



PRITCHARD
at South End

CHARLOTTE, NC

MESSENGER

Volume 58 Issue 9

September 2023



Fall Kick-Off & **JERSEY SUNDAY**

SEPTEMBER 10

Connect Groups | 9:15 AM

Worship | 10:30 AM

**FOOD TRUCKS, CORN HOLE AND ICE CREAM
IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP**





**FALL
SESSION**
BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 10

SUNDAY at 9:15 AM

Predicting Jesus

A look at the six prophesies about Jesus from Isaiah and the "People of Christmas."

FACILITATOR: Tanya Mazingo. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults.

LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

Seekers - The Gospel Centered Community

To grow in understanding the core of a healthy and flourishing Christian community.

FACILITATOR: Virginia Wallace. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults.

LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

Cowboys - The Wired Word

FACILITATOR: Don Royer. DEMOGRAPHICS: Men. LOCATION: Fletcher Building 1st floor.

365Faith: Foundational Biblical Beliefs (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Eight key foundational truths of the Christian faith as recorded in the Bible through an informal group sharing and learning together based environment. Whether you are new to faith in Jesus or you have believed in Him for a long time, this class will help equip you to live a transformed godly life as you grow in the knowledge of God as revealed in His Word.

FACILITATOR: Debra Huhnertkoch. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults.

LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

Jesus in Our Generation (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

A six-session series, author and pastor Ben Stuart will discuss the major areas in our lives that are directly impacted by modern culture. Discover God's timeless wisdom for this generation and truths that will anchor us in Christ.

FACILITATORS: Nichole Grady, Stacey Elder. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults.

LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

Celebration of Discipline (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

FACILITATOR: Chris Richardson. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults.

LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor. *Closed group after September 10.*

Food for Thought - God's Encouragement for the Christian Journey

FACILITATOR: Don Taft. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults. LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

PRITCHARD CHURCH

SUNDAY at 9:15 AM continued...

Book of Mark

Happy Hearts

FACILITATOR: Peggy Spence. DEMOGRAPHICS: Senior women only. LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

Free Spirits

FACILITATOR: Marion Harris. DEMOGRAPHICS: Women only. LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

His In Service (HIS)

FACILITATOR: Ken Edahl. DEMOGRAPHICS: Senior adults. LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.

Virtual Study via Zoom

FACILITATOR: Stan Heiser. DEMOGRAPHICS: Senior adults. LOCATION: Zoom.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Prayer Breakfast (6:30 AM)

FACILITATOR: Keith Davis. DEMOGRAPHICS: Men only. LOCATION: Tryon House (Charlotte).

THURSDAY

Men's Prayer Breakfast (6:30 AM)

FACILITATOR: David Foard. DEMOGRAPHICS: Men only. LOCATION: Jonathan's (Matthews).

Celebration of Discipline (12:00 PM) (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

FACILITATOR: Chris Richardson. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults. LOCATION: TBD. *Closed group after September 14.*

SATURDAY

Jesus Followers (Mark 8:34)

Fellowship (5:15 PM); Bible Study (6:00-6:45 PM).

FACILITATORS: Gary and Debra Huhnerkoch. DEMOGRAPHICS: Adults. LOCATION: Williams Center 3rd floor.



REGISTRATION LINKS



365Faith:
Foundational Biblical Beliefs



Jesus in Our Generation



Celebration of Discipline
(Sunday)



Celebration of Discipline
(Thursday)

Not all Connect Groups require registration.



Dr. Chris Richardson

Pastor

crichardson@pritchardchurch.com

In our September Messenger we are mostly focused on laying out what our fall term will look like from a program perspective. The staff has worked diligently on having a cohesive and life-giving slate of activities and events in order to edify our church spiritually, and to help facilitate reaching our community with the wonderful work of Jesus Christ!

I wanted to just take a few paragraphs to highlight a few things and more than anything else to request that you mark your calendars now! Or, do people mark calendars anymore? Make a phone reminder now?

First, in September we're looking forward to our first "Fall Kickoff" Sunday where we encourage everyone to wear your favorite sports team jerseys. We're planning to have food and fellowship (and of course soft-serve) immediately after worship that day. Don't worry! The Panthers are playing in Atlanta and we'll have you headed home by 12:30 to put on your comfy pants and get your snacks ready.

In October we're looking forward to our regular fall festival time. This is a great opportunity to invite friends who may need a church community, as well as a way to meet some new friends! We will need helpers, so consider "investing intentionally" some of your time to help make this run!

Then a very new activity from the brain of Melissa Wisor! In early December we're going to do a "Merry Market" event that will have some local vendors, Christmas crafts, and possibly even the big man himself, laughing with his trademark "Ho ho ho!" We think this will be a wonderful event, and are hopeful that it is the first in a new tradition to help bring in outsiders and edify our insiders.

Looking forward to great things as God knits us together for service to His kingdom!

Chris

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SPECIAL GUEST: DR. KRIS PRATT, PROFESSOR OF RELIGION, SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE

SERMON: "PETER'S VISION"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

SERMON: "THE GOOD LIFE: IDENTITY" BY DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SERMON: "THE GOOD LIFE: EXPECTATION" BY DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

SERMON: "THE GOOD LIFE: SHALOM" BY DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

The flowers on the altar table, Sunday, September 24 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sylvia Childers and Jackie Pettit on their birthdays. They are placed by Allen and Sandy Childers.



Rev. David Bailes

Minister of Music and Outreach

dbailes@pritchardchurch.com

If you missed registering to participate in the Music Ministry on our sign-up Sundays, it is most definitely not too late! Our Celebration Choir needs more singers! To clarify, our Celebration Choir includes both adults and youth. The adults practice on Wednesday night and the youth practice on Sunday after worship.

We also need more instruments in our orchestra. I have an idea there are those who formerly played band or orchestra instruments that with some practice, could get back to their former playing level. If that describes you, I encourage you to try it!

We also have handbells, which play for worship primarily on special occasions. If you are interested in becoming what is affectionately known as a ding-a-ling, please contact Melissa Wisor!

Our children also have choir as part of their Sunday morning Kids Connection (formerly known as Sunday School). If you have a child or grandchild, niece or nephew, friend or acquaintance that should experience the joy of singing about Jesus, please send them!



Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

acalderone@pritchardchurch.com

It's hard to believe that September is already here. Summer is our busiest time of the year and it was a major success! With camps now over, kids heading back to school, and football officially here, it's time to look ahead to the fall and beyond. We have lots of events going on throughout the rest of the year, so whether you want to get your kids involved, play a sport, or volunteer, there are plenty of ways to participate!

Pickleball: Starts September 5 (Tuesdays 1:00 PM and Wednesdays 6:30 PM)

Men's Basketball League Registration: September 6, season starts September 17

Sportslink Softball: September 14

CMS Teacher Work Days: Activities for kids September 25, November 6 and 7

Community Event Night: October 25

Youth Basketball: Sign-up now! First practice: November 1; First game: December 2

Christmas Kids Camp: TBD!!



Melissa Wisor

Minister to Children and Their Families

mwisor@pritchardchurch.com

SEPTEMBER

16th | Parent's Night Out | 6:00-9:30 PM

Need a date night, dinner with your friends, or a few hours to do laundry? Let us help make that happen! Kids will enjoy a pizza dinner, movie and fun while parents enjoy a night out. Ages birth - 5th grade.

24th | Bring-a-friend Sunday | 9:00 AM

Bring your friend to church for donuts, games and Bible study.

OCTOBER

8th | Family Lunch | Optimist Hall

Calling all families: Join us for Connect Groups (9:00 AM) and worship (10:30 AM) and then fellowship at Optimist Hall.

21st | South End Fall Festival | 2:00-4:00 PM

Join us for a free, family friendly event at Pritchard Church. Bounce house, face painting, food trucks and more!

NOVEMBER

5th | Kids Choir sings in Worship | 10:30 AM

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Our Kids Choir will participate in singing during worship. Practices will take place during kids time each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.

16th | Mom's Night Out | 6:00 PM

Moms, are you tired and looking to eat a hot dinner, uninterrupted? Join us as we fellowship and dine together. Location: TBD

DECEMBER

3rd | Family Advent Wreath Making & Lunch | 11:45 AM

Join us this first Sunday of Advent, in the Fellowship Hall for a special lunch and a time where each family will make an Advent wreath to take home.

9th | Adore Him! Christmas Musical Rehearsal | 9:00 AM

The Kids Choir will participate in *Adore Him! Christmas Musical Celebration* on Sunday, December 10. Practices will take place during kids time each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM.

10th | Adore Him! Christmas Musical Celebration | 10:30 AM

17th | The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical | 2:00 PM

Pritchard Kids and families will go to the Children's Theater for a fun and exciting show! *Tickets available to purchase in October.*



Rev. Stan Heiser

Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and Senior Adults

sheiser@pritchardchurch.com

Sweet Spirits: Wednesday, September 13

Calling all adults 50 and above! Join us for great fellowship, a delicious meal from Cracker Barrel, a time of singing old timey songs, and a special guest speaker - Dr. Sandy Gregory, along with members of the NCBAM (North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry) team. Sandy will be sharing some highlights of this award winning, one of a kind ministry in the US. Our "Helping Hands Ministry" has helped build wheelchair ramps, installed handicap handrails, and other projects for seniors 65 and older through the NCBAM Call Center for many years now. For the past 6 ½ years I have served as chairman of NCBAM (North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry) AAIM (Aging Adults Innovative Ministries). NCBAM AAIM offers "Help for the Journey" for all senior adults throughout all 100 counties in NC with the help of partnering churches, like Pritchard and volunteers. NCBAM is a jewel for the NC Baptist State Convention. After the presentation by Sandy, members of his team will dress as some of your favorite all time singers and challenge us with Musical Bingo Trivia! You do not want to miss this! Be ready to laugh and be amazed at your musical knowledge!

Sweet Spirits meet each month from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in our Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per person and is payable at the door. Sign-up on Realm or see me on Sunday mornings after worship (down front by the Chapel). Reservation deadline is Thursday, September 8, so that we can turn in our final head count for lunch. Remember...the best place to be is together with you and the Sweet Spirits!

Special Day Trip: Saturday, September 23

Join us as we travel to Field of Makers/Baptist Childrens Home/Mills Home in Thomasville, NC (sponsored by NCBAM). Crafters from all over NC will share their unique creations (that will be judged that day) as well as sell items. This juried artisan event features NC finest craftsmen, food vendors, and a tour of Mills Home and the headquarters of NCBAM. We will take our church minibuses...leaving Pritchard at 9:00 AM and returning by 4:00 PM. Cost is \$10.00 to pay for admission and travel expenses. Sign-up on Realm or call the Church Office.

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater: Friday, November 17

After enjoying a delicious four course meal, Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater presents their special version of Charles Dicken's beloved play "A Christmas Carol." His unforgettable characters come to life with a Wohlfahrt Haus twist in "A Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas Carol." Scrooge, a wealthy miser
(continued in next column...)

goes on a journey Christmas Eve night with four ghosts to examine how his choices and actions in the past and present will affect his future, as well as the true meaning of Christmas. We will travel by Christian Tours on one of their luxury motor-coaches. For years now, this has been a Pritchard Christmas holiday tradition. Come join us and bring your family and friends! This year the cost is \$100.00 per person (includes travel, four course meal and musical drama). We will leave from behind our Music Building at 8:45 AM and return by 7:30 PM. Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, October 17.



Rev. Brack Ballard

Minister to Youth and College-Aged Students

bballard@pritchardchurch.com

As we transition into the beautiful season of fall, I wanted to take a moment to share some updates from the youth ministry.

First, I want to extend our prayers to our youth and their families as they embark on a new school year. We believe in the power of prayer and ask for God's guidance, wisdom, and protection over each student and their educational journey.

Throughout fall we are thrilled to continue our schedule of spiritual development and engaging activities for our youth group. Sunday mornings are a time of connection and spiritual growth. Our youth group sessions will feature moments of fellowship, exciting games, and thought-provoking small group studies. It's a wonderful opportunity for our youth to deepen their faith while building lasting friendships within our church community.

We are excited to announce a series of events that we have planned for the upcoming months. Mark your calendars:

- **September 29:** Join us for a thrilling adventure to **Scarowinds!** It's going to be a spook-tacular day of fun and fellowship.
- **October 20:** Get ready to unleash your inner child at **Frankie's Fun Park**. An afternoon of games and laughter awaits us!
- **November 19: Turkey Bowling** is back by popular demand! Join us for this hilarious and unconventional tradition.
- **December 2:** The holiday spirit comes alive at our **Christmas Party Lock-In**. This festive gathering promises laughter and making fun memories!

Sign-ups for these events will be located on Realm. Friends are always welcome to join in on the fun and faith-building activities. Let's spread the word and continue to grow our church family. I encourage you to reach out if you have any questions, suggestions, or prayer requests.



Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 2

Sunday, September 3

9:15 AM—Bible Study

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Monday, September 4...LABOR DAY

CHURCH OFFICE/CAMPUS CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

1:00 PM—Pickleball

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

Wednesday, September 6

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, September 7

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

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

5:15 PM—Connect Group: Jesus Followers

Sunday, September 10

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration/Fall Kick-Off

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew

1:00 PM—Pickleball

7:00 PM—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study/Quarterly Conference

Wednesday, September 13

6:30 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

6:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, September 14

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

12:00 PM—Connect Group: Celebration of Discipline

Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16

5:15 PM—Connect Group: Jesus Followers

6:00-9:00 PM—Pritchard Kids: Parent's Night Out

Sunday, September 17

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Monday, September 18

Tuesday, September 19

1:00 PM—Pickleball

Wednesday, September 20

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, September 21

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

12:00 PM—Connect Group: Celebration of Discipline

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

9:00 AM-4:00 PM—Senior Adult Day Trip/Field of Makers

5:15 PM—Connect Group: Jesus Followers

Sunday, September 24

9:00 AM—Pritchard Kids "Bring a Friend" Sunday

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration/Lord's Supper

Monday, September 25

8:30 AM-4:00 PM—CMS Workday/Kids Activities in Gym

Tuesday, September 26

10:00 AM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

1:00 PM—Pickleball

Wednesday, September 27

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, September 28

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

12:00 PM—Connect Group: Celebration of Discipline

Friday, September 29

6:00-11:00 PM—Youth to Scarowinds

Saturday, September 30

5:15 PM—Connect Group: Jesus Followers



Please join us in welcoming our new Pritchard Child Development Center Director

Kim Govan

Kim has been dedicated to the childhood development industry for 30 years. She has excelled at leading strategic initiatives and employee training programs at several centers and organizations in the Charlotte area. We are excited to have her enthusiasm for success and her love for children. If you see Kim around campus, don't hesitate to give her a warm Pritchard welcome!



Stewardship Update: July 2023 Revenues and Expenses Summary

	<u>Month To Date Actual</u>	<u>Month To Date Budget</u>	<u>Year To Date Actual</u>	<u>Year To Date Budget</u>
Revenue	\$153,543	\$120,263	\$826,591	\$841,842
Expenses	\$110,707	\$110,223	\$763,589	\$856,191
Net Income	\$42,836	\$10,040	\$63,002	\$-14,349

Year-to-date actual net income is \$63,002 compared to \$-14,349 for the budget, giving us a net difference of \$77,353 to the good.

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- The family and friends in the passing of Lori Todd.
- David and Donna McDuffie in the passing of her mother; and Katie and Abby McDuffie in the passing of their grandmother, Frances Hoover.

Staff Anniversary

Congratulations to Dewight Little, our Grounds Keeper, who is celebrating his four year anniversary, September 9, on our staff. Thank you, Dewight, for your dedication, hard work and commitment! We love and appreciate you!

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

Note of Thanks

Dear Pritchard Family,

Thank you for all your love, prayers and support during John's illness and his passing. He loved PMBC and his church family. Thank you so much for all the cards. Our family feels your love and prayers with John's passing. I know you'll continue to support me as I am coming back to Sunday School and worship service!

Love, Debbie Wall

Happy birthday!



Vivienne Fox.....1	Barbara Taylor.....16
Emilia Fox.....1	Mark Boynton.....16
Keith Davis.....2	Claudia Mady.....19
Cole Cato.....2	Flynn Hewitt.....19
Beverly Harris.....3	Landry Wisor.....20
Baker Speas.....4	Adeline Rogers.....20
Vance McBride.....6	Skip Williams.....21
Claude Hollingsworth.....7	JC York.....21
Candy Mitchell.....10	Carol Kimball.....21
Jean Patterson.....10	Everett Chang.....21
Meredith Speas.....11	Diana Vaughn.....21
PJ Eaves.....11	David McDuffie.....22
Marsha Sherrill.....13	Neva Sykes.....23
April Morrow.....13	Gail Foresyth.....23
Ken Cherry.....13	Brad Cowan.....27
Zeno Wall.....14	Gerald Robinson.....30
Stacey Elder.....15	

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....	Dr. Chris Richardson
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 Burkhart
Executive Assistant for Administration & Education.....	Lynn Plyler
Office Assistant/Media Center Director.....	Katrina Gore
Accounting Assistant.....	Jeannie Sigmon
AV Director.....	Joe Hicks
Recreation Director.....	Adam Calderone
Maintenance.....	James Phillips
Grounds Keeper.....	Dewight Little



📍 1117 South Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203

☎ 704-376-1571 📠 704-376-6304

Dial-A-Prayer: 704-334-2332

Child Development Center: 704-343-2944

www.pritchardchurch.com