



PRITCHARD  
*at South End*

CHARLOTTE, NC

# MESSENGER

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**4 year olds – 5<sup>th</sup> graders (completed)**  
**will be launched on a cosmic quest where they will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.**  
**It's an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun!**

**July 10-13**  
**9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**



# Dr. Chris Richardson

*Pastor*

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As we turn the page into July... what?! Where did half of 2023 go?? Well, as we turn the page into July, many of us are still in the midst of vacation season, enjoying the sunshine, pools, lemonade, and cookouts. But as a church staff we are already looking ahead to the fall. Many start new projects and initiatives in January, the new year and all, but I have always found September a great time to gear up and make strides toward goals. Kids go back to school (adults too, for that matter!), the seasons start to change, and of course, football season starts!

So this September we're hoping to make some intentional changes to some of the ways we run things. The biggest is that we are seeking to have a place for everyone to serve and to hopefully help every person identify the place and area in which serving will bring them life. Often we think of serving as a drudgery, something we do because someone somewhere sometime decided it needed to be done and now we're stuck.

But what if serving is meant to be part of our discipleship? What if serving is meant to be as life-giving as reading scripture or prayer or singing in our worship service? The truth of the matter is that so many Christians live stagnant spiritual lives because they lack service. And they often lack service because the options for service seem absolutely terrible. But it doesn't need to be that way.

To that end, we're pushing our efforts to a couple of things:

First, a church-wide work week the last week of August (August 28- September 1). This is a chance to grab your power washer, paint brush, rake, whatever you have at hand, and come help us freshen up our campus for the coming church year. We will work on details and specifics as we get closer, but if you can help on one day, that is great! If you can help on five, that's also great!

Second, and probably more importantly, we are building toward two "signing days" at the end of August. We will have some lists of places and areas to serve. We are asking for commitment, but a commitment that seems reasonable to you. For instance, if you'd like to help with our kids, but only feel good about helping once every other month, we would love to have you. Here is the great news: you helping once every other month is INFINITELY better than not having you at all. That's mathematically provable. For example, we're looking for help with: kids volunteers, youth volunteers, hospitality team, special events, ramp building and other service work, rec ministry. Look for more details, but I would ask you to specifically begin asking God: what small way can I help our community be a better expression of itself this coming year? Ask God to put the passion in your heart, and then let's work at it together.

Looking forward to figuring it out together!

*Chris*



## See & Sew Ministry

See & Sew would like to invite anyone interested in doing some sewing, needle work, card making, and other projects as the need arises, to join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM until 12 Noon. We meet on the second floor of the Fletcher Building. We'll take some time off this summer and do projects at home and return to our regular schedule in September. Some of our projects have been:



*Lap quilts, cards, prayer squares, bookmarkers, jewelry trees*



In the beginning, we made pillowcase dresses and now we are making shirt/clothing savers. We also make items to send to Caswell for their auction.

Bring your lunch or a snack and enjoy the fellowship! Our time together may run until 1:00 PM or so.

Jane Mizelle, See & Sew Mission Project Leader



## Sports Camps

**Twist Kids Foundation Yoga • July 10-13 • 9 AM-12:30 PM**

**Yes I Can Basketball • July 24-27 for ages 5-7 • 9 AM-4 PM**

**Summer of Champions • July 17-20 for ages 8-11 • 9 AM-4 PM**

**Summer of Champions • July 31-August 4 for ages 5-7 • 9 AM-4 PM**

## Dollie Me Up Camp

• **July 19-21 for ages 5 and up • 9 AM-4 PM**

## Elsa and Friends Day Camp

• **July 31 for ages 5 and up • 9 AM-4 PM**

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Ginger Thompson.....	7/1
Chuck Foresyth.....	7/1
Vernous Huntley .....	7/3
Judy Kelly.....	7/3
Emma Wisor.....	7/4
Nicole Stover .....	7/4
Courtney Ballard .....	7/6
Ron Sigmon .....	7/7
Noah Henderson .....	7/7
Kathy Dozier .....	7/9
Brian Eaves.....	7/10
Roxanne Phillips.....	7/11
Jue'l Givens.....	7/12
Peggy Spence .....	7/13
Alice Yadon .....	7/13
Lacey Rhoten.....	7/13
Gail Victory.....	7/14
Sue Sams.....	7/16
Mia Rhoten.....	7/16
Alexis Smith.....	7/17
Sheila Williams.....	7/18
Faye Canupp.....	7/18
Bobby Stroup.....	7/19
Joanie Holland.....	7/19
Cordelia Bennett.....	7/20
Kathy Kobos.....	7/21
Missy Hennessey.....	7/21
Mary Bridges.....	7/21
Mitzi Mayhew.....	7/22
Dan Chang.....	7/23
Kim Knell.....	7/23
Nancy Hollingsworth.....	7/24
Don McGaha.....	7/25
Susan Cowan.....	7/26
Jim Thomas.....	7/27
Harper Lemly.....	7/27
Michael Williams.....	7/28
Cathy Prince.....	7/30
Dennis Clark.....	7/30
Cynthia Brown.....	7/31



### Rev. Stan Heiser

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#### Billy Graham Library: Thursday, July 20

Come join us for a special day at The Billy Graham Library! Billy Graham wanted everyone to know that the library is not a memorial, nor a museum. The library is organized around the themes of "The Man," "The Message," "The Ministry," and "The Mission" with the message being pre-eminent: the gospel of Jesus Christ. The library endeavors to bring inspiration to its guests through the story of a man who used his God-given potential to bring God's love, strength, hope and kindness to millions of people around the world. New exhibits have been developed such as Billy Graham's personal library and the installation of a custom mural painted by Thomas Kinkade.

We will meet behind the Music Building at 9:30 AM to begin our day. We will have lunch at The Billy Graham Library and return back to the church by 3:00 PM. Sign-up on Realm or call the Church Office.

#### SummerFest Week 2: August 21-25

We are looking forward to another exciting week at Fort Caswell and SummerFest! You have probably heard from all of our members who attended the week in May how special the week was to them. Those of us who attended in May cannot wait to do it all over again in August! A new feature added to

the week, for those who like to build things, will be the construction of a 65 foot ramp off the back of Smith Conference Center. NCBAM will coordinate the construction of the beautiful accessibility ramp that will provide access to corn-hole, the fire pit and new seating areas.

All payments and reservations to attend are due by Sunday, August 6. Now is the time for you to tell me, if you haven't already done so, that you will be going. I will be asking for additional rooms this week. The cost to attend is \$365.00. For those who have paid half, the final payment is also due on August 6.

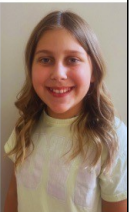
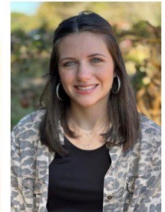
#### Fun Day in Kernersville, NC

What a great day trip we had in Kernersville visiting the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden and the Triad Field of Honor on June 15! Twenty two of our members attended. They also enjoyed a delicious meal at the C&H Cafeteria and ice cream as we returned home at Daire-O in Clemmons, NC. Here are just a few pics from our special trip -



Our South End Fine Arts Academy wrapped a great semester of piano and dance! We look forward to seeing all of our students in the fall.

A huge thank you goes to our Piano Instructor, Lori Williams, our Dance Instructors, Karley Norris and Megan Tyler and Assistant, Emma Wisor.



## SOUTH END FINE ARTS ACADEMY







**Adam Calderone**

*Recreation Director*

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Summer has arrived and we are in full swing over here at Pritchard Recreation. With kids off from school, we hosted multiple Sports Camps for ages ranging 5-11. They had the chance to play basketball, pickleball, and the infamous swamp ball. New friends were made and enough ice cream was eaten to feed an army! We still have a few spots available for our camps in July and August, so if you are looking for something for your kids, neighbors, grandkids, whomever, don't miss out!

Our Men's Basketball League is set to return on July 9, with games on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. It's hard to believe we've been running this league for over 10 years now! It includes players from all over the city, including many who played college basketball. Come out and watch a game this summer!



We continue to play pickleball Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. With the weather getting hotter, now is the best time to play and enjoy the game in an indoor, air-conditioned facility! We hope to see you out there!



**Rev. Brack Ballard**

*Minister to Youth  
and College-Aged Students*

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On July 8-9, we are having a youth lock-in and skating night! It will start at 7:00 PM and end after church on Sunday morning. The next week during July 10-13, the youth are highly encouraged to help volunteer with VBS. We are so excited to see what God is going to do this year with VBS!

On the third Wednesday night of the month, July 19, we are having a bowling night from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please meet at the church and parents can have a date or enjoy another small group during this time.

We are having a youth missions' day on July 22 where we'll help and support some of our Pritchard shut-ins. Lastly, on July 30, we are having our Sunday serve where students will be ministering and serving in other local areas of the church that morning.

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 who support and encourage our youth to be the presence of Christ today!

## Scholarship Recipients Announced



We extend our congratulations to the following on their achievements and scholarship awards!

- The Carolyn Bryant Memorial Scholarship was awarded to high school graduate Madison Bolin.
- The Jack & Margaret Gilbert Memorial Scholarship was awarded to college student 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 Madison and Jewel well as they accept new challenges, prepare for the future, and see their dreams come true.

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

Student Selection Team from the Financial Stewardship Committee  
Brenda Farson, Scholarship Liaison for Financial Stewardship Committee

# PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

## PSUMMER IN THE PSALMS

**SUNDAY, JULY 2**

**SERMON:** DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

**SCRIPTURE:** PSALM 126

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

**SERMON:** REV. STAN HEISER

*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 16**

**SERMON:** MR. JEFF ROGERS

*The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Paul and Judy Miner's 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.*

**SUNDAY, JULY 23 - LORD'S SUPPER**

**SERMON:** DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

**SCRIPTURE:** PSALM 42

*The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matthew Sigmon. They are placed by his parents, Ron and Teri Sigmon and his sisters, Meredith and Mallory.*

**SUNDAY, JULY 30**

**SERMON:** DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

**SCRIPTURE:** PSALM 62



The Wilmington Celebration Choir (WCC), formerly The Pillar Record Family, was founded in 1997 by Joey Gore. The choir is based out of Wilmington, NC. WCC is not a church choir, but a touring gospel choir comprised of thirty seven members, and a crew of five. It is a multi-generational, multi-denominational group, representing churches and denominations throughout Eastern North Carolina. The diversity of this group lends to its unique blend of harmony and its passion for spreading the gospel through song. Their mission is to fulfill the call through the powerful tool of anointed music, bringing encouragement and healing to the Body of Christ, and more importantly, salvation to the unbeliever.

Songs include Southern gospel, praise and worship, traditional hymns, and beautiful anthems. As the audience is ushered into the presence of God, they begin to sing along, praising and swaying to the music. Each concert is a unique, life-changing experience.

If you would like to attend this free concert on Sunday, July 30, please sign-up on Realm or call the Church Office. Stan Heiser will take our mini buses for those interested. We will leave our back parking lot at 3:00 PM and return after the concert. The concert will be held at Moore's Chapel Church at 4:00 PM.



## From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

**The United States Cookbook** by Joan D'Amico, 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 trivia, tidbits, and delicious recipes from each state.

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

This book 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 color photos from all of the parks.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!**



**Saturday, July 1**

**Sunday, July 2**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

**Monday, July 3**

**Tuesday, July 4....INDEPENDENCE DAY**

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

**Wednesday, July 5**

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

NO ADULT CHOIR

**Thursday, July 6**

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

**Friday, July 7**

**Saturday, July 8**

7:00 PM—Youth Skating/Lock-In

**Sunday, July 9**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

**Monday, July 10**

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

9:00 AM-12:30 PM—Twist Kids Foundation Yoga

**Tuesday, July 11**

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

9:00 AM-12:30 PM—Twist Kids Foundation Yoga

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

**Wednesday, July 12**

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

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

9:00 AM-12:30 PM—Twist Kids Foundation Yoga

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 13**

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

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

9:00 AM-12:30 PM—Twist Kids Foundation Yoga

**Friday, July 14**

**Saturday, July 15**

**Sunday, July 16**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

5:00-6:00 PM—Ridgecrest Volunteers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, July 17**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Summer of Champions Camp (ages 8-11)

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting (Williams Center Lounge)

**Tuesday, July 18**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Summer of Champions Camp (ages 8-11)

**Wednesday, July 19**

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

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Dollie Me Up Camp (ages 5 and up)

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Summer of Champions Camp (ages 8-11)

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

6:00-8:00 PM—Youth Bowling

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 20**

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

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Dollie Me Up Camp (ages 5 and up)

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Summer of Champions Camp (ages 8-11)

9:30 AM-3:00 PM—Day Trip to Billy Graham Library

**Friday, July 21**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Dollie Me Up Camp (ages 5 and up)

**Saturday, July 22**

9:00 AM-1:00 PM—Youth Missions Day

10:00 AM—Visitation

11:00 AM—Memorial Service for Matthew Sigmon

**Sunday, July 23**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Church Council Meeting

5:00-6:00 PM—Ridgecrest Campers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Monday, July 24**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Yes I Can Basketball Camp

**Tuesday, July 25**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Yes I Can Basketball Camp

10:00 AM—12:00 PM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

**Wednesday, July 26**

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

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Yes I Can Basketball Camp

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, July 27**

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

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Yes I Can Basketball Camp

**Friday, July 28**

**Saturday, July 29**

**Sunday, July 30**

9:15-10:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

3:00 PM—Buses leave for WCC Concert

**Monday, July 31**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Summer of Champions Camp (ages 5-7)

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Elsa and Friends Day Camp (ages 5 and up)

# Stewardship Update: May 2023 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Revenue	\$110,532	\$120,263	\$568,610	\$601,315
Expenses	\$109,756	\$111,974	\$545,941	\$596,114
Net Income	\$776	\$8,289	\$22,669	\$5,201

Year-to-date actual net income is \$22,669 compared to \$5,201 for the budget, giving us a net difference of \$17,468 to the good.

## We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- The family and friends in the passing of Dorothy Cassel.
- Ron and Teri Sigmon in the passing of their son; Mallory Sigmon and Meredith Sigmon in the passing of their brother, Matthew Sigmon.

## Staff Anniversary

Congratulations to Melissa Wisor, our Minister to Children and Families, who is celebrating her second anniversary. She joined our team on July 12, 2021. Thank you, Melissa, for your dedication, hard work and love for our children and families! We love and appreciate you!

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

## Weekly E-Connect

If you would like to stay up-to-date on weekly activities at Pritchard, call Lynn in the Church Office or shoot her an email to be added to Constant Contact. It's a great way to stay Connected! Her email address is [lplyler@pritchardchurch.com](mailto:lplyler@pritchardchurch.com)

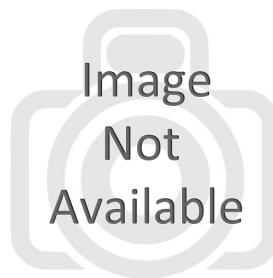
# WELCOME

To Our New Members!



### By Statement:

George Drury  
DEACON: Doug Evans



### By Letter:

Greg and Anne Norman  
DEACON: Stacey Elder

## 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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