard. She joined our staff May 13, 2019. She is the first voice you hear when calling Pritchard. Katrina, thank you for your upbeat, friendly attitude to those who call and/or come in. You are such a joy to others!

Congratulations to Joe Hicks, our AV Director, who is also celebrating an anniversary at Pritchard. He came aboard on May 19, 2020. Joe works diligently on our light and sound from filming announcements to worship services.

We love and appreciate you, Katrina and Joe!

"We give thanks to God always for you...."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Skip and Sheila Williams on the birth of a grandson, Alexander John Williams, born April 1. Alex weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Parents are Nick and Irina Williams.

Stewardship Update: 1st Quarter 2022 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Total Revenues	\$313,385	\$348,340
Total Expenses	\$302,696	\$358,059
Net Total	\$10,690	\$-9,719

Pritchard Memorial showed a profit of \$10,690 for the 1st Quarter of 2022.

CHURCH STAFF

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