



PRITCHARD  
*at South End*

CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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## Vacation Bible School

**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 whether it’s to volunteer or to register your child! If you have questions, please contact Melissa Wisor at 704-376-1571 ext. 120 or email her at [mwisor@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:mwisor@pritchardchurch.com)



**Rev. Bobby Morrow**  
*Pastor*

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## *A Month of Prayer and Fasting*

I am asking you, my family at Pritchard, to join me in a month long prayer and fasting emphasis. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Our land needs healing. I believe if we join our hearts and minds in prayer, God will hear our prayers and work in our individual lives, the life of our church, and in our world.

The focus of fasting is not the absence of nourishment, but substituting spiritual food for the physical food. It does not matter whether you fast for one meal, or one day, or for several days. The benefit will come from taking the time usually spent preparing and eating a meal and using that time to pray or study God's Word. We will provide a prayer guide for you that we hope will simply serve as an outline for your praying. God will expand your list the more time you spend with Him. Please take this emphasis seriously. Not only will you personally benefit from this time, our church will benefit greatly. Believe God is going to do miraculous things as we follow His direction to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from your wicked ways. Below is our suggested prayer list:

- Pray for your personal spiritual condition. If there is any sin your life, confess it and ask God's forgiveness. Ask God to reveal to you His plan for you in spreading His love with our world. Thank Him for your personal blessings.
- Pray for our church. Pray that God will use us to reach others with His saving knowledge. Pray that He will give us a clear vision of His will for us. Pray that He will start a fire in each of us that will be the beginning of the revival we seek. Pray for all of our staff as they attempt to lead our ministries - ministerial and support staff.
- Pray for the needs of your fellow church members. Pray for the sick, the grieving, the anxious and the depressed among us. We can help lift burdens by showing God's compassionate, loving spirit to others through our prayers.
- Pray for our addiction ministry. Pray for Josh and Jennifer Bone, Kelsey and Lily. Pray for the Saturday night worship experience, the Anchor homes and all those who are finding community through this Pritchard ministry. Pray that you will be a source of love and healing for any who come.

- Pray for our Bible teaching for all ages. Knowing and loving God's Word begins at an early age and stays with us through life. Pray that more and more will discover the value of studying His Word to us. Pray for Stan Heiser as he leads the Christian Education and Senior Adult ministry.
- Pray for our Pulpit Search Committee - Jeff Rogers, Perry Holland, Vickey Arroba, Chris Wallace, Frances Nettles, Megan Crowell and Marilyn Withrow. Pray that God will give them wisdom and discernment as they seek the person God has chosen to come lead us into the future.
- Pray for missionaries that we support who have committed their lives to sharing the gospel here in the United States and around the world. Pray that they will have all the resources they need to reach the world for Christ. Our prayers are one of their greatest resources.
- Pray for the local missions organizations that do such good work in Christ's name here in our community; Charlotte Rescue Mission, Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center, Open Eyes, Crisis Assistance, Parkview Community Ministry, Hospitality House, Hospice and Palliative Care. Pray for our partnership with Charles Parker Academic Center and our opportunity to impact the lives of the children to which we minister. Pray for our WMU and Baptist Men's organizations as they share the love of Christ throughout our community.
- Pray for our children's and youth ministries. Pray for Melissa Wisor and Brack Ballard as they lead these important ministries. Pray that more families will take advantage of what is offered to enhance the lives of our children. Pray for VBS and Ridgecrest, two great opportunities to introduce young people to the saving knowledge of Jesus.
- Pray for our music and outreach programs. Pray for David Bailes as he gives leadership to both. Pray that our music will provide us the opportunity to lift our praise and adoration to our Lord. Pray that through creative ways we will be able to bring more people onto our campus so they can hear the story of Jesus and His love.
- Pray for our world. We have never needed prayer more than now. Pray that our Biblical worldview and values determined by our belief in God and His teachings will again become the standard for living. Pray that we as Christians will be bold in standing up for Jesus.
- Pray for our nation, its leadership and our response to that leadership. Pray that we will elect Godly men and women who will serve based on a standard not set by popular opinion or the latest poll, but by God's direction to us.
- Pray for the lost, those without a relationship with Jesus. Pray that we may be used to share Jesus with them and introduce them to the joy of serving Him.

In His Love,  
*Bobby*





## Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

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Through our partnership with Yes I Can Basketball, we welcomed 49 boys ages 5-7 for a full week of basketball camp. The boys learned the fundamentals of basketball and important life lessons such as teamwork, hustle, discipline, and much more. The kids left with smiles on their faces and weren't ready to leave camp! For many, it was their first experience with a full day summer camp, and kids were asking their parents to enroll them in more. We even had a few parents sign their kids up for other camps here as well. It's proving to be an important partnership for us as we continue to build on our programs. We have multiple upcoming camps with them in July and August, including another full day camp for 5-7-year-olds in August.

### Camp Dates:

- Saturdays - starting July 16 (3 weeks long)
- Sundays - starting July 17 (3 weeks long)
- August 8-11 (full day camp)
- August 22-25 (half day camp)

For more information about how to register, age details, etc., please reach out!

Our first inaugural Pritchard Sports Camp started June 27! Eighteen kids from across the community joined our camp for a week of fun, playing basketball, dodgeball, pickleball, and much more. We had a great turnout for it being the first time we've done this! Expect more to come, including another one later this summer!



Ages: Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade (completed).  
Cost: \$265. Deposit of \$30 due at time of registration.  
Scholarships available. Register online TODAY!

## Student Selection Team from the Financial Stewardship Committee

Congratulations to the following seniors and college students on their achievements and scholarship awards!

- The **Mary Hendrick Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to *Wyatt Elder*.
- The **Jack and Margaret Gilbert Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to *Wyatt Elder*.

The following college students were also awarded the **Jack and Margaret Gilbert Memorial Scholarship**:

- *Ashley Sipe* and *Jewel Givens*.

The **Carolyn Bryant Memorial Scholarship Fund** also provides an additional scholarship to all recipients (per our 2021 Long Range Scholarship Award Guidelines).

We wish our seniors and college students well as they accept new challenges, prepare for the future and see their dreams come true.

For all the church members who have contributed to the Carolyn Bryant Memorial Scholarship Fund since 1952, we say thank you on behalf of the students. God has also blessed us with the **Arzelle Mitchell**, the **Mary Hendrick** and the **Jack and Margaret Gilbert Memorial Scholarship Funds** in memory of loved ones. All these scholarship funds are greatly appreciated by our students and their families.

Thanks,  
Brenda Farson, Scholarship Liaison  
for Financial Stewardship Committee



## Josh Bone

*Overflow Addiction Ministry Director*

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What is independence and why was it something worth fighting for so many years ago? Independent is defined as being "free from outside control". We are all aware of the gift/curse of free will from the beginning of time in the Garden of Eden. Still as a society, independence is something most of us strive for throughout life until we attain it. Why is that? Why do we work so hard to exhibit independence, only to find it's not nearly as fulfilling as our minds perceive it to be?

The answer is we were not meant to do life alone. God made Adam a partner, therefore making connection and community an essential part of life. Although love is not considered a primary need such as food and shelter, it does fall into secondary needs and is essential for psychological health. I've personally found it impossible to maintain physical sobriety without a focus on psychological and spiritual health. After all, I initially drank because I thought it helped my mental state. I couldn't have been more wrong.

What is helpful in improving my psychological state is dropping the idea and value of independence and replacing it with an eternal dependence on God. Paul says, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain". This often quoted scripture illustrates not only the importance of dependence on God, but also the joy of a life rooted in Christ. Although some may find Paul's sentiments to be extreme, to know the full story of his conversion into this perspective are truly examples of God's miraculous works.

As July is a time where we celebrate our independence as a nation, take time to invest your dependence into our Father. Take time to examine where you can be more spontaneous in prayer. Prayer should not become ritualistic, for the need for prayer with God isn't for communicating, but for connection. He knows our needs. He wants our commitment. I've found when I put in the footwork, God always fulfills His plan.

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## Crisis Assistance Ministry

We have resumed our volunteer work at Crisis Assistance. If you would like to donate your time to a worthy cause, consider joining us the fourth Tuesday of every month from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. You'll need to bring proof of having two (2) Covid vaccinations. Please contact Sarah Ferguson (704-392-2766 or [sarahreggie@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sarahreggie@carolina.rr.com)) who is our volunteer coordinator at Crisis. She will need to know the number of volunteers to expect. Our next calendar date is Tuesday, July 26.



## Rev. Brack Ballard

*Minister to Youth  
and College-Aged Students*

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Missions Camp will take place Monday, July 18 - Wednesday, July 20 where we'll head to Shelby, NC. We will be painting, serving and visiting local shut-ins, playing bingo at senior centers and more! Please contact me for more information.



## Youth Choir Tour 2022

*SonPower in Nashville, Tennessee*

### Pictured Above:

**Back Row:** David Bailes, Emma Wisor, Rachel Mazingo, Adler Beatty, and Brack Ballard

**Front Row:** Melissa Wisor, Anna Grady, Kendra Elder, and Dakota Elder

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## Kids Summer Lunch Program

Atrium Health is providing a kids summer lunch program here at Pritchard. This is strictly for the children at Sedgefield Elementary School and Sedgefield Middle School.

We need 4-6 volunteers a day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can choose which day(s) you wish to volunteer and as little or often as you'd like. The summer lunch program will not be held Monday, July 4 nor during the week of VBS.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this outreach ministry opportunity, contact Lynn or Katrina via email or by calling the Church Office at 704-376-1571.



# PRITCHARD PULPIT

## 10:30 AM WORSHIP

REV. BOBBY MORROW

### SUNDAY, JULY 3

**SERMON:** "THE COST OF FREEDOM"

### SUNDAY, JULY 10

**SERMON:** "THE GROWTH OF FAITH"

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 PETER 1:3-11

### SUNDAY, JULY 17

**SERMON:** "THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS"

**SCRIPTURE:** MARK 14:3-9

### SUNDAY, JULY 24

**SERMON:** "UNSELFISH LIVING"

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

### SUNDAY, JULY 31

**SERMON:** "PROMISES IN GIVING"

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

# Sanctuary Flowers

## Sunday, July 3

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my family - Bob, Mary and Dwain on the occasion of Dwain's birthday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are placed by Elinor Hendrick.

## Sunday, July 17

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ginger Thompson's mother, Mary Elizabeth Harper; her brother, Tommy Harper; and Robert Thompson's mother, Sallie Thompson in celebration of their birthdays.

## Sunday, July 31

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Colin Mates, Nona Thompson's grandson, who will be turning 16 on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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: *July 10, 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

### AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL!

#### America's Holy Ground by Brad Lyons

**America's Holy Ground** reflects on each of the 61 national parks. It connects their unique traits to religious and spiritual qualities that permeate a holy life. This book also features nearly 200 color photos from all of the parks.

#### The United States Cookbook by Joan D'Amico and Karen Drummond

There's more to cuisine in America than just burgers and fries. Here's a mouthwatering journey across the regions of the United States where you'll discover fabulous foods from every part of the country. This book is a delicious mixture of fun trivia, fascinating tidbits, and delicious recipes from each state.

**Tip of the Month:** Forget your Bible? Run in and borrow one. We have several copies in the Media Center.





#### Friday, July 1

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Pritchard Kids Music/Drama Camp

#### Saturday, July 2

**\*\*\*CAMPUS CLOSED/NO ACTIVITIES**

**\*\*\*NO OVERFLOW SERVICE**

#### Sunday, July 3

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

#### Monday, July 4....INDEPENDENCE DAY

**\*\*\*CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED**

#### Tuesday, July 5

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

**\*\*\*NO PRAYER MEETING/BIBLE STUDY**

#### Wednesday, July 6

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, July 7

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

5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting

#### Friday, July 8

#### Saturday, July 9

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### Sunday, July 10

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

#### Monday, July 11

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Vacation Bible School

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

#### Tuesday, July 12

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Vacation Bible School

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew

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

#### Wednesday, July 13

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

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, July 14

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

9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Vacation Bible School

5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting

6:30-7:30 PM—Ridgecrest Parent/Camper Meeting

#### Friday, July 15

#### Saturday, July 16

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### Sunday, July 17

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

5:00-6:00 PM—Ridgecrest Parent/Camper Meeting

#### Monday, July 18

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Youth Missions Week

#### Tuesday, July 19

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Youth Missions Week

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

#### Wednesday, July 20

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

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Youth Missions Week

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, July 21

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

5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting

6:30-7:30 PM—Ridgecrest Volunteer Training

#### Friday, July 22

#### Saturday, July 23

10:00-11:00 AM—Ridgecrest Counselor Training

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### Sunday, July 24

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

5:00-6:00 PM—Ridgecrest Volunteer Training

#### Monday, July 25

#### Tuesday, July 26

9:00 AM-3:00 PM—Youth Fun Day

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

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

#### Wednesday, July 27

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, July 28

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

5:30 PM—Pastor Search Team Meeting

#### Friday, July 29

#### Saturday, July 30

6:00 PM—Overflow Addiction Ministry

#### Sunday, July 31

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Service

**\*\*\*CALENDAR CHANGE - PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

## Overflow Fitness Center Hours of Operation

**Monday-Thursday**

**11:00 AM-7:00 PM**

**Friday**

**11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

## We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Robert and Sandy Riggins in the passing of her mother.
- Reggie Ferguson and Susan Brown in the passing of their brother-in-law, Richard King.
- Cy and Nancy Elder in the passing of his sister; Kevin Elder and Mac Elder in the passing of their aunt; Kelsie Millsaps.
- Mario and Melody Chang in the passing of her mother; Dan and Sarah Chang in the passing of his grandmother; Anna-belle, Everett and Magnolia Chang in the passing of their great grandmother, Lib Brand.
- Jim Misenheimer and family in the passing of his wife, Sylvia Misenheimer.
- Nancy Parris and family in the passing of her son, Donald Kindred.
- Robert and Ginger Thompson's granddaughter, Angel Grant, in the passing of her father.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dan and Sara Thompson as they celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Dan and Sara have been unable to attend Pritchard for some time now due to health reasons. If you would like to celebrate this milestone with them, send a card to 1309 Braeburn Road, Charlotte, NC 28211. They would appreciate your thoughts and well wishes!

## Read, Learn, Discover

Have you been to the Media Center lately? There are tons of great books to check out! Is there a book you'd like to read that the Media Center doesn't have? Email Katrina at [kgore@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:kgore@pritchardchurch.com) and she'll be happy to assist you with your request. The Media Center is open on Sunday mornings before worship service. You can also drop by during the week and someone in the Church Office can help you.

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

Join us in wishing a Happy Anniversary to our Pastor, Rev. Bobby Morrow. He joined our staff on July 5, 2005 and has faithfully served Pritchard for 17 years.

Melissa Wisor, who serves as our Minister to Children and Families, is also celebrating an anniversary. Melissa joined our staff a year ago on July 12, 2021.

Thank you, Bobby and Melissa, for your dedication, hard work and love for our Pritchard families. We appreciate you and love you both!

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

# Stewardship Update: May 2022 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$89,797	\$107,246	\$505,262	\$578,213
Expenses	\$102,329	\$113,567	\$538,323	\$620,424
Net Income	\$(12,532)	\$(6,321)	\$(33,061)	\$(42,211)

Our actual YTD revenue is behind of our YTD expenses by \$33,061.

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Bobby Morrow  
Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Senior Adults.....Rev. Stan Heiser  
Minister of Music & Outreach.....Rev. David Bailes  
Minister to Youth & College Aged Students.....Rev. Brack Ballard  
Minister to Children and Their Families.....Melissa Wisor  
Administrator.....Doug Burkhardt  
Executive Assistant for Administration & Education.....Lynn Plyler  
Office Assistant/Media Center Director.....Katrina Gore  
Operations Assistant.....Madison Werner  
Accounting Assistant.....Jeannie Sigmon  
Maintenance.....James Phillips  
Grounds Keeper.....Dewight Little  
AV Director.....Joe Hicks  
Recreation Director.....Adam Calderone  
Overflow Addiction Ministry Director.....Josh Bone



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