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EASTER
AT PRITCHARD CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2 | 10:30 AM

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7 | 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9 | 10:30 AM



Chris Richardson

Pastor

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One of the main ways we learn, as human beings, is by experience. We do something, then something happens, and then something else, and we start to assume that all those things will continue to happen in that order. For instance, you have a drink of water out of a certain glass, then you pack your lunch, and then you get into a car wreck on your way to the office. So, in the future you refuse to drink out of that glass before packing your lunch and heading to work. Because your experience has told you that doing those things in that order leads to car accidents.

We scoff, but experience is the way we learn. And we can often take the bad lessons as well as the good ones. Sometimes we misunderstand cause and correlation. But even when we correctly understand them, sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that just as things have been, things always will be.

But we also know that is untrue. Change is the only thing that never changes. Sometimes fast, sometimes slow, but change is the constant. The only things that don't change are those things that are not alive. We know that, but all too often we retreat thinking that things will only ever change for the worse.

David Bosch was a South African theologian who wrote this: *"Christian hope does not spring from despair about the present. Christians can never be people of the status quo. Christ has risen, and nothing can remain the way it used to be."* In other words, something brand new happened with the resurrection, and God is in the slow and sure agriculture of doing that same thing with all the rest of creation.

When we gather together on Easter Sunday, we will be proclaiming our belief in a risen Jesus of Nazareth. Dead people stay dead. Except Jesus didn't. And when we proclaim that, we proclaim that what has always happened may not always happen, that God is perhaps not done creating, that God has introduced a new thing into this universe: resurrection from death.

We have all had our grief and struggles since last Easter. But my prayer is that we always place those next to the empty tomb. The grief and the struggles will not have the final word, no, instead the final word was, is, and will be in the age to come: He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed. May we be raised with Him.

Pastor Chris



Please bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Sunday morning, April 9, before the worship service.

The cross will be located outside of Solomon Chapel. There will be members to assist you with placement of flowers. Flowers may be cut from your garden or purchased.

This experience is a beautiful way to celebrate that *"He is Risen!"*

Pritchard Child Development Center

I have had the privilege of working at the Pritchard Child Development Center over the past several months while the director, Carmen Sanders, has been out on medical leave. The halls are filled with excitement as the parents bring their children to the CDC each morning. The children are greeted by the most amazing teachers who devote their days loving and teaching these children. Many of the staff have been here for over 10 years. We currently have enrolled 75 children, coming from 63 young families. Imagine the mission field this represents for Pritchard!

The Child Development Center was conceived thirty-five years ago as a MINISTRY of our church, and the renovation of the Williams Center nine years ago included a new state-of-the-art daycare facility for this ministry. However, many of us, including me before I started working here, seldom think of it. We all need to pray for this worthy endeavor and seek ways to support it. Over the coming months, the CDC Advisory Board will be sharing ways that you can be a part of this incredible ministry.

Please pray for our precious children, their parents, the staff, Ms. Carmen and the Advisory Committee as we all work to ensure the continued realization of our church's vision those many years ago.

Sincerely,

Kathy Evans, Acting Director and the CDC Advisory Board:
Debbie Price (Chairperson), Morgan Jessup, Meg McCormick,
Melissa Wisor and Doug Burkhart





Rev. Stan Heiser

Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and Senior Adults

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Holy Week Devotions: April 2-9

Our Christian Education Committee would like to share some exciting news. They have been working hard to provide us with a special Holy Week Devotional. Starting April 2, the devotional will be available to the public through Pritchard E-Connect and social media platforms. For those who prefer a hard copy, limited paper copies will be available for pick-up in the Sanctuary lobbies, Gathering Place, 3rd floor Williams Center and the Church Office. We encourage you to get a copy or follow along on social media as we come together as a community to reflect on the significance of Holy Week.

Sweet Spirits

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 19 (notice the earlier date) in our Fellowship Hall from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Cost is \$10.00 per person and payable at the door. Sign-up today on Realm or through the Church Office. You can also see me down front by the Chapel after Sunday worship to sign-up.

Our guest entertainer will be Mr. Brad Allen who is the President and Executive Director of the NC Senior Games and also a National Football League Referee. He travels across NC sharing about the NC Senior Games and travels each week during football season officiating NFL games. He'll share the ins and outs of both with video highlights and personal stories. Brad also serves as Vice Chair of the NC Association on Aging that just held their statewide meeting here at Pritchard March 13-15 with 150 attending. He is a high energy presenter who is looking forward to joining us Wednesday, April 19.

As always, a delicious meal will be catered 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 (TBD) - Newly renovated Billy Graham Library and lunch.
May 26 - Mitford Museum in Hudson, NC. Lunch with Watt and Debbie Smith at Concord Baptist Church, Granite Falls, NC, along with members of their congregation we met in January.
May 31 - Sunago Choir presents their spring concert at Sweet Spirits.

Coming this fall - Travel by Christian Tours motorcoach to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky.



Rev. Brack Ballard

Minister to Youth and College-Aged Students

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Dear Pritchard Family,

It is my pleasure to share with you all some exciting updates from our Pritchard youth group. As we continue to grow and develop our youth ministry, we are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all our youth to grow in their faith and connect with one another.

For the month of April, we have planned a fun and adventurous hike along Crowders Mountain. On Sunday, April 23, we will gather at the church parking lot following youth choir and travel together to the mountain. Lunch will be provided and the cost is only \$5 per person. This is a great opportunity for our youth to connect with one another and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Please be sure to register on Realm so we can plan accordingly.

In addition to our outdoor excursion, we are also excited to announce that our Sunday morning youth group curriculum will be aligning with the messages that God has placed on Chris's heart. We hope to provide talking points that youth, parents, and families can discuss together as we grow in our faith and understanding of God's Word. Please join us for youth group on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Loft.

For our youth choir members, please note that practices will be held on Sundays after church. The youth choir trip is coming up, and it's important that our youth have plenty of time to practice and prepare.

As always, we encourage you to follow us on Instagram @pritchardyouth and our private Pritchard Youth Facebook page for updates and announcements. We have some exciting events and activities planned for the coming weeks and months, and we look forward to sharing them with you all.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our youth ministry. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community of young people, parents, and volunteers, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Blessings, Brack Ballard

Staff Anniversary

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of Brack Ballard who serves as our Minister to Youth and College Aged Students here at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church. He re-joined our team on April 19, 2020. Thank you for your ministry to our young adults! We love and appreciate you!

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



Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

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Every Friday, we host STEM Skool, a local non-profit whose mission is to ensure that every child, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or socioeconomic status, has access to a quality STEM education. STEM Skool provides an opportunity for kids that are homeschooled, to meet with their fellow classmates/friends and develop a sense of community, while working on fun STEM related projects. Kids ranging in ages from 6-16 years old come for a full day of school: which includes science, art, and of course, recreation related activities.

Kids are broken up into multiple classes, based upon their age. In our class, they learn the importance of developing strategies, communicating with their teammates, and sportsmanship through recreation led activities. Each recreation class ends with a brief lesson and discussion on ways to not only improve in the next game, but also in their schoolwork and everyday life. No matter how many new games we introduce in the gym, the kids will always ask for swamp ball!



PRITCHARD REC

PICKLEBALL
★ TOURNAMENT ★

APRIL 15
9:00 AM

\$20 PER TEAM TO REGISTER
Lunch is included!

TWO DIVISIONS

Advanced (3.5 rating and up)
Recreation (3.0 rating and lower)

DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Pool play, followed by single elimination tournament

For more information contact Adam Calderone
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Join us on April 15 for our first ever Pritchard Recreation Pickleball Tournament! With two separate divisions, players of different skills can participate. Space is limited. See the flyer above for more information.

Our summer camp registrations are live, don't miss out on a summer on fun! For more information, go to -

<https://pritchardchurch.com/recreation>

thank you

Dear Stan and Pritchard Family,

On behalf of the North Carolina Association on Aging (NCAOA), I want to thank you all for hosting our conference and making us feel so welcome in your beautiful church! Our guests were very complimentary of the facility and your hospitality and we appreciate your kindness so much. Since this was our first conference post-pandemic, we didn't quite know what to expect, but your kind staff pulled us through and it was a successful conference! Thank you again for sharing and welcoming us to Pritchard!

Blessings,
Amy Burns

Dates Available

Do you ever wonder what to get someone for a special occasion...whether it's a birthday, anniversary, graduation or another huge milestone? Why not consider placing flowers in the Sanctuary one Sunday? This is a wonderful way to surprise someone special! We have open dates in May and throughout the year. Please contact Lynn in the Church Office to reserve your spot!

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

PASTOR CHRIS RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

SERMON: "THE MESSIAH WE WANTED"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 21:1-17

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

SERMON: "THE MESSIAH WE GOT"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:1-5

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

SERMON: "RESURRECTION PEOPLE: MISSION"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:16-20

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

SERMON: "RESURRECTION PEOPLE: POWER"

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-11

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

SERMON: "RESURRECTION PEOPLE: CHANGE"

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:12-26

Sanctuary Flowers

Sunday, April 16

The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the following special people – Bill and Ann Todd, in-laws of Robert Thompson; Bob Harper, father of Ginger Thompson on his birthday; and Ann Rogers, sister of Ginger Thompson who was a light and inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Sunday, April 23

The arrangement on the altar table is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of two of God's most loved children - Stephanie Ann Evans, our dear sweet sister and Sue Faye Evans, wife of Jasper Evans, stepmother to his children, and grandmother to Kevin Moore (Micah), Louanne Damery (Kelsen Perry), Ashley Wondra (Carter, Kennedy and Crosby), Lauren Roseman (Ellie), Charles Harper (Luke, Josiah and Annabeth), Courtney Harper (Brynlee), Amber Rhyne, Kasey Rhyne, Justin Evans, and Emily Jackson (Winnie). Stephanie and Sue, you were cherished by so many and we miss you every day, but we have joy in that we will meet again in Heaven.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Because of your donation, missionaries across the North America mission field are planting churches and meeting needs through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Contribution envelopes are available in both lobbies of our Sanctuary during the month of April. **100%** of your gift goes to the field to support more than 2,400 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. Donate to provide hope. Move the mission forward.



From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

What Happened at the Cross by Billy Graham

The cross of Christ towers over 2,000 years of history. What happened on that hill called Calvary? In this compilation of his life's work, Billy Graham explains what Jesus accomplished on the day of his death, the meaning of his sacrifice, where he is now, the price of victory, and how to live with hope.

The Media Center is open!

Sundays: Stop by before the morning worship service

Weekdays: Stop by the Church Office for assistance



Saturday, April 1

10:00 AM-12 Noon—Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Drop-in Birthday Celebration for Jasper Evans

Monday, April 3

Tuesday, April 4

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

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

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

Wednesday, April 5

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, April 6

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

6:00 PM—Endowment Meeting

Friday, April 7

7:00 PM—Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 9...PALM SUNDAY

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Monday, April 10...EASTER MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, April 11....SPRING BREAK WEEK

****NO PRAYER TIME/BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM*

Wednesday, April 12

****DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR SWEET SPIRITS*

****NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL*

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Pritchard Kids Carowinds Fun Day

Thursday, April 13

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, April 14

Saturday, April 15

9:00 AM—Pickleball Tournament

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

Sunday, April 16

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Monday, April 17

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting (Williams Lounge)

****NOTICE DATE CHANGE OF DEACONS MEETING*

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

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

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, April 20

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 23

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Lunch/Hiking at Crowder's Mountain

Monday, April 24

Tuesday, April 25

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

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

Wednesday, April 26

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 27

6:30 AM—Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

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

Sunday, April 30

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

9:15 AM—HIS Class 5th Sunday Social

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Stewardship Update: February 2023 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$115,221	\$120,263	\$232,450	\$240,526
Expenses	\$111,597	\$111,973	\$216,633	\$222,363
Net Income	\$3,624	\$8,290	\$15,817	\$18,163

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Missy Hennessey in the passing of her cousin, Jamie Burlingham.
- Melissa Wisor and Kristin Rogers in the passing of their grandfather; Emma, Landry, Addie, Jackson and Lincoln in the passing of their great grandfather, Tony Caudle.
- Judy Kelly in the passing of her husband, Dick Kelly.
- Steve and Debbie Price in the passing of his mother; Adam Price and Laura Hall in the passing of their grandmother, Geraldine Price.
- Anne Roberson in the passing of her husband and Kenneth Roberson in the passing of his father, Paul Roberson.
- Carolyn Bolin and Becky Black in the passing of their cousin, Betty Jo Burgin-Helms.
- Michelle Martin Williamson in the passing of her mother, Leah Martin.
- Paul and Judy Miner in the passing of their grandson-in-law, Ricky Allen.

A Note of Thanks

Our Dear Pritchard Family,

We would like to thank you for the prayers, love and support during Geraldine's illness and passing. Your prayers were what got us through those last weeks. Thank you for the many cards, calls and visits. Geraldine loved each and every one of you!

The Family of Geraldine Price



Jasper Evans will soon be 98! We think that is a big accomplishment! You are invited to drop by the 3rd floor Williams Center Lounge after church on

Sunday, April 2

to wish him a Happy Birthday and have a few 'sweets' and a cool 'toast' in his honor. No gifts please. We would love to see you there!

'His Kids' - Kathy Moore, Jean Patterson, Doug Evans, Melanie Harper, Marcia Rhyne and Jon Evans

WELCOME To Our New Members!



By Baptism:

David Scully
DEACON: Doug Evans



By Baptism:

Valorie Fitzsimmons
DEACON: Tara Rogers

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