



PRITCHARD  
*at South End*

CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 1

**FUN  
GAMES**

**EGG  
HUNTS**

**BOUNCE  
HOUSES**

**COMMUNITY  
WIDE**

**FREE**

**10 AM-  
NOON**

**PRITCHARD at SOUTH END**  
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# Chris Richardson

*Pastor*

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David Foster Wallace started a speech one time with this: "Two young goldfish were swimming before school one day, when an older goldfish swam up. The older goldfish said 'Morning boys, how's the water?' and swam off. The younger goldfish looked at one another and said 'what in the world is water?'" Wallace would go on in this speech to talk about all the water we have in our lives. The things that surround us and fill our lives that we never look at or think about.

We each have unconscious habits, routines, places we go or ways we think. We have work flows, we have rest flows, we have writing habits and speaking habits and watching habits. These and so much more make up the "water" of our lives.

We're in the midst of this lengthy series leading to Easter: The Agriculture of Jesus. You know and I know that nothing can live without water. But how often do we step back and evaluate the various waters that make up our lives? Do we have an unconscious habit of complaining and criticizing first? Do we tend to disengage when things challenge us? Have we written people off if they don't do what we want? Or do we entertain fear or anger more often than we should? Those things are all the types of water that can adversely effect our spiritual lives.

But what if we each took time this Lent season to look at the water that surrounds us and consider which elements of it are helping us grow spiritually? What if we made an intentional decision to purify the waters of our lives, to focus on "whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is praiseworthy..." as Paul encourages? I tend to think we would see the amazing fruit and the amazing harvest that Jesus promised. I pray that we can all consider and evaluate the waters of our lives this month. Thank you for blessing me as we work together for the kingdom!

Pastor Chris



## Rev. Stan Heiser

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### SummerFest: May 15-19 and August 21-25

Our theme 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 and Karen Meetze (pronounced Mets) will be our worship leader/choir director. Our pianist, Michael McKnight will give a concert one evening - presenting a program of hymns and their stories using his exquisite piano skills. We'll be singing, playing and learning about the hymns of our faith.

Sign up today on Realm or call the Church Office. Space is filling up and Conference Center rooms go quickly! You can contact me with any questions. We are expecting another exciting year at SummerFest at Fort Caswell!

### Sweet Spirits

Join us Wednesday, March 29 in our Fellowship Hall from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Cost is \$10 per person payable at the door. Sign up today on Realm, call the Church Office or see me down front by the Chapel after worship each Sunday. Guest entertainer will our very own Rev. David Bailes - talented Minister of Music, instrumentalist, published song writer and story teller. David will share two hilarious stories that made Andy Griffith a household name, plus introduce us to some of the many instruments he can play. He will also share what is involved in writing his church choir anthems, many which have been published by different music publishing companies.

As always, a delicious meal will be prepared by Cracker Barrel and we will have a fantastic time of fellowship! The BEST place to be is TOGETHER with YOU and the SWEET SPIRITS!

### Upcoming Dates and Trips

- **April 19** - Sweet Spirits with special guest Brad Allen. Brad is the President/Executive Director of the NC Senior Games and also a National Football League Referee who travels the country each week officiating games.
- **May 31** - Sweet Spirits - Spring Concert presented by our Sunago Choir.
- **April** - Trip to the newly renovated Billy Graham Library for lunch.
- **May** - Trip to Hudson, NC to visit the Mitford Museum. We'll also have lunch at Watt and Debbie Smith's home in Granite Falls, NC, along with the members of Concord Baptist Church who we met at Sweet Spirits this past January.
- **TBD in the Fall** - The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. Travel provided by Christian Tours.



## Rev. Brack Ballard

Minister to Youth and College-Aged Students

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March is upon us, who is excited for spring cleaning? Always enjoy decluttering! For the month of March Pritchard Youth is going to Splatter Charlotte after church. Below are details:

### CREATE YOUR OWN CUSTOM WORKS OF ART

Mix your colors, throw your paint, and take home a one of a kind canvas.

### NOT AN ARTIST? NOT A PROBLEM.

This art is about expression. It's easy to make a piece that looks amazing, and it doesn't take any formal training. Basically, if you know that blue and yellow make green, we have a canvas waiting for you.

### THE EXPERIENCE

Show up, paint, dance, leave. Your Splatter Charlotte session just requires YOU. We have all of the paint, canvases, and protective gear you need to enjoy yourself. When you arrive, music will be playing, materials will be ready, all you have to do is mix the colors you want...

### THEN THROW THEM AT YOUR CANVAS.

When you're finished, leave the artwork with us and we will deliver it to you once it's dry. It's that simple.

Below are some dates and events ahead! It is going to be a great year with Pritchard Youth!

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>12th (Sun):</b> Splatter Charlotte after church
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>23rd (Sun):</b> Hiking at Crowders Mountain after church
<b>MAY</b>	<b>19th-21st (Fri-Sun):</b> Senior Trip
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>4th (Sun):</b> Graduation Sunday & Senior Celebration <b>19th-23rd (Mon-Fri):</b> SonPower <b>27th (Tues):</b> Carowinds (Rides & Water Park)
<b>JULY</b>	<b>2nd (Sun):</b> Youth Family Lake after church <b>10th - 13th (Mon-Thurs):</b> Serve at VBS <b>18th (Tues):</b> Youth Missions Day <b>23rd (Sun):</b> Youth Family Lake after church
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>7th - 11th (Mon - Fri):</b> Camp Ridgecrest
<b>Sundays</b> 9:00-10:15 Youth Group* 10:30-11:30 Pritchard Sunday Celebration 11:45-12:15 Youth Choir *No Youth Group on Easter (4/9/23)	





## SPORTS MINISTRY RECREATION CAMPS

### Sports Camp!

A week full of sports including basketball, pickleball, capture the flag, and the infamous swamp ball! Campers must bring a bagged lunch. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Drop-off starting at 8:30 AM and pickup no later than 4:30 PM.

Early bird special (until March 31): \$175. After March 31: \$200

**June 12-16** Ages 5-7

**June 26-30** Ages 8-11

### Twist Kids Foundation Yoga

**July 10-13**

### Yes I can Basketball Camp, Little Dribblers

**July 24-27** Ages 5-7

### Summer of Champions

From sports, to trivia, to projects, kids will compete in teams to determine who the champs of summer are! Campers must bring a bagged lunch. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Drop-off starting at 8:30 AM and pickup no later than 4:30 PM.

Early bird special (until March 31): \$175. After March 31: \$200

**July 17-20** Ages 8-11

**July 31 - August 4** Ages 5-7

### The Final Countdown

Our final camp of the year, let's celebrate the ending of summer with a bang! Sport, activities, and much more. No better way to end the summer than with one final send off. Campers must bring a bagged lunch.

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM;

Drop-off starting at 8:30 AM and pickup no later than 4:30 PM.

Early bird special (until March 31): \$175. After March 31: \$200

**August 14-17** Ages 7-11

## REGISTER AT PRITCHARDCHURCH.COM/EVENTS

### Music & Art Camp

Calling all music and art loving kids! Campers will be creative with paints and clay and enjoy making music through singing and instruments.

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cost: \$25

**June 27-30** Ages kindergarten-5th grade (completed).

### Vacation Bible School

Kids will be launched on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar VBS rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cost: FREE

**July 10-13** Ages kindergarten-5th grade (completed).

### Camp Ridgecrest

Rising 3rd graders - 12th graders will experience a week long camp of fun, faith building and friendships in Black Mountain, NC.

Early bird special (until April 1) \$260. After April 1, \$275

**August 7-11**

## SOUTH END FINE ARTS ACADEMY

## DANCE CAMPS

### Beach Balls and Popsicles Camp

**June 20-23** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Ages: 5 and up

This four-day camp is the perfect camp to kick off summer. Each day will be themed around summer fun, and dance of course. Campers will need to bring a bag lunch, but snacks will be provided. Parents are invited to come on Friday, June 23 at 3:30 PM to see what all their camper learned during this camp!

Early bird special (until March 31): \$175. After March 31: \$200

### Dollie-Me-Up Camp

**July 19-21** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Ages: 5 and up

This three-day camp is centered all around dolls and dance. Campers will have the opportunity to bring their favorite doll, have a tea party and even get all fancy with hair and make-up. Parents are invited to come on Friday, July 21 at 3:30 PM to see what all their camper learned during this Dollie-Me-Up Camp.

Early bird special (until March 31): \$175. After March 31: \$200

### Elsa and Friends Day Camp

**July 31** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Ages: 5 and up

This day camp is focused around Elsa and Friends. Campers are invited to bring their own friends and enjoy all things dance!

Cost: \$50 which includes a cheese pizza lunch as well as a snack. Friend cost is only \$30.

\*Friends must register in advance.

**For more information contact Recreation Director Adam Calderone - [acalderone@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:acalderone@pritchardchurch.com) or  
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## Adam Calderone

*Recreation Director*

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As we close the books on February, and look ahead to March, it signals the end of our youth basketball season. All our teams fought hard and had great seasons! We had about 30 boys and the goal will be to continue expanding our programs and double that amount for next year. We hope to keep our teams together for summer camps and teams next year so they can continue to form bonds/friendships with one another. Our U8 team, led by Matthew Rogers is in the championship game (at the time of writing this). Let's hope they come away with the championship!!

### Summer Camp Registration is now live!

We have numerous camps for kids ages 5-11. So if you're looking for something to send your kids, grandkids, neighbors, nieces/nephews, anyone you know, be sure to send them our way! They will not want to miss out on this summer of fun. See below for more information or contact me directly at:

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Mission: **Save-The-Date**

Destination: **Camp Ridgecrest**

Arrival Date: **August 7th – 11th**

Camp Ridgecrest is on the calendar, and we could use your help! Here are ways you can plug-in:

- **PRAY.** Pray for the planning team as they have already begun work on making this a great week. Pray for prospective campers and volunteers.

- **DONATE.** You can give, any amount, which will go towards camper scholarships, food, lodging and supplies for the week. (Enter the link below and choose Ridgecrest in the "Fund" menu) -

<https://onrealm.org/Pritchard/-/form/give/WAYFFJZMFM>

- **INVITE.** Tell your neighbors and friends about this week at Camp Ridgecrest!



## Rev. David Bailes

*Minister of Music and Outreach*

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### Easter Egg Hunt: April 1, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

We will need plenty of volunteers for this big event, no foolin'! More information regarding how to sign up will be available soon!

### Amazing Grace Anniversary

January 1 of this year marked the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first time that "Amazing Grace" was sung in public. Written by Anglican minister and former slave ship captain, John Newton, "Amazing Grace" was written for the New Years Day service at Newton's church in Olney, Buckinghamshire, England. It is said that Newton led his congregation down the road from his parish church in Olney to Lord Dartmouth's Great Hall to sing "new" music not traditionally allowed by the Anglican Church. The original title of Amazing Grace was "Faith's Review and Expectation" and Newton wrote it as a personal expression of his own journey. We don't know what tune "Amazing Grace" was originally sung to, but it was not published with the tune it is most known for, New Britain, until 1835.

Amazingly, this one-time slave ship captain became a tremendous influence which led to the ending of the slave trade in England.

Of course, "Amazing Grace" went on to become what is likely the most beloved and most often sung Christian hymn!

## Pritchard University



*Gary and Debra Huhnerkoch*

Pritchard University (formerly Overflow University) will continue to meet each Saturday evening from 5:15-6:45 PM throughout the month of March as we focus on the spiritual practice of studying the Word of God. We will practice our spiritual skills using the Gospel of John. Each session includes both a social time (5:15-6:00 PM) and a Bible study time (6:00-6:45 PM), so come physically and spiritually hungry! Pritchard University is open to everyone--Pritchard members and non-members. Please invite a friend (or two) and come enjoy an hour of food, fellowship and study of the Word of God. We meet in the Williams Center Lounge on the third floor. For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Gary Huhnerkoch at [ghuhnerkoch@gmail.com](mailto:ghuhnerkoch@gmail.com) or 612-327-9992.

# PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

PASTOR CHRIS RICHARDSON

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

SERMON: "THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS"

SCRIPTURE: MARK 4:1-20

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12

SERMON: "THE WORKERS' WAGES"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 20:1-16

## SUNDAY, MARCH 19

SERMON: "WEEDS OR WHEAT?"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 13:24-30

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

SERMON: "IF A SEED DIES..."

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 12:23-25

# Sanctuary Flowers

## Sunday, March 5

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lou Williams Evans, wife of Jasper Evans and mother of Kathy Evans Moore, Jean Evans Patterson, Doug Evans, Melanie Evans Harper, Marcia Evans Rhyne and Jon Evans. What an influence she had on our lives and how we cherish her memory. We know that we will be reunited with her when we get to Heaven. Glory be to God!

## Sunday, March 26

The flowers on the altar table are given to our loving Heavenly Father on the anniversary of Talmage Spence's birthday, March 27, 1925 by his wife, Peggy Spence.

## Birth Announcement

Pritchard celebrates the birth of Jackson Thomas Lawrence, son of Keith and Meredith Sykes Lawrence, who was born January 17. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Great grandmother is Betty Sykes, grandmother is Lane Sykes and aunt is Lauren Sykes. A rosebud was placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 26 to honor his birth.



## From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

### POP IN FOR A NEW BOOK!

#### **NEW! View from Coral Cove by Amy Clipston**

Romance novelist Maya takes over her great-aunt's toy store, where eight-year-old Ashlyn convinces her to create a princess tea-party room. Ashlyn's dad, Brody, is smitten with Maya. Could Maya overcome Brody's reluctance, a looming deadline, and a secret about her absent father, to discover her own happily ever after?

#### **NEW! Edge of Dusk by Colleen Coble**

In this new series, Annie Pederson's life changed forever the night her sister was kidnapped. The two had been outside playing on a dock, and Annie never forgave herself for her sister's disappearance. Twenty-four years later and now a law enforcement ranger, Annie is still searching for answers.

#### **NEW! Sea Glass Cottage (#8 Hope Harbor Series) by Irene Hannon**

Christi Reece is desperate. The one-time golden girl's life has tarnished, and a cascade of setbacks has left her reeling. She needs help, and she's certain Jack Colby is in a position to provide it. When she shows up in Hope Harbor, however, Jack wants nothing to do with the woman who betrayed him.







### **Wednesday, March 1**

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, March 2**

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, March 3**

### **Saturday, March 4**

5:15-6:30 PM—Pritchard University (Williams Lounge)

### **Sunday, March 5**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

### **Monday, March 6**

### **Tuesday, March 7**

10:30 AM—Women on Mission  
3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study (Spence home)  
6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, March 8**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)  
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 9**

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, March 10**

### **Saturday, March 11**

5:15-6:30 PM—Pritchard University (Williams Lounge)

### **Sunday, March 12**

#### **\*\*\*DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration  
12:00-3:00 PM—Youth Splatter Charlotte

### **Monday, March 13**

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting (Williams Lounge)

### **Tuesday, March 14**

10:00 AM—See and Sew  
6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible Study/Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, March 15**

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, March 16**

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 (LAST MEETING)

### **Friday, March 17...ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

### **Saturday, March 18**

5:15-6:30 PM—Pritchard University (Williams Lounge)

### **Sunday, March 19**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

### **Monday, March 20**

### **Tuesday, March 21**

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

### **Wednesday, March 22**

#### **\*\*\*DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR SWEET SPIRITS**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)  
1:00 PM—Knit Wits

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 23**

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, March 24**

### **Saturday, March 25**

5:15-6:30 PM—Pritchard University (Williams Lounge)

### **Sunday, March 26**

9:15-10:15 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

### **Monday, March 27**

### **Tuesday, March 28**

10:00 AM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance  
6:30 PM—Zoom Fellowship/Bible study/Prayer Time

### **Wednesday, March 29**

6:30-7:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM—Sweet Spirits Program/Lunch  
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 30**

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Americana)  
10:15-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

### **Friday, March 31**



# Stewardship Update: January 2023 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$117,230	\$120,263	\$117,230	\$120,263
Expenses	\$105,036	\$120,263	\$105,036	\$120,263
Net Income	\$12,194	\$0	\$12,194	\$0

## We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Zeno Wall in the passing of his mother and Lauren Wall in the passing of her grandmother, Marie Wall.
- Dixon Free and family in the passing of his wife, Carolyn Free.



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

**Don't forget!**  
Set your clocks ahead  
one hour before going to bed  
Saturday night on March 11<sup>th</sup>!

## 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: *April 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 18, 25; July 2, 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!



Join Pastor Stan Heiser, on Zoom, each Sunday morning if you are unable to meet in person. Time: 9:00 AM. Meeting ID and passcode are located in E-Connect.



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