



PRITCHARD  
*at South End*

CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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PRAY *for* ME

C A M P A I G N

## LINKING GENERATIONS TOGETHER THROUGH PRAYER

You are invited to prayerfully adopt one of our Pritchard Kids or Pritchard Youth and commit to pray for them for the whole year.

To join the Pray for Me Campaign and adopt one of our Pritchard Kids or Pritchard Youth, please email Melissa Wisor at [Mwisor@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:Mwisor@pritchardchurch.com)

Pritchard **Kids**





# Chris Richardson

*Pastor*

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I had a season of waiting. I was waiting to hear back from Pritchard search team (they were very efficient, but these processes take time), waiting to hear from God on his next place of service for us, waiting to finish my next-to-last semester of my doctorate... and then suddenly I was not waiting! We received the call, we were honored you voted to confirm us, I had to wrap up my school term and fast!

We could no longer wait, we had to pack, we had to change kids' school enrollment, oh no we had to find a house! And sell the one we had... so each day we'd pack some because waiting was not an option. Soon the moving truck will come and load up, and then things will continue to move quickly, and each day, each year that passes, the only real guarantee is this: time will continue to pass. Things will change - either they will improve through God's grace and our effort, or they will not.

Seasons come and go and so do years. January always marks a time of beginnings. I am thrilled to join you all for this new season of ministry- new for me and new for you. I am excited at what God has for us and where he will move us. Here is what I would challenge you with: the time will pass either way. Change will come either way. What we have is the wonderful grace to choose how we will change, how we will pass that time.

As we've been packing we've also been decluttering. What still brings us joy and life? What are we holding onto just because we have it (we caught one of our kids packing trash...)?

I encourage you to do a similar inventory in your life, in your spiritual life. What things are bringing you joy and life? And what things are you holding onto just because you've always held onto it? God is the great author of life, and one of the only guarantees of all life is that it is always changing and growing. Let him change and grow in you this new year. I'm anticipating joining in the middle of January, and I look forward to walking with you and serving with you, and more than that growing and changing and finding joy and life with you!

Pastor Chris



### **Rev. Stan Heiser**

*Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and Senior Adults*

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#### **SummerFest 2023**

Our dates for SummerFest 2023 are May 15-19 and August 21-25. Our theme for 2023 is "Attitude of Gratitude" - our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, based on the scripture Philippians 2:5 (NIV). Dr. Danny West will be our preacher for the week. Karen Meetze (pronounced Mets) will be our worship leader and choir director. Michael McKnight will be our pianist for the week and he will give a concert one evening....presenting a program of hymns and their stories using his exquisite piano skills. This will be a program of singing, playing and learning about the hymns of our faith.

We are in the process now of securing our interest group leaders and our entertainment for yet another exciting year at SummerFest at Fort Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center in Oak Island, NC. I will let you know the full slate as soon as our planning team receives answers from those invited to share with us each year.

It is time to sign up for May 15-19. Conference Center rooms go quickly, so sign up today! Call the Church Office to make your reservation or sign up on Realm. As always...it's going to be a great week!

#### **Sunago Singers**

The Sunago Singers will resume weekly choir rehearsals on Thursday, January 12 at 10:00 AM in the Music Building.

#### **Sweet Spirits....Coming Again in 2023**

Make your reservation now for Wednesday, January 25 for our Sweet Spirits program and lunch. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$10.00 per person and is payable at the door. You can sign up on Realm, call the Church Office or see me down front near Solomon Chapel after worship on Sunday mornings.

Our guest entertainer will be Rev. Clyde Buckner, a national award winning storyteller from Shelby, NC. Clyde has served as worship leader, choir director and soloist several times at SummerFest. His stories will keep you laughing! Those who have heard him at SummerFest can never get enough! You do not want to miss this special time. Invite a friend to come with you!

As always, a delicious meal will be catered by Cracker Barrel. It may possibly be their special New Year's dinner to guarantee a fantastic 2023! We'll see you there for fantastic fellowship and remember...the BEST place to be is TOGETHER with YOU and the SWEET SPIRITS!

Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year!

Blessings, Stan



### **Rev. David Bailes**

*Minister of Music and Outreach*

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#### **Music/Worship and Outreach Events Ministry**

As we turn the calendar to 2023, I want to thank all those who participate in our Music/Worship Ministry and in our Outreach Events Ministry!

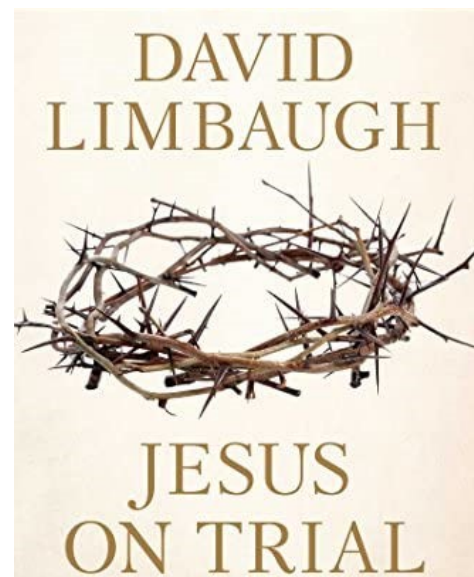
Pritchard has quite a number of people who facilitate our worship services to be the best that they can be. Included are the following: Choir members, worship band, vocal team, and soloists. Then there is the production team consisting of those who operate audio, video, lights, and screen content. Our worship services would not be what they are if not for the efforts of all these people.

Our Community Connect Committee oversees and facilitates our major outreach events which includes the Easter Egg Hunt and Fall Festival.

These major events require lots of time, and the help of many other volunteers. Many thanks to all who are involved in these ministries.

As we dive into 2023, we hope that more will become involved in these ministries. In particular, we always welcome those who would come and sing in our choir or dust off their instrument and play in our instrumental ensemble!

We look forward to a great 2023 at Pritchard!



Rick Kisiah will be hosting a ZOOM class, "Jesus on Trial" by David Limbaugh beginning

**Thursday, January 12**

If you are interested in joining us from 7:00-8:00 PM weekly (on Thursdays) for 10 weeks, please sign up on Realm or contact Rick at [rkisiah@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rkisiah@carolina.rr.com)



**Melissa Wisor**

*Minister to Children and Their Families*

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Have you ever sat back after the Christmas decorations are put away, the festive goodies are gone and life becomes "normal" and you wonder how December flew by so quickly? Our Pritchard Kids had a wonderful month as we made Thanksgiving boxes for those in need, spread Christmas cheer with yard decorations and caroling, singing in worship, seeing a Children's Theater show, selling stovetop potpourri and wrapping up with the most precious nativity on Christmas Eve. It was a wonderful season!

Now, we welcome the freshness that 2023 will bring. A new year is the opportunity to make new commitments or reinforce/tweak your focus. Connecting with the Body of Christ is so important for everyone, especially our children. We love our Sunday mornings together - we dive into the Word, sing, play and build relationships. If you have a child, grandchild, neighbor or friend, we would LOVE to have them join us on Sundays at 9:00-10:15 AM.

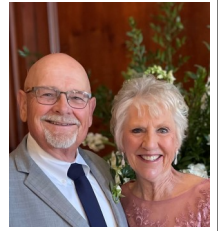
**Save-The-Dates:**

January 20 - Mom's Night Out Paint Party  
February 19 - Sunday Funday Family Lunch  
March 18 - Parent vs. Child Basketball Game  
April 12 - Carowinds Fun Day (Spring Break)  
May 12 - Family Game Night

**Summer Dates:**

June 14 - Carowinds Fun Day  
June 16 - Dad and Me Event  
June 27-30 - Music and Art Camp  
July 8 - Mom and Me Teddy Bear Party  
July 10-13 - Vacation Bible School  
July 30 - Sunday Funday Family Lunch  
August 7-11 - Camp Ridgecrest

## Overflow University Launching Saturday, January 14



Please join us on January 14 for the launch of Pritchard's Overflow University, a new Bible Study opportunity for both MEN AND WOMEN. Overflow University will be held from 4:15 PM-5:15 PM each Saturday evening on the 2nd floor of the Overflow Center (gym) prior to the Overflow worship service. Winter session's study of the BOOK OF JOHN, led by Gary and Debra Huhnerkoch, begins on January 14 and ends on February 25 (7 weeks). Each session will include both a social (snacks) and Bible study time and is open to everyone. Please invite a friend and come enjoy an hour of food, fellowship and study of the Word of God. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Gary Huhnerkoch at [ghuhnerkoch@gmail.com](mailto:ghuhnerkoch@gmail.com) or 612-327-9992.

## Pritchard's Thrift Store Reopens in January!

*Shop.....Save.....Support*



Wednesday, January 4  
Wednesday, January 18

10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Come by for the best bargains in South End!

All proceeds go to our local Baptist men for missions work in and around our community.



COST: \$130.00 per person (includes all meals)  
Scholarships available  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 8

Inspirational program presented by  
Pastor Steve Chastain

Activities include golf, hiking, fishing, target shooting

Great food and fellowship!  
Make your reservation today for this special weekend!



## A Message from Pastor Bobby...



Dear Pritchard Family,

Thank you so much for the amazing retirement recognition on November 20. It was such a special day for me and all of my family. I am so grateful for all the ways that you have blessed me through the years. My final Sunday with you was just one more example of your love and support. The video was amazing and the generous love offering as always was far more than I deserve. I will always be a part of the Pritchard family. The people here at Cherokee Avenue in Gaffney will be hearing about the awesome people of Pritchard for as long as I have the privilege of serving here. Love on Chris and his family like you have loved on me and my family and he will quickly know that he is serving the best church in the world. I love you all so much!

In His Love, Bobby

## Open Gym for CMS Students

Looking for something for your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or other kids you know to do while CMS takes the day off for Teacher Work Days? Look no further! We are hosting open gym sessions for teacher worker days for any CMS student ages 7-10. See the flyer below for more information - you will not want to miss this one!



**Adam Calderone**  
Recreation Director

[acalderone@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:acalderone@pritchardchurch.com)

It's hard to believe 2023 is upon us! I hope everyone had a great holiday and everyone is making progress on their New Year's Resolutions!

With winter now upon us, youth basketball is in full swing! Each Saturday throughout the winter, we host about 120 boys from churches across the city including Myers Park Presbyterian, Myers Park Baptist, and Covenant Presbyterian to name a few. During the week, we also host additional 60 boys during the week for practices among different age groups and organizations. Pritchard plays an important role in the Impact Youth Basketball League and ensures all game day and practice experiences for the kids are memorable.

The league provides us a chance to teach our young boys how to play basketball and the importance of teamwork, fellowship, and sportsmanship. This year, we have 30 boys in our program ranging from ages 5-9 years old. Many of our kids haven't had the opportunity to play in an official league with referees, jerseys, and scorekeepers. The looks on their faces when they got their jerseys was priceless! Pritchard Recreation was able to provide full scholarships for about 15 kids, including 13 from Charles Parker Elementary. By providing full scholarships, we give kids and their families a chance to play basketball and receive mentorship they would have access to otherwise; it is a crucial part of our mission and ensuring we give back to our community. Going forward, our goal is to continue this partnership and expand it much further. The goal for next season is to scholarship 20-30 kids and have 60-70 enrolled in our program.



### CMS STUDENT TEACHER WORKDAY OPEN GYM

**JANUARY 25**  
**MARCH 27**

#### DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Drop your child off for day (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) of fun while kids are off from school. Students must be picked up no later than 5:00 PM.

Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church -  
Overflow Center.



**SCAN TO  
REGISTER**

#### 7-10 YEAR OLDS

**SPORTS RELATED ACTIVITIES**  
basketball, dodgeball, pickleball  
and much more!

#### LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED

**\$50 PER SESSION**

**\$75 WHEN YOU PURCHASE BOTH SESSIONS**

#### QUESTIONS?

Please contact  
Recreation Director: Adam Calderone  
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# PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

**SERMON:** "CONSISTENTLY GROWING"

**SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 2:41-52

REV. BRACK BALLARD

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

**SERMON:** "SEEKING BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE  
THIS NEW YEAR"

**SCRIPTURE:** ECCLESIASTES 3:1-13

REV. STAN HEISER

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

**SERMON:** "WORDS OF LIFE"

PASTOR CHRIS RICHARDSON

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

**SERMON:** "NAMES OF LIFE"

PASTOR CHRIS RICHARDSON

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

**SERMON:** "PLACES OF LIFE"

PASTOR CHRIS RICHARDSON



## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the altar table Sunday, January 23 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ray Childers on his birthday. They are placed by Allen and Sandy Childers, and Reggie and Sarah Ferguson.

## Remembering Someone Special

If there is someone in your life you'd like to remember in a special way, consider placing flowers in the Sanctuary one Sunday. There are several dates available throughout the year. It's an easy and inexpensive gesture that the recipient always appreciates. Anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, milestones of any kind to remembering the loss of someone dear to your heart. Dates available: *January 8, 15, 29; February 5, 12, 19; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 18, 25; July 2, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 20, 27; September 3; October 8, 15, 22, 29; November 12, 19, 26.* Please call the Church Office to reserve your date today!

## Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are now available in the Gathering Place, Sanctuary, and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Williams Center. Boxes are not numbered, nor do they have individual names printed on them. You may also come by the Church Office during operating hours to pick up a new box.



## From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

### CHILL OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK!

#### **The Winter Rose** by Melanie Dobson

American Grace Tonquin works tirelessly to rescue French Jewish children from the Nazis. When she returns to Oregon with two orphans, trauma from the Holocaust threatens her family. Fifty years later, Addie Hoult searches for the missing Tonquin family to save her friend Charlie from a genetic disease. Can she find them---and heal his broken past?

#### **Thin Ice** (#2 in the Men of Valor series) by Irene Hannon

Christy Reed has endured such grief after losing her parents to a car accident and her sister in a house fire. Just as her life begins to feel slightly normal, she receives a letter addressed to her in her sister's handwriting with a note that states she is still alive. While working with Lance the FBI agent, to reopen the case, he questions if Ginny is alive, where is she?

**Tip of the Month:** We have several popular Book Series in the Media Center. Look for the Chocolate Shoppe Mysteries, Tales from Grace Chapel Inn, Miracles of Marble Cove series and more.

# January

## Sunday, January 1...NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

## Monday, January 2

## Tuesday, January 3

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

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

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Prayer Time/Bible Study

## Wednesday, January 4

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, January 5

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

## Friday, January 6

## Saturday, January 7

6:00 PM—Overflow

## Sunday, January 8

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

## Monday, January 9

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

## Tuesday, January 10

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/QUARTERLY CONF/Prayer Time

## Wednesday, January 11

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 12

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

10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

7:00-8:00 PM—"Jesus on Trial" ZOOM Class

## Friday, January 13

## Saturday, January 14

4:15-5:15 PM—Overflow University

6:00 PM—Overflow

## Sunday, January 15

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

## Monday, January 16....MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

## Tuesday, January 17

6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

## Wednesday, January 18

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, January 19

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

10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

7:00-8:00 PM—"Jesus on Trial" ZOOM Class

## Friday, January 20

TBA—Mom's Night Out Paint Party

## Saturday, January 21

4:15-5:15 PM—Overflow University

6:00 PM—Overflow

## Sunday, January 22

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

## Monday, January 23

## Tuesday, January 24

## Wednesday, January 25

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

8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Open Gym for ages 7-10

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

11:00 AM-1:00 PM—Sweet Spirits Program/Lunch

1:00 PM—Knit Wits

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 26

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

10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

7:00-8:00 PM—"Jesus on Trial" ZOOM Class

## Friday, January 27

## Saturday, January 28

4:15-5:15 PM—Overflow University

6:00 PM—Overflow

## Sunday, January 29

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

## Monday, January 30

## Tuesday, January 31





# Stewardship Update: November 2022 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$151,585	\$121,002	\$1,231,027	\$1,266,240
Expenses	\$96,071	\$139,667	\$1,241,972	\$1,398,292
Net Income	\$55,514	\$(18,665)	\$(10,945)	\$(132,052)

- Our Actual YTD Revenue is behind our YTD Budget by \$35,213.

## Knit Wit Ministry

Many thanks to those of you who knitted during 2022! A total of 21 prayer shawls/lap blankets and 3 baby blankets were distributed. The Knit Wits also provided 12 blankets for the new infants enrolled in Pritchard's Child Development Center. Also included was Levine Cancer Institute with a total of 20 port pillows and 6 lap blankets.

If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please join us at our next knitting session on Wednesday, January 25 at 1:00 PM in the Fletcher Building (room F109). We'll continue to meet monthly following the Sweet Spirits program.

## Quarterly Conference

Our next Quarterly Conference will take place Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Please note: 2022 chairpersons will report on the 2022 October/November/December quarter. At our April 2023 Quarterly Conference, the new 2023 chairpersons will report on January/February/March of 2023. A reminder will be sent via email prior to each conference.

## We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Tim Stewart and family in the passing of his uncle, G.R. Warren.
- The family and friends in the passing of Evelyn Leatherman.



## Happy New Year!

I am Carmen Sanders-McClain and I have the esteem honor to serve as the Director of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church Child Development Center. We currently have 72 children enrolled from ages 3 months to 5 years old. We have a staff of 15 full time and 1 part time teacher. I say this with pride that we have 1 teacher who has been with Pritchard for 25 years this past September and 9 teachers who have been with us for more than 10 years. It is our desire to prepare our children for grades K-12 in a Christian based environment. If you would like to know more about our Center, please contact us at 704-343-2944 or by email at [csanders@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:csanders@pritchardchurch.com)

## Holiday Closing

The Church Office/campus will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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