



PRITCHARD
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MESSENGER

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Country Music DINNER SHOW

FEBRUARY 24
6:00 PM

MENU:

BAKED CHICKEN BREAST, GREEN BEANS,
MASHED RED POTATOES,
TOSSED SALAD, ROLL AND DESSERT

KID'S MENU: CHICKEN NUGGETS,
FRENCH FRIES AND DESSERT

RESERVATIONS:

COST: ADULTS/\$10
CHILDREN/\$5
PAYABLE AT THE DOOR

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE
VIA E-CONNECT OR BY
CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE.

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 16



PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP
DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

SERMON: "LORD OF THE SABBATH"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 12:1-14

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SERMON: "FEED 5,000, WALK ON WATER"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 14:13-36

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

SERMON: "HOW DID THE SNAIL REACH THE ARK?"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 15:21-28

REV. STAN HEISER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SERMON: "TRANSFIGURATION"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 17:1-13

From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Karen Kingsbury is today's **leading inspirational novelist**, with over **25 million copies** of her titles in print. In addition to writing, Karen is also an active public speaker, reaching more than 100,000 women annually through various national events. She lives and works outside Nashville, TN, with her husband Don and their five sons, three of whom were adopted from Haiti. Also living nearby is their daughter Kelsey, inspirational actress and wife of Christian recording artist Kyle Kupecky.

Fifteen Minutes

Singer Zack Dylan is determined to become the winner of a TV contest---and promises his girlfriend that he will stay true to himself and his faith. But as he deals with the pressures of competition, his choices push him toward personal disaster. Can Chandra, one of the judges, warn him about fame's cost?

Just Once

A WWII tale, Irvell Ellis is facing a heart-wrenching dilemma ---she's dating Sam but discovers she's in love with his brother, Hank. As she agonizes over options, Pearl Harbor is attacked, Sam is drafted, and Hank soon enlists. Will Irvell lose everything?



Losing someone isn't easy and we want to support you during this time. If you have recently lost a close family member or friend, we invite you to participate in this 13-week session. You'll hear what to expect in your grief, how to cope with life without your spouse, and why it won't always hurt this much. We'll dive into helping you move through the grief process in a healthy way. Join us each Wednesday beginning February 7 at 1:00 PM in the Williams Center Lounge. Look for the link to register in our weekly E-Connect. Contact Grace Sykes at gjsykes2023@gmail.com with any questions.



If you are a new member or considering joining Pritchard Church, this class is for you! Register today by calling the office or look for the link in our weekly E-Connect!

Last Call! Men's Retreat February 16-18

If you haven't signed up yet for a weekend of exploring God through word, hiking, guns, golf and fellowship at Cheraw State Park...do so TODAY! We have limited spaces left. If you are staying in a cabin, the cost for the weekend is \$130 (includes meals). If you are staying in a hotel (at your own cost), you will only need to pay \$100 for the weekend to cover meals. Our very own Rick Kisiah will lead us in our Bible study. Don't forget to contact Cy Elder (704-819-9796) if you want to play golf or Drew Mayer (704-552-5247) if you are interested in hunting wild pigs. We promise AN ENCOURAGING WORD FOR MEN IN 2024! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ron Sigmon (704-277-5417).



Dr. Chris Richardson

Pastor

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Some of our New Year's resolutions are going strong, hope you are all flossing! Some of our New Year's resolutions fell apart at Five Guys. Some of our New Year's resolutions never made it beyond the planning phase. Wherever you are regarding resolutions, I have some great news. Lent is coming!

Lent is kind of a funny thing for many of us. Growing up Baptist it was always foreign to me. I had Catholic friends that would suddenly stop having chocolate or would be eating a Filet O Fish on Fridays. Gross. But as I went to college and then seminary, then as I started into church ministry, I started to see the incredible gift Lent could be.

Lent is, of course, not really in scripture. But it is based on the stories we find, specifically Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. Lent is used as a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. I want to encourage each of you to participate to some degree this year.

Our Lent season will begin with Ash Wednesday, which takes place on February 14 this year, which is not great timing honestly. Ash Wednesday we will have, here at the church building, a prayer labyrinth set up in our Fellowship Hall/Gathering Place for you to come participate in. This will be open from 12 Noon until 7:30 PM that evening. It will be a come and go type thing, so you can drop in at any time that it's open. I would estimate it will take 30 minutes or so for you to participate. Many of us came last year, but if you didn't a prayer labyrinth can be a variety of things, specifically this one will have various places to focus your prayers, to reflect, and to enrich and deepen your spiritual life.

At the end of the labyrinth, I will have several new disciplines I'll encourage you to consider. Lent is often a time when we give something up, but I also think Lent can be a time we take up a new discipline, something that will build and form our spirit in new ways. This year I will have several suggested disciplines: study of the book of Matthew, prayer, fasting, generosity, and new to us this year, fasting from politics. Each discipline will have its own printed packet, which will guide you through 40 days of the discipline.

I would encourage you now to begin reflecting and praying on what God might have you take up this Lent season. Begin reflecting on why we take 40 days to anticipate Easter. And begin reflection on the joy that we anticipate, the grave is empty, and our savior lives!

Chris

New in 2024! Women's Prayer Breakfast!

Join us for our first Women's Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, February 28 at 8:30 AM. We'll meet at Skyland Restaurant. Angela Livingston will kick off our first meeting with a devotion and details of her trip to Israel. All women are encouraged to attend! Just show up....no reservations needed! We can't wait to fellowship with you!



Rev. Stan Heiser

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Winter...Just the sound of the word whistling through our lips puts a mental chill up our spines. Winter seems to speak of barrenness, frigid feelings of discomfort and discontent, short days...long nights.

But on the brighter side of winter...it's the ideal occasion to slow down. To invest a few extra hours in quiet reverence. When this winter season ends, you'll be wiser, deeper, stronger. Therefore, in reverence, look up. Be still and discover anew, that He is God.

Sweet Spirits: Wednesday, February 7

Our program will be lead by NCBAM - Dr. Sandy Gregory's sister, Sherrie Lee will share with us ways to have a healthy heart and programs to do so. Charity Johnson will be dressed up as the Queen of Hearts, sharing some Valentine goodies and looking forward to making a picture with you in our Big Heart Photo Booth! Lunch will be catered by Cracker Barrel. Sign up by calling the Church Office no later than February 1. Remember, the best place to be is TOGETHER with YOU and the Sweet Spirits!

Looking Ahead....

Sweet Spirits will meet again Wednesday, March 6. This will be a special program for me. I'll introduce two individuals and their senior adult at heart companies that have helped me, and three of our church families, over the past four months. Our program will be led by Mike Manion, Executive Director of Senior Care Authority of Charlotte and Greg McIntyre of McIntyre Elder Law of Charlotte. Both of these companies help seniors maintain their lifestyle and preserve their legacy. They will share important information we all need to know as we journey through our senior years. Lawyer Samantha Gordon, whom I have personally worked with, will be here, too! McIntyre Law Firm will furnish delicious pastries from 10:45-11:15 AM for us all to enjoy prior to the start of our Sweet Spirits program. Remember to call the Church Office by February 29 to make your reservation.

The Ark Encounter and Genesis Creation Museum

This trip will include the Ark Encounter and Genesis Creation Museum with side trips to Cumberland Falls State Park, known as the "Little Niagara" or "Niagara of the South", along with the largest Amish and Mennonite settlement in the United States. While we're there, we'll enjoy a family style "all you can eat" meal in an Amish home! Afterwards, we're off to

Ledman's Hardware where we'll step into an 1840's era barn, Amish Farmlands Tour, Cyclorama, Amish shopping, dinner, Amish Country Theater, Warther Carvings, plus other surprises along the way! This trip is open to our ENTIRE church family.

The proposed date is October 14-18. We will be traveling with Christian Tours. If under 30, we will be traveling with their scheduled tour. If we have 30 or above, we will have our own tour designed for Pritchard. The cost for this 5 day, 4 night trip (includes 4 continental breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners) is:

- Single \$1,289.00 per person
- Double \$1,049.00 per person
- Triple \$979.00 per person
- Quad \$945.00 per person

If you are interested in attending, please let me know by Sunday, February 18. Your interest is not a commitment at this point, but it will help me in planning for a trip open to others. I hope you will be able to join us for this once in a lifetime trip!!! Please let me know of your interest as soon as you can! With the interest in the Ark Encounter and Genesis Creation Museum, this trip may fill up fast. Call the Church Office today!



Pritchard's "Knit Wits" Connect Group is seeking new members - both experienced as well as inexperienced "want to learn how" crafters to join us in making much needed items for charity donations - within Pritchard and in the broader Charlotte community.

Both knit and crochet patterns are available and all yarn needed is provided by the church. You complete projects on your own time although the group occasionally meets in person to enjoy fellowship, get caught up on project progress and learn new knitting or crocheting skills as desired. Current projects include prayer shawls, prayer squares, adult lap blankets, baby blankets and cancer patient port pillows. If you are interested in learning more about Pritchard's "Knit Wits" Connect Group, please reach out to Debra Huhnerkoch at 612-387-6895.

Volunteers Needed

The Saturday evening Connect Group, More Than Conquerors, is in need of volunteers to provide a meal. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gary at 612-327-9992 or Debra at 612-487-6895.



Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

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With February officially upon us, it signals the end of our Youth Basketball Season. Our boys will compete in the playoffs this month and see if we can win the Impact Youth Basketball League Championship! I want to say thank you to all of those that volunteered, watched our games, and supported us in any way! Our boys had a blast this season and I know they are already looking forward to next season. Please reach out if you would like the game schedule, so you can come see our final games of the season. We will need all the support we can get!

Join us on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM for our first ever CPR and First Aid Training Night at Pritchard Recreation! The cost is \$45, which includes certification after the completion of the class, as well as light refreshments. Whether you need CPR certification for volunteering this summer or just want to learn more about how to handle emergency situations, consider registering for the event! Please see the flyer below for more information or reach out for additional details.



Get Certified in First Aid & CPR Program

Training includes:

- Learn about Emergency Situation
- Basic Life Supports
- Get Started with CPR
- Get Started with First Aid
- Real-life Demonstration

Wednesday, March 6

at Pritchard Church, Overflow
Center (Gym) at 6:30 PM

\$45 PER PERSON

Contact Adam Calderone for
more information.
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**SCAN TO
REGISTER**

Space is limited so register today!

Pritchard Summer Camps are officially open! From sports, to drama, to bible school, and more, visit the church website for all the details. We can't wait to see you this summer!



Melissa Wisor

Minister to Children and Their Families

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Six of our 3rd-5th graders had an incredible time at Camp Caraway's Winter Camp and are ready to go back! We spent the weekend learning about the Armor of God and how each component is important as we live our daily lives. A big thank you to Grace Sykes and Donny Wisor for being A++ chaperones.

We ended January with a Pritchard Kids and Pritchard Youth family fellowship which was wonderful! We're looking forward to what February has for our kids and families.

- **February 10:** Parents' Night Out
- **February 24:** Country Music Dinner Show where your Kids Choir will sing
- **February 25:** Mom's will enjoy dinner at Leroy Fox South End.

As we continue to look ahead to March, I'd love if you would mark the following dates in your calendar -

- **March 3:** Sunday Family Fellowship
- **March 16:** Dad and Kid Bowling
- **March 23:** Easter Egg Hunt
- **March 24:** Palm Sunday (Kids Choir)



Kim Govan

Child Development Center Director

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Our year has gotten off to a great start! We have several new teachers that have joined our team, and we are so thrilled to have them. We are preparing for all these new little brothers and sisters to join our infant rooms in the next several months. It is such a blessing to be able to play a part in supporting young, growing families, and getting to know and spoil their new additions. We are also in the process now of programming tablets for all the classrooms to launch a parent communication app that came with our new program management software. This app will allow teachers to update information to the parents throughout the day. They will have access to basic needs information, happenings, and pictures. We are all looking forward to this big step up in parent communication! Events in the near future include a parent's night out sponsored by Pritchard Kids, Dr. Suess week and our annual Easter egg hunt. We look forward to celebrating with you.



Rev. Brack Ballard

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February is here! It brings me great joy to share some exciting updates from Pritchard Youth as we embark on the new year.

Winter Retreat: February 17-19

Escape the ordinary and join us for an unforgettable Pritchard Youth Winter Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN! This year, we're elevating our retreat experience by staying in a massive 7-bedroom, 10-bathroom private lodge. Get ready for indoor extravaganza, featuring a private heated pool house, a 14-seat theater, a 7-person hot tub, and a game room stocked with various games. We're also offering an option for skiing and snowboarding! Sign up now on Realm!

Stay Connected with Pritchard Youth

For weekly updates on our activities, join our social media community. 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.



Rev. David Bailes

Minister of Music and Outreach

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Music Ministry

A few weeks ago, we celebrated in worship with a Classic Hymn Sunday. We will celebrate in February with a Gospel Hymn Sunday. Musical style in worship continues to be a subject that many are passionate about. I imagine there are those in our congregation who are delighted about the "Hymn" Sundays, while others, not as much. Some would like to have more, or all hymns, more often, while others, not as much.



To have preferences in musical style in worship is really quite normal, just as we have preferences in ice cream flavors, colors and a myriad of other things in life. That's part of the way God created us. When it comes to musical styles in worship, though, I would contend that while style is important, what is most important is the lyrical content of the songs. Hymns may contain rich theological truths and/or words of praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to God, the Father, and Holy Spirit. But modern worship songs can and do contain very similar lyrical content to hymns. God is continuing to gift composers and lyricists as they create new songs for worship. May I remind you that "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" was once a new song.

Therefore, I would ask you to consider two things as we gather and sing for worship -

1. What is the lyrical content of the song regardless of the style? What is it saying?
2. While a given song may not be in my preferred musical style, what about the person across the aisle from me? Are we willing to sacrifice our preference for theirs?

We are going to have more "Hymn" services occasionally, but we are also going to sing newer songs. While we may not sing with shared preferences, may we sing the truth with one heart, one voice and one purpose!

Campus Connect Update

We're excited to share that we will be partnering with Pritchard Recreation and opening a concession stand on Sunday, March 24! The gym has nearly 150-200 men and families coming through its doors, and we feel this is a wonderful opportunity to serve those in our community. This is where we need the help of Pritchard Church. We will need individuals/groups to run the stand. This can be anyone from your Connect Group, Pritchard Youth, Pritchard Kids, or someone you sit with in worship. The concession stand will be opened every Sunday 12:30-4:00 starting March 24. Be on the lookout for sign-ups!

february

Thursday, February 1

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

Sunday, February 4

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Choir

11:45 AM—New Members Class/Lunch

Monday, February 5

Tuesday, February 6

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

1:00-3:30 PM—Pickleball

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

7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 7

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

10:45 AM-1:00 PM—Sweet Spirits

1:00-2:00 PM—Grief Share

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30-9:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, February 8

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

6:00-9:30 PM—Pritchard Kids Parents' Night Out

Sunday, February 11

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

9:15 AM—Pastor's Book Club

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Choir

11:45 AM—New Members Class/Lunch

Monday, February 12

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew

1:00-3:30 PM—Pickleball

7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 14...ASH WED./VALENTINE'S DAY

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

12:00-7:30 PM—Ash Wednesday Service (Fellowship Hall)

1:00-2:00 PM—Grief Share

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30-9:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, February 15

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, February 16

4:00 PM—Men's Retreat Weekend (Cheraw, SC)

Saturday, February 17

Youth Winter Retreat Weekend (Gatlinburg, TN)

Sunday, February 18

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—New Members Class/Lunch

Monday, February 19...PRESIDENT'S DAY

Tuesday, February 20

1:00-3:30 PM—Pickleball

7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 21

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

1:00-2:00 PM—Grief Share

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30-9:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, February 22

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

6:00 PM—Country Music Dinner Show

Sunday, February 25

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Choir

11:45 AM—New Members Class/Lunch

5:00-7:00 PM—Pritchard Kids Mom's Night Out/Dinner

Monday, February 26

Tuesday, February 27

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

1:00-3:30 PM—Pickleball

7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 28

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

8:30 AM—Women's Prayer Breakfast (Skyland)

1:00-2:00 PM—Grief Share

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30-9:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, February 29

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to David Bailes who serves as our Minister of Music and Outreach. He joined our team back on February 1, 2006. David has faithfully led us for 18 years in "singing and making melody" in our hearts to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19).

Congratulations to James Phillips who handles Custodial and Maintenance at Pritchard. He came aboard February 22, 1962. Yes, you read that right! James has been with us for 62 years!

We're celebrating another anniversary with Jeannie Sigmon who serves as our Accounting Assistant. She joined our team 2 years ago on February 28. She has been a wonderful, cheerful addition to our office staff.

David, James and Jeannie - we appreciate each of you and the special ministry you bring to Pritchard. This month, we celebrate YOU! We love you!

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

WITH DEEPEST
sympathy

Marsha and Bo Sherrill, Don and Dianne McGaha, Mitzi and Chris Mayhew in the passing of their mother; Selwyn and Billy Bogdziewicz, Sarah and Greg Adams in the passing of their grandmother, Marion McGaha.



Douglas Hercules	2/2	Lisa Wall	2/16
Makenzie Jacobs	2/3	David Foard	2/16
Alexis Fudo	2/5	Alan Urwick	2/16
Amanda Thomas	2/5	Dennis Brown	2/19
Debra Huhnerkoch	2/6	Ray Kimball	2/20
Jimmie Philbeck	2/9	Meredith Boyd	2/20
Wyatt Elder	2/9	Catie Cottle	2/21
Stan Heiser	2/9	Bryan Ostrander	2/21
Michael Buck	2/9	Vickey Arroba	2/22
Mark Wherry	2/10	Carole Johnson	2/22
Kevin Brigman	2/10	Brian Thomas	2/22
Jean Merchant	2/10	Galen Bolin	2/23
Robert Shaw	2/12	Kaye Crosby	2/23
Jeff Knell	2/12	Meg McCormick	2/25
Drew Mayer	2/12	Greg Taylor	2/26
Clayton Erickson	2/13	Tom Creech	2/27
Anne Norman	2/13	Elizabeth Boswell	2/28
Ken Edahl	2/14	Don Hidy	2/29
Gail Helms	2/15		

Stewardship Update: December 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	\$285,308	\$120,263	\$1,579,679	\$1,443,157
Expenses	\$160,696	\$118,673	\$1,350,845	\$1,443,157
Net Income	\$124,612	\$ 1,590	\$ 228,834	\$ 0

For the year end of 2023, we ended up with a profit of \$228,834. We had a very strong December that helped us for the year.

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Minister to Children and Their Families.....Melissa Wisor
Administrator.....Doug Burkhardt
Executive Assistant for Administration & Education.....Lynn Plyler
Office Assistant/Media Center Director.....Katrina Gore
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