



PRITCHARD
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OCTOBER
NOON-2 PM

GAMES
BOUNCE HOUSES
TRUNK-OR-TREAT
FACE PAINTING
FOOD TRUCKS
AND MORE...

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

SIGN-UP VIA E-CONNECT

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP
DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

SERMON: "THE NEVI'IM (THE PROPHETS):
JOSHUA - FOLLOWING A LEGEND"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

SERMON: "THE NEVI'IM (THE PROPHETS):
ELIJAH - FOLLOWING A MIRACLE"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

SERMON: "THE NEVI'IM (THE PROPHETS):
ISAIAH - FOLLOWING A CALL"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

SERMON: "THE NEVI'IM (THE PROPHETS):
ZEPHANIAH - FOLLOWING A DISASTER"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

GUEST SPEAKER: LARRY HOVIS (CBF)

*The flowers on the altar table are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of John Wall's 68th birthday.
They are placed with love by his wife, Debbie Wall.*



JOIN OUR
VENDOR LIST

SOUTH END
Merry
MARKET

DECEMBER 2 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
1117 SOUTH BLVD | CHARLOTTE, NC 28203

Let the Countdown Begin!

You'll have the opportunity to shop booths of charming craft merchants and local vendors, listen to live festive music, and indulge in the merry atmosphere all while sipping hot cider!

If you know a small business owner or crafter, encourage them to fill out our vendor application. Share the Merry Market information on your Facebook page to spread the word!

**FREE tickets and the vendor application
can be found on our Facebook page.**



MUSIC MINISTRY AT PRITCHARD

you're invited to join the
**CELEBRATION
CHOIR**

**JOIN
US!**

"Sing to the Lord, and be not silent"

Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM



Dr. Chris Richardson

Pastor

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One of the things we're working on as a staff right now is: Sunday checklist. Each of us on the church staff has a slightly different work week and different expectations for every Sunday. So, the question is, how do we make sure we are prepared and ready to facilitate spiritual growth and worship for the family of God each week?

The Sunday checklist is one tool that we use for that. Essentially, we ask ourselves what are all the things that are our responsibility each week. For me, right now, that means making sure our tech team has my scripture, checking to make sure we have coffee and cups in the Gathering Place, preparing for my class if I am facilitating one... oh, and making sure I have something to say in my sermon!

Each of our staff is working on a checklist for each Sunday, but what if our church members had a checklist to make sure that we prepared ourselves for worship? What would a worship checklist look like? The following are just a few thoughts, there are many that others that could be included, and this is in no particular order.

A checklist to prepare for worship:

- Reflection on the week that was. What has God showed me of Himself this week? How has God provided for me? Was there something from the sermon last week or from my Connect Group that stuck with me? Is there a discipline I'd like to practice more?
- Prayer for God's leading. Take time to ask that God would bless you with ears to hear, eyes to see, a heart to worship. How often do we really take ourselves to God in prayer before a worship service, so that we can be prepared to interact with the Almighty?
- Relinquishment of any grudges or bitterness. Grudges are like a poison we swallow hoping to harm our enemies (paraphrased quote). But how often do we hobble ourselves into the presence of the risen Christ harboring resentment? What might it look like to walk in with fresh hearts and free minds? This is easier said than done, but it can be a major part of the preparation in prayer to God's deliverance from resentment.
- Pre-reading the scripture or reflection on the topic of the day. I know, I'm not always 100% on getting the scripture out ahead of time, but if it is, how often do we read ahead and ask God to speak through his Bible BEFORE worship?

I would encourage you to work on your own kind of checklist. Not in a legalistic type way, we don't believe that this makes us saints before God because we know that only the grace of Christ has made us saints. But we do know that the Holy Spirit wants to empower us to grow spiritually. How often do we quench that Spirit by not preparing ahead? I am excited about our upcoming series, and I encourage you that as you begin to prepare for worship intentionally, God will bless you with His presence and closeness. See you soon!

Chris



Rev. Stan Heiser

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Sweet Spirits First Annual Variety Show

Calling all adults 50 and above to attend our next Sweet Spirits gathering on Wednesday, October 18 for fellowship, a delicious meal, a time of singing old timey songs, and our FIRST ANNUAL TALENT SHOW featuring our own Sweet Spirits attendees!

What a great time everyone had at our first Sweet Spirits program this fall as Dr. Sandy Gregory along with 7 employees of NCBAM (North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry) dressed as some of our favorite all time singers and played musical bingo trivia with us! Our musical knowledge across many decades of great songs was challenged as our Bingo cards filled up. NCBAM brought many great prizes for those who won Bingo, too! Some of our Sweet Spirits got up and danced with the NCBAM characters as we all laughed, applauded and shouted out BINGO!!!



On Wednesday, October 18 we are expecting another very entertaining program like you have never seen before! Our very first Sweet Spirits Variety Show will be presented. As I write this article, I have seven of our Sweet Spirits attendees who have signed up to be one of our entertainers for this program! From singers, instrumentalists, monologists, joke tellers, etc., we will see how many talented members we have attending Sweet Spirits every month. Please contact me if you would like to be added to our program. You will not want to miss this special program, so come and support these talented friends!

Sweet Spirits meet each month at 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, October 12 so that we can turn in our final count to Cracker Barrel for our delicious meal. Remember, the best place to be is together with you and the Sweet Spirits!

Upcoming Sweet Spirits Events

- Wednesday, November 15 - Ken Turner, Dove award gospel singer, former bass singer and member of the Blackwood Brothers gospel group presents his farewell tour of beloved old gospel songs. 11:00 AM - Program, 12:15 PM - Lunch. Sign-up by Thursday, November 9.
- Wednesday, December 20 - Sunago Singers present their Christmas program. Make plans to attend this very special concert and enjoy a delicious Christmas meal! In addition to all our regular Sweet Spirit attendees, Nona and the Sunago Choir will be inviting all of our shut-ins and their families to attend, allowing this to be a special event for all our church families. Sign-up by Thursday, December 14.

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater

Join us for the Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas Carol: A Musical Drama on Friday, November 17. Sign-up by October 15 on Realm or contact the Church Office.

After enjoying a delicious four course meal, Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater will present their special version of Charles Dicken's beloved play "A Christmas Carol". See the unforgettable characters come to life with a Wohlfahrt Haus twist in "A Wonderful Haus Christmas Carol". Scrooge, a wealthy miser 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.

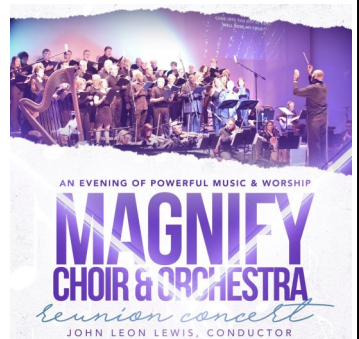
We will travel by Christian Tours on one of their luxury motorcoaches. Come join us with your family and friends! Cost is \$100.00 per person. We will leave from behind our Music Building on Friday morning, November 17 at 8:45 AM and return by 7:30 PM. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, October 15. Please do not miss this wonderful holiday tradition!

Tuesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer Time

Quarterly Conference will take place Tuesday, October 10 via Zoom. We'll resume our weekly Tuesday evening Bible study and prayer time on October 17. Fellowship time - 6:45 PM, Bible study - 7:00 PM, Prayer time - 7:30 PM. I will lead it each week and we'll have a special guest from time to time.

Upcoming Concert

If you are interested in going to hear "Magnify" on Sunday, October 8 at 6:00 PM, please reach out to me. This promises to be an evening of powerful music and worship at a church in Lake Wylie. We will leave our parking lot no later than 5:00 PM on our church bus to attend this FREE event.





Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

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It's hard to believe fall is here! There's a chill in the air, the leaves are beginning to change, and football season is well Underway. Fall is a great time in the Carolinas and it's always nice to get a break from the sweltering heat. It's also a great time to reset, as we transition to a new season and the new activities ahead.

STEM Skool is back for another semester here at Pritchard. STEM Skool is a nonprofit organization whose mission is "to ensure that every child, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or socioeconomic status, has access to quality STEM education." This semester, we welcome 60 students ages 5-16 every Friday here at Pritchard. All kids get the chance to utilize our gym each week for PE class and engage in fun, physical activities that stress the importance of: teamwork, sportsmanship, and strategy. All kids in the STEM Skool program are homeschooled, so it's an important way for them to develop a sense of community with other kids. We are going on year three working with STEM Skool and it has become an important partnership for Pritchard Recreation.

Come join us for pickleball every Tuesday at 1:00 PM and Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM. All skill levels are welcome! Come play!!

Youth basketball sign-ups are live! See the flyer below for more information -



PRITCHARD REC **IMPACT**
YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

YOUTH BASKETBALL

AGES 10 AND UNDER

PRACTICES BEGIN NOV. 1

Impact Youth Basketball League (IYBL) is a regional, faith based recreational basketball league that includes Pritchard Church, Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Myers Park Baptist Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and more.

JOIN A TEAM TODAY!

Please contact Recreation Director: Adam Calderone
acalderone@pritchardchurch.com




GAME DAY TAILGATE

OCTOBER 29

10:00 AM WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY FREE HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS AND ICE CREAM

FREE SHUTTLE TO THE GAME!

PRITCHARD CHURCH
UPPER PARKING LOT

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Bo and Marsha Sherrill on becoming first time grandparents! Sylvie Elizabeth was born August 23 at 4:55 PM to Selwyn and Brian Bogdziewics. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20" long. Great grandmother is Marion McGaha, aunt is Sarah Adams, along with many other extended family members here at Pritchard.

Knit Wits

If you already know how to knit or you would like to learn, please join us at our next session! We're planning a "pumpkin crochet project craft night". For more details, please contact Debra Huhnerkoch at 612-387-6895.

More Than Conquerors

The Connect Group, "More Than Conquerors" that meets weekly on Saturday evenings here at Pritchard, has requested prepared meals to serve their guests. If you would like to provide a homecooked meal, please contact Gary (612-327-9992) or Debra (612-387-6895) Huhnerkoch to express your interest.



Pritchard Church

WOMEN ON MISSION

LOCAL, STATE & FOREIGN
MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, October 3

● Pritchard Church
Location: Pritchard Building,
Rm. 200

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

● Host Home
Location: Peggy Spence's
Home

3:00 PM

For more information: 704-376-1571 or
contact@pritchardchurch.com



Rev. Brack Ballard

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It's my pleasure to bring you some exciting updates from Pritchard Youth as we head into October!

Save the Date: Friday, October 20

Mark your calendars because we're gearing up for a fun adventure to Frankie's Fun Park. Get ready for a day of laughter, games, and bonding with your fellow youth members – friends are always welcome. More details and sign-up information will be coming your way soon, so stay tuned!

Exploring the Prophets

In the month of October, we will be diving into the profound wisdom of the prophets. Our Bible study sessions will align closely with Pastor Chris' sermons, providing us with a deeper understanding of this important section of scripture. Be prepared for thought-provoking discussions and opportunities to grow in your faith.

Stay Connected with Pritchard Youth

If you'd like to stay updated with our activities on a weekly basis, we invite you to join our social media community. You

can follow us on Facebook by requesting to join our private Pritchard Youth Facebook Group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pritchardyouth> and on Instagram @pritchardyouth.

We are truly grateful for your unwavering support, prayers, and active participation in our youth ministry. Your dedication plays a vital role in nurturing the spiritual growth of our young members. Together, as a community of young people, parents, and dedicated volunteers, we continue to inspire and empower our youth to be the presence of Christ in today's world.

Deacon Recommendations

If you wish to recommend someone to be considered as a Deacon at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, please fill out the form located in e-connect or pick one up from the Sanctuary. Return your recommendations to Lynn in the Church Office or you can email her directly at lplyler@pritchardchurch.com

The Media Center is OPEN!

SUNDAYS: Stop by before the morning worship service.

WEEKDAYS: Stop by the Church Office for assistance.

TIP OF THE MONTH: Forget your Bible? Run in and borrow one. We have several copies in the Media Center.



Sunday, October 1

9:15 AM—Connect Groups
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Monday, October 2

Tuesday, October 3

10:30 AM—Women on Mission
1:00 PM—Pickleball
3:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)

Wednesday, October 4

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, October 5

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
6:30 PM—Endowment Meeting

Friday, October 6

Saturday, October 7

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, October 8

9:15 AM—Connect Groups
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration
11:45 AM—Church Council
5:00 PM—Trip to "Magnify" Concert

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew
1:00 PM—Pickleball
7:00 PM—Prayer Meeting/Bible Study/Quarterly Conference

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers
12:00 PM—Connect Group: Celebration of Discipline

Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, October 15

9:15 AM—Connect Groups
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

1:00 PM—Pickleball
7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 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
6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, October 19

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
6:00 PM—Stewardship Meeting

Friday, October 20

6:00 PM—Youth to Frankie's Fun Park

Saturday, October 21

12:00-2:00 PM—Fall Festival
5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, October 22

9:15 AM—Connect Groups
10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

10:00 AM—Volunteers to Crisis Assistance
1:00 PM—Pickleball
7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

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, October 27

Saturday, October 28

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, October 29

9:00 AM—Connect Groups (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**)
10:00 AM—Worship Celebration (**NOTE TIME CHANGE**)
11:00 AM—Tailgate

Monday, October 30

Tuesday, October 31...HALLOWEEN

1:00 PM—Pickleball
NO ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time



Stewardship Update: August 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	\$ 94,501	\$120,263	\$921,092	\$962,105
Expenses	\$ 93,539	\$114,973	\$857,128	\$971,164
Net Income	\$ 961	\$ 5,291	\$ 63,964	\$ -9,059

Year-to-date actual net income is \$63,964 compared to \$-9,059 for the budget, giving us a net difference of \$73,023 to the good.

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- The family and friends in the passing of Anne Medearis.
- The family and friends in the passing of Peggy Withrow.
- Margaret Covington in the passing of her husband and Cheryl Maxwell in the passing of her father, Sidney Covington.

Note of Thanks

Dear Pritchard Family,

Ron and I would like to thank our church family for all their love and support during our recent loss of our son, Matthew. From the Bereavement luncheon to all the visits, cards, texts, meals, donations to Roof Above Ministry, and your attendance at his memorial service - all of these kind and supportive gestures have meant everything to our family and have helped to sustain us throughout the difficult days. Everyone who helped make the service so perfect, we cannot thank enough. We love you and thank you for all of your love and support as our brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Love in Christ,

Ron, Teri, Meredith and Mallory Sigmon



October

Debbie Wall	10/1	Peggy York	10/16
Cassandra Smith	10/1	Judy Morgan	10/16
Elaine Rogers	10/2	Bernard Robinson	10/16
Nichole Grady	10/2	Don Taft	10/17
Jackson Rogers	10/3	Joan Laughter	10/17
Craig Poole	10/3	Charles Hoyle	10/18
Adler Beatty	10/4	Jay Camp	10/19
Becky Black	10/4	Terry Henderson	10/20
Jill McCarn	10/4	Nona Thompson	10/21
Kevin Hennessey	10/5	Richard Wallace	10/22
Mac McCormick	10/5	Tiffany Elder	10/23
Sienna Thomas	10/8	George Stallings	10/23
Matt Hiers	10/8	Melanie Harper	10/23
Rachel Mazingo	10/9	Jesse Keith	10/23
Carla Hopper	10/10	Linda McBride	10/24
Rachel Duncan	10/10	Ula Hursey	10/27
Nancy Fortenbery	10/10	Vernon Sykes	10/28
Larry Laughter	10/10	Matt Walker	10/28
Lincoln Rogers	10/11	Taylor Rogers	10/28
Marion Harris	10/12	Donna McDuffie	10/28
Madison Walker	10/13	Ricky Hansen	10/29
Kendra Elder	10/13	Ritchie West	10/30
Dakota Elder	10/13	Riley Self	10/30
		Jewel Givens	10/30
		Russ Allen	10/30
		Donna Heiser	10/31

CHURCH STAFF

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