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at South End

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Blessing of the *Backpacks*

Sunday, August 21

Join us as we cover our students, faculty and staff with prayer as they start their 2022–2023 school year.



School Supply Collection for *Charles H. Parker Academic Center*

Backpacks, Notebooks, Scissors, Crayons, Pencils, Rulers, Erasers, Glue sticks, and more...

*Drop-off bins will be located in the Church Office, Gathering Place,
Williams Building and the Sanctuary Lobby during August.*





Rev. Bobby Morrow *Pastor*

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I have often told people that one of Pritchard's strongest assets is its people's compassion, care and concern for each other. When people are in need, the Pritchard people respond with such love. Our family has had a chance to experience that again recently in the death of April's mother. We received so many calls, emails, cards and texts from our Pritchard family. Many made the trip to Gaffney to be a part of the memorial service. We have been constantly surrounded by prayers and well wishes. You have shown again that loving your neighbor as yourself is a part of your DNA. On behalf of April, myself, Spencer, Haley and the entire Moss family, I thank you! We love you and could not be more grateful to be a part of such a loving family of faith!

I pray that many of you have experienced the benefit of our prayer and fasting emphasis. Several have mentioned to me that taking time to focus on spiritual things on a regular schedule has paid great dividends. Many have found that the absence of a meal has not caused them any hardship, but has instead helped to make sure that their priorities were in the right place. I know that many of us are going to make this a regular part of our spiritual discipline. No time spent in communion with God studying His word or praying is wasted. He will always use that to benefit His Kingdom.

I hope you will be in prayer for our youth and children as they travel to Ridgecrest, and our senior adults as they travel to Caswell. This will be an important week in the lives of both groups. I am so very grateful for the volunteers who have taken a week of their lives to model Christ on the mountain that we love. We could not offer this camp without the sacrifice of our adults. They give their time to make sure our participants have an opportunity to experience the same joy found in a relationship with Jesus that they have found. We are blessed each year that so many are willing to carry on this important tradition in the life of Pritchard.

I hope you will be praying for our Pastor Search Team. They have a very important role to play in the future of Pritchard. They need our constant encouragement and commitment to lift them up daily. We love this church and want it to succeed for the next 121 years. God is going to bring us a great leader. Pray that our team will hear God speak clearly to them about our next Pastor.

One other thing you can do to support the efforts of our Pastor Search Team is with your presence in Bible study and worship. Any candidate God brings to the attention of our team will be evaluating our commitment level to our current ministries. We need to put our very best into all that we are doing in order to prepare for new leadership. That begins with your attendance. I hope to see you with us this Sunday!

In His Love,
Bobby



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SummerFest Week II at Fort Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center

It's time for all of our SummerFest travelers to make plans to go to Week II of SummerFest 2022, "The Gift of Gathering: A Celebration." Please be in prayer for our 22 members and attendees from across the State, as well as those leading and entertaining this conference. Pray along with the SummerFest Planning Team for all who attend this week to have a wonderful time of fun, personal growth, relaxation, meeting old and new friends, and that all will encounter Jesus Christ in a real and renewed way - and for some, maybe for the first time! You will be receiving a detailed information packet from me about the week by August 3. If you are riding down on our mini-bus driven by Galen Bolin, please note our time change from previous years. Our children, youth and adult leaders will be assembling to go to Camp Ridgecrest on the same morning from 7:45-9:00 AM. They travel on a Christian Tours motorcoach that will be parked behind the Shoemaker Music Building. Many parents stay in the parking lot until the coach pulls out. After they leave, by 9:00 AM, you will be able to park your car and have an easier time loading our mini-bus.

Monday, August 8:

9:00-9:30 AM...Load luggage on mini-bus behind Shoemaker Music Building.

9:45 AM...Leave for Fort Caswell Retreat/Conference Center. (Donna and I will be driving our other mini-bus down on Sunday, August 7 with all of the visuals and supplies. Our SummerFest Team meets late Sunday afternoon to begin setting everything up before you arrive on Monday afternoon).

Friday, August 12:

8:30-8:45 AM...Load luggage on coaches at the Smith Conference Center.

9:00 AM...Begin journey back home to Charlotte with lots of great memories of a wonderful week!

4:30 PM...Arrive at PMBC (behind the Shoemaker Music Bldg.)

For those of you traveling on your own, be safe and if you have any problems you can call me on my cell phone (704-995-7828). Remember, when you arrive at the guard gate at Caswell, tell them you are with Pritchard and they will give you a parking card to hang on your rearview mirror. Follow the signs to the Smith Conference Center, where Donna and I, along with the other members of our SummerFest Planning Team, will greet you with a big smile and a hug. We will help you unload your luggage and get you to your room in the Conference Center. You can arrive anytime Monday after 2:30 PM.

Special Day Trip to Field of Makers

Mark your calendar for Friday, September 23 to travel to Denton FarmPark to be a part of the first Field of Makers event. Adults from all over NC will be attending! Field of Makers is a juried artisan event that will feature NC's finest craftsmen, food vendors and the Denton FarmPark Country Train - all for the direct benefit of seniors served by NCBAM (North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry). We will travel by our mini-buses. Admission is FREE! More information will be given in my September newsletter article. I hope you will plan to go with us!

Sunago Choir Resumes

Adults 55 and above are invited to be a part of our Sunago Choir! We meet each Thursday in the Shoemaker Music Building from 10:15-11:15 AM. Our choir is led by Nona Thompson and our pianist is Lori Williams. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will share our Christmas concert. Come spring, we will present our Spring concert to local retirement centers throughout Charlotte. These events mean so much to our choir, as well as the residents who attend. We begin our 2022-2023 season Thursday, August 25. Please consider joining us.

I hope you are having a wonderful Summer! If you have any questions or would like to sign up for SummerFest in August, please give me a call. Looking forward to seeing you at church.

Blessings, Stan

Pastor Search Team Update

The Pastor Search Team has been meeting consistently every Thursday evening. They recently finished the job description which you will find below. Please continue to keep this group of men and women in your prayers as they begin receiving and reviewing resumes.

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, a mission-minded, faithful, welcoming community of believers is seeking a Senior Pastor to both lead and work alongside us into a bright future.

Deeply rooted right in the heart of Charlotte's vibrant "South End" community, our church has witnessed remarkable change during our 120+ years. We seek a Pastor who is a servant-leader, relatable and available, yet dynamically exegetical when preaching and teaching the Gospel. We believe that our service opens our doors to all those who seek the truth through God's inspired Word. A candidate with 5-10+ years experience with Senior Pastoral responsibilities is preferred, however Associate Pastor experience in a mid-to-large urban environment with staff responsibilities may be considered. Experience in reaching young families with children is desired. Minimum education requirements are a Master of Divinity or Doctorate from an accredited seminary or divinity school. To apply, please email a resume to PMBCpastorsearch@gmail.com



Adam Calderone
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Evening sessions of pickleball are back! Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM, we host open play in our Overflow Center and all skill levels are welcome, including those who have never played before. Come learn how to play and find out why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation! We continue to play during the day as well, so I hope we see some more of you out there on the court. See below for more information. Contact me for any further questions or to be added to the emailing list to stay up to date.



About 20 kids joined us for a week of sports, teamwork, and fun! They got the chance to try pickleball, dodgeball, disc golf, and a contest to see who could utilize only a few items to prevent an egg from getting cracked when dropped from our balcony. Look at all those smiles!



Our Men's Basketball League is under way for the Summer session, with games every Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Come out and support the men who are playing this season!



Rev. Brack Ballard
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Greetings youth and college-aged families! School is around the corner, and we are excited for another school year! We want to formally welcome several rising 6th graders and their families this Fall as we are very excited to welcome in our youth family! This includes Emma Wisor, Riley Self, Kelsey Strange, Gabby Foresyth and Sienna Thomas!

Youth Family Trivia

On Sunday, August 21 we are having lunch and trivia after our *Blessings of the Backpacks* service. This will be a great way for our rising 6th grade families to connect with the rest of our Pritchard youth families! In addition to food and trivia, there will be Fall calendar, ski trip dates, and more that you will want know about! It is going to be a great event and I hope to see you then!

Note: Please pray for our teachers, students, and administrators as we try to provide a safe, respectful and responsible environment for everyone in education for the upcoming year.

Needed for Camp Ridgecrest

We are only in need of cucumbers and tomatoes this year for camp. If you have either from your garden, please bring them Sunday, August 7 to the preschool area (1st floor of the Williams Center) by 9:30 AM. Thank you!

Send Ridgecrest Mail to:

Camper's Name
 C/O Camp Ridgecrest
 PO Box 279
 Ridgecrest, NC 28770



Visiting Our Campers at Ridgecrest?

If you plan to visit Camp Ridgecrest between August 8-12, you must RSVP with the Church Office by August 1. Visitors must take an at home COVID test the morning of the day you are visiting. If the test is positive, you will not be able to visit. If the test is negative, you must text the results to Susie Crowell (704-533-1337). Cost: \$7 per meal/per person, due upon camp arrival or payment can be made in the Church Office. Guests must indicate which meal they will be participating in.

Please pray for our campers and volunteers as they spend the week on the mountain top!



Josh Bone
 Overflow Addiction Ministry Director
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Life is short...

I've been reminded of the fragility of life given the funerals I've already performed this year. Four lives ended too soon, all for friends under the age of 40. These types of facts, as dismal and dissuading as they sound, push me to one central fact. There is still much work to be done. Scripture declares EVERYONE will hear or know of the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matthew 24:14). I know it is the great commission for me to do my part and encourage others to do theirs.

Each week at Overflow Addiction Ministry, I am grateful for the site of a full altar. I am grateful not because people have problems, but because they know where to leave their problems. I grew up in a church where the altar was either full or empty. I was a kid, but I knew when someone went down to pray, they had some big problems. What I didn't realize is that those who bring big problems to the altar, also have a "Big God" and an even bigger faith. The act of prayer is our most valuable tool in communicating with God. Not that God needs our communication, but because He wants it. As the altar fills each week, I thank God for the site. I thank God I get to see lives changed and I thank Him for His provision and grace.

This month (7/9/22) I shared a message on the value of time. To my knowledge, it is one thing we cannot create more of. It is the currency of life, yet many of us waste this precious gift of time in the depths of addiction, self-pity and despair. Many of us waste time being selfish, prideful, arrogant or boastful. Then there are those who spend their time in the trap of comparison, always looking at others happiness instead of seeking our own. Having fit into all of these categories at some point, I must share the joy of being a "laborer" (Matthew 9:37). We can find real joy through work and investing the time we have here into the lives of others. Afterall, that is what we are called to do.

As I spent time away last month at the beach, I struggled to detach with so much work still to be done. My mind constantly races and probably the most when I'm trying to slow it down. I thought ahead to Ridgecrest, an upcoming speaking event in South Carolina and our International Overdose Awareness Day event to be held here on campus (8/31). I know there is always going to be something else to be done, actually I'm grateful for this fact. As I stared at the ocean, I wondered if the waves ever felt as if their work would never be done. I was sitting on the beach with my family and my mother-in-law informed Lily the waves "never stopped." Lily curiously asked, "Even at night!?" My mother-in-law chuckled and said, "Even at night. Even though you cannot see the waves, you can still hear them." How much wisdom in these words and fact adults can take for granted. So much like the waves, we must always remain at work and vigilant for Him. Sometimes that work can be exhausting and time consuming. Sometimes it can simply be kindness and a smile. Most importantly, our prayers may not be seen, but I know they are heard. Even in the darkest times of life.

Life is short, but it is also beautiful.

Pritchard Kids

What a wonderful summer we have had so far! We had an amazing Music & Art Camp in June where we welcomed several children from the community. We also loved having some of our campers sing for us in Worship!



We also wrapped up a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School which included 4 classes from the Pritchard CDC and others from the community. I want to thank all of our volunteers that helped Make Waves from directing before to various roles during VBS. Volunteers were:

- Welcome Desk - Marilyn Billmyer, Lisia Shaw
- Arts - Kristin Rogers, Tara Rogers, Sienna Thomas, Anna Grady, Sienna Thomas, Lauren Wall
- Bible Study - Donna Heiser, Stan Heiser, Jennifer Bone, Virigina Wallace
- Recreation - Donny Wisor, Mac McCormick, Dakota Elder
- Snacks - Lisa Wall, Meg McCormick, Carol Hewitt
- Group Leaders - Morgan Jessup, Emma Wisor, Frances Nettles, Kelsey Strange, Kendra Elder
- Sound/Visuals - Joe Hicks, David Bailes, Madison Werner
- Misc Help - Katrina Gore, Lynn Plyler
- Stage grass/water design - Bobby Morrow, Tommy Nettles



During VBS, we collected 100 pairs of shoes for Soles4Souls, an organization that turns unwanted shoes and clothing into opportunity, by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use - providing relief, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.



If you are a can drink drinker,
SAVE YOUR TABS
 for Pritchard Kids!
 At the end of summer, we will take all tabs to the Ronald McDonald House.

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

REV. BOBBY MORROW

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

SERMON: "YES TO CHRIST,
NO TO FINE SOUNDING ARGUMENTS"

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 2:1-10

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

SERMON: "LET GO"

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

SERMON: "TRAIN UP A CHILD"

SCRIPTURE: PROVERBS 22:6

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

SERMON: "PROTECTION AND PROVISION"

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 16

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, August 14

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Lib Gore, Sr. and Bob Gore, Jr. Forever present in our hearts! They are placed by their family - Kathy, Sarah, Ezra, Mary, Michael, Luca and Leo.

Sunday, August 21

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Adeline Wall on her heavenly birthday, August 19. They are placed by her sister, Claudia Turner Welch.

thank you

Many thanks to all of our wonderful friends for the cards and words of encouragement in the passing of my sister.

In Christ's Love, Cy Elder

I would like to thank everyone who donated to Bill's favorite charities. Thanks, also, to the ladies for preparing a wonderful meal for our families. Thank you, Bobby and Stan, for the awesome job you guys did to honor my husband. Bill loved Pritchard and I feel the same.

Naomi Reid

Thank you church family for all the cards, calls and remembrances in celebration of our 72nd wedding anniversary. We love you all so very much.

Robert and Christine Wilson

From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

BEACH READS.....Get Started On Some Summer Reading

One Fine Day by Rachel Hauck

Chloe Beason LaRue left Hearts Bend after high school, determined to never look back. She shed her unrequited crush on Sam Hardy, moved to Paris, went to pastry school, found a good job, fell in love, and got married. She was happy in France. Then her husband tragically died.

The Sweet Life by Suzanne Woods Fisher

Dawn Dixon can hardly believe she's on a groom-less honeymoon on beautiful Cape Cod....with her mother. Marnie Dixon is good company, but Dawn was supposed to be here with Kevin, the love of her life or so she thought.

Tip of the Month:

What are BB finds? These are books highlighted on our bulletin boards. Most are conveniently located at the check-out desk in the Media Center, so you don't have to search for them.





Monday, August 1

Tuesday, August 2

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

Wednesday, August 3

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 4

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

5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting

Friday, August 5

Saturday, August 6

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, August 7

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, August 8

7:30-9:00 AM—Campers load coach and leave for Ridgecrest

Tuesday, August 9

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew

Wednesday, August 10

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

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday, August 11

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

NO PASTOR SEARCH TEAM MEETING

Friday, August 12

12:00 PM—Campers return from Ridgecrest

Saturday, August 13

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, August 14

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, August 15

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

Wednesday, August 17

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 18

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

5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting

Friday, August 19

Saturday, August 20

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, August 21...BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

11:45 AM—Youth Lunch/Trivia

Monday, August 22

Tuesday, August 23

10:00 AM-12 Noon—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

Wednesday, August 24

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

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursday, August 25

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

10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting

Friday, July August 26

Saturday, August 27

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

Sunday, August 28

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

Monday, August 29

Tuesday, August 30

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

Wednesday, August 31

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

***There will be NO Tuesday night Prayer Time/Bible Study on ZOOM during the month of August. We will resume September 6.

Overflow Fitness Center

Hours of Operation:

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 11 AM-7 PM

Friday 11 AM - 3 PM

Saturday/Sunday - CLOSED



Thrift Store

Half Off Sale on EVERYTHING!

Wednesday, September 7

(ONE DAY ONLY!)

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

All proceeds go to our Local Baptist Men's Projects.

REMEMBER.....the Thrift Store is CLOSED the month of August!

Women on Mission Welcomes Special Guests JT and Kaye Kisiah

Women on Mission will meet Tuesday, August 30 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be in lieu of our September meeting. JT and Kaye Kisiah will be speaking on their mission ministry in Southeast Asia. Lunch will be served. Reservations must be made no later than August 26 online (through Realm) or by calling the Church Office. This meeting is open to EVERYONE.....men included! Invite a guest!

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Susan Brown, Reggie Ferguson and Nancy Parris in the passing of their aunt, Sally Painter, on her 97th birthday, July 21 in Ocala, Florida.
- Chris Withrow and Robin Withrow in the passing of their father, Alan Withrow.
- The family and friends in the passing of Peggy Prevatt.
- Bobby and April Morrow in the passing of her mother; Spencer Morrow and Hailey Morris in the passing of their grandmother; Oakley and Rawlings Morris in the passing of their great grandmother, Gail Moss.

Facilities Report by Doug Burkhart

- Lake Lodge - We have an issue with the county about the zoning (residential or commercial).
- New light pole installed in upper parking lot by Duke Energy.
- We will be installing a new FOB door system to improve our current system.
- We have installed a new compressor for the Sanctuary.
- We have had many heat related issues with the HVAC, but most have been fixed.
- Bus fence needs some adjustments with a bigger gate.

HAPPY Anniversary!

Join us as we celebrate Adam Calderone, our Recreation Director, who is celebrating his one year anniversary on Pritchard's staff, August 9. Adam has worked tirelessly on scheduling the use of the gym from sun-up to sun-down each and every day of the week. We have had more community involvement on our campus thanks to his many recreational programs.

Thank you, Adam, for your dedication, hard work and commitment to keeping our bodies fit! We love and appreciate you!

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

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Bryan and Lisa Wallace on the birth of a son, Hunter Lachlan Wallace, born on June 29. Hunter weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19" long. Proud grandparents are Richard and Virginia Wallace. Uncles are Chris Wallace and Davin Wallace.

Stewardship Update: June 2022 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$124,661	\$112,257	\$629,924	\$690,470
Expenses	\$115,259	\$128,204	\$653,582	\$748,627
Net Income	\$ 9,402	\$(15,947)	\$(23,658)	\$(58,157)

- Our Actual YTD Revenue is behind our Budget YTD Revenue by \$60,546.
- Our Actual YTD Expenses are behind our Budget YTD Expenses by \$95,045.
- Our projected net loss for this stage of the year, we are tracking \$34,499 better than expected.

CHURCH STAFF

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Minister of Music & Outreach.....	Rev. David Bailes
Minister to Youth & College Aged Students.....	Rev. Brack Ballard
Minister to Children and Their Families.....	Melissa Wisor
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