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CRAFT VENDORS | LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS
EGG HUNTS | BOUNCE HOUSES | FACE PAINTING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SIGN-UP VIA E-CONNECT

**FAMILY & PET
FRIENDLY**

COMMUNITY WIDE

PRITCHARD PULPIT

10:30 AM WORSHIP
DR. CHRIS RICHARDSON

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

SERMON: "TRIUMPHAL ENTRY"
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 21:1-11

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

SERMON: "TAX TO CAESAR"
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 22:15-22

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

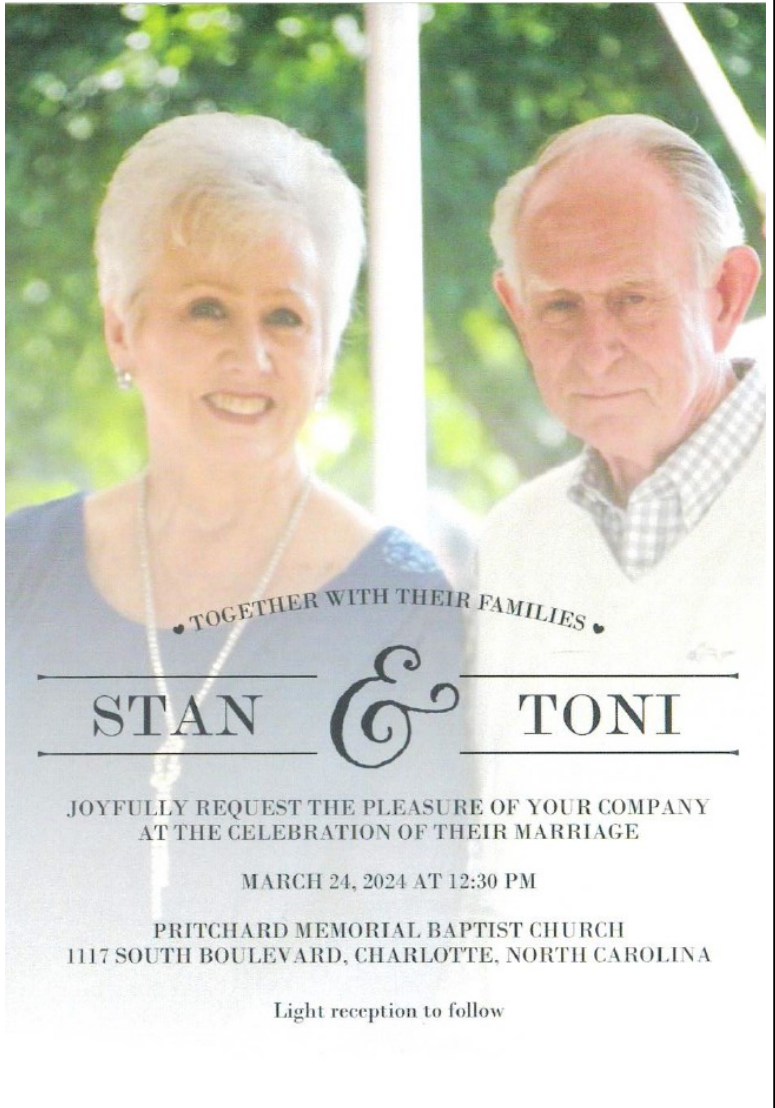
SERMON: "ANNOINTED AT BETHANY"
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 26:6-13

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

SERMON: "JESUS BEFORE PILATE AND SANHEDRIN"
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 26:47-68, 27:11-26

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

SERMON: "CROWN HIM KING OF KINGS"



TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

STAN & TONI

JOYFULLY REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR MARRIAGE

MARCH 24, 2024 AT 12:30 PM

PRITCHARD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
1117 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Light reception to follow

From the Media Center by Katrina Gore

MARCH....A great time to read a new book! Check out some of our new selections below:

The Paris Dressmaker by Kristy Cambron

The Nazi occupation of Paris thrusts Lila de Laurent out of high fashion and into a world of rations, restrictions, and propaganda. She's soon using her skills to infiltrate the Nazi elite. Years later, Sandrine uncovers one of Lila's gowns while cataloging priceless---and stolen---artwork bound for Berlin. Does its cryptic message foretell the vanished dressmaker's fate?

Fragile Designs by Colleen Coble

When Carly Tucker's police-officer husband is killed during a home break-in, she knows that her side hustle finding the antique treasures at flea markets isn't enough to support her and their infant son, Noah. Her grandmother's proposal to have her and her two sisters restore the family's waterfront Beaufort home into a bed-and-breakfast is immediately intriguing. But it's equally daunting with the animosity that exists between the three sisters.

Double Take by Lynette Eason (#1 in a NEW SERIES)

Detective James Holton has been honorably discharged from the Army Criminal Investigation Division due to wounds sustained when an IED blew up near him. Now with the Lake City Police Department, he's rooming with this good friend, Cole, while he figures out his family dynamics.



Dr. Chris Richardson

Pastor

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The Madness of March (Not a basketball article)

Since I've been here, I've been encouraging you all to think about three main areas we can move forward as a church: Open the Front Doors, Grow Small, and Invest Intentionally. There are many things we've been doing to do those things, but I wanted to highlight just a few that are coming in March and beyond.

First, our newly re-branded "Spring Fling." This is our annual Easter Egg event, but with a new name. Why a new name? Because we want this to be an open door for our neighbors, friends, and family that may not have children or whose children may be too old or too young to hunt eggs. We're expanding our events at this year's Spring Fling, and as a result of course we can use volunteers! Be sure to reach out to our Community Connect Committee for more information on how you can serve. This is a great way to help us Open the Front Doors!

Second, we are seeking to make more meaningful connections with the hundreds, maybe even thousands of folks who are on our campus in our Recreation Center every year. One aspect of that is we are looking to open a concessions stand on the high traffic days. We'll have hot dogs, chips, sodas, you know all the stuff you need after a good workout! As we get this rolling, we'll need volunteers to help work the stand. An added benefit is, if you have a group who would like to fundraise, you can designate the profit from that day for your fundraising goal. So, for instance, if your Sunday School Class/Connect Group would like to serve in the concessions stand for a day, you could designate the profit to something your class believes is important. Reach out to our Campus Connect Committee, Melissa Wisor, or Adam Calderone if you'd like more details. Our goal is to begin this new service on March 24th, which is a full day of basketball in our gym. This is a great way to Invest Intentionally and to see how God helps us Grow Small.

Third, be thinking now about summer Connect Groups. We are working on a few extra offerings, as well as our established Sunday School classes. Maybe there is something you wish we had, is it possible God is inviting you to help us Grow Small in that way? Maybe God is inviting you to host a group over the summer, or to have a regular meeting for coffee with others you know from the church over the summer, maybe it's just the beginning of an idea, I'd love to chat with you about more details to help you get it going!

I'm so blessed by you and excited to see how God continues to move in and among us this Easter season. Don't miss out by being an observer, jump in and experience the joy of seeing God work through you!

Chris



Rev. Stan Heiser
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Sweet Spirits

We are looking forward to another exciting Sweet Spirits program Wednesday, March 6 (first Wednesday of each month) in our Fellowship Hall. Our program begins at 10:45 AM with delicious pastries served by McIntyre Law Firm! From 11–11:30 AM, lawyers Greg McIntyre and Samantha Gordon will share the programs their law firm offers to seniors and their families. Mike Manion, Executive Director of Senior Care Authority Charlotte, will follow up sharing his unique company that also offers help. They have been a tremendous help to me and my team guiding us while helping Judy Morgan and Nona Thompsons’ family. I hope all of our seniors and their families will join us for this Sweet Spirits program!!!! After the program, another delicious meal will be provided. The cost is \$10 payable at the door. As always, the best place to be is together with you and the Sweet Spirits!

SummerFest 2024 “Reclaim the Joy” (James 1:2)

Our dates for SummerFest are May 13-17 and August 12-16. Cost for the week remains at \$375. Remember, conference rooms go quickly! Speakers/special guests include:

- Dr. Rudy Ramphal - Keynote Speaker/Preacher for Worship. He will also teach his popular Bible study each morning during our special interest sessions.
- Tony Martin – Worship Leader. Tony grew up in Kannapolis, NC and graduated from Davidson College and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. As a Minister of Music, he has served churches in High Point, Matthews and Kannapolis. For the past 27 years, he and his wife have served in Johnson City, Tennessee. Tony and his wife will lead the choir and worship service.
- Michael McKnight – Pianist. We are delighted to have him back with us for the week! He will treat us to a special concert on Wednesday. Michael received his Master’s of Music, Church Music and Piano from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1980 and served as the Minister of Music for Oakmont Baptist Church in Greenville, NC for almost 39 years. He is now retired.

Our evening entertainment will be:

- Monday - Susan Sparks. Award winning international speaker who will share her presentation, “Laugh Your Way to Grace.”
- Tuesday - Matt Fore. A humorous writer, speaker, and award-winning comedy magician. Routinely serves as the main-stage performer for faith-based events around the

country as he has for more than 24 years.

- Wednesday - Michael McKnight. Attended the University of Tennessee as a piano major, then studied at Golden Gate Seminary. Loves to give concerts of “Hymns and Their Stories.”
- Thursday - Dr. Doug Cole will lead us in communion.

All of your favorite interest groups will be back again including a new one - Wooden Barn Quilts led by our very own Vicky Arroba and Kathy Goforth.

Call the Church Office to make your reservation or sign up on Realm. You can contact me with any questions. We are expecting another exciting year at SummerFest!



Coming in October

The Ark Encounter and Genesis Creation Museum including a trip to the largest Amish and Mennonite settlement in the United States! Proposed date is October 14-18. At present, 34 have shared they are interested in going. Please call the Church Office today if you would be interested in joining us. The trip is open to all Pritchard members and their friends. Contact me if you have any questions! Christian Tours will be leading this trip for us.

**PRITCHARD REC
 CONCESSION
 STAND**

**OPENING
 MARCH 24**

SERVING

- **HOT DOGS**
- **CHIPS**
- **CANDY**
- **CANNED DRINKS**

VOLUNTEER VIA E-CONNECT



Adam Calderone

Recreation Director

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We're excited to offer several camps this summer! Full day, half day, 4 days, 5 days and even overnight away camps! There's something for everyone. We are also looking for volunteers, so please let us know if you're interested in helping out!

Sports Camp: June 10-14 for 8-11 year olds. COST: \$199. June 17-20 for rising 1st graders-7 year olds. COST: \$150. Basketball, pickleball, capture the flag, and the infamous swamp ball! 9 AM-4 PM. Drop-off starting at 8:30 AM, pickup no later than 4:30 PM. Campers required to bring a bag lunch. CONTACT: Adam Calderone.

All About The Arts: June 24-27 for completed kindergarten-5th grade. COST:\$25. Music, art and drama (learning mini skits, singing, playing boom whackers, painting and crafts) that will be centered around the theme "Summer Fun In the Sun." 9 AM-1 PM. Drop-off starting at 8:45 AM, pickup at 1 PM. Campers required to bring a bag lunch. CONTACT: Melissa Wisor.

Camp Caraway: July 8-12 for completed 1st-5th grades. COST: \$200. Campers/chaperones will stay in cabins and enjoy outdoor activities throughout the week including missions time, skill class options, recreation choices, worship through music, engaging age appropriate Bible study, snacks, and more. CONTACT: Melissa Wisor.

Science X Sports Camp: July 8-12 for 8-11 year olds. COST: \$199. Science X Sports Camp (a brand new camp) combines science and sports into one. Includes multiple field trips during the week (Discovery Place and Carolina Raptor Center). Different guest hosts/speakers will come in to work on science related activities/experiments. Each day will also involve recreation time in our gym. The camp combines STEM and sports. 9 AM-4 PM. Drop-off starting at 8:30 AM, pickup no later than 4:30 PM. Campers required to bring a bag lunch. CONTACT: Adam Calderone.

Go For The Gold: July 15-18 for completed kindergarten-5th grade. Equip your child to have perseverance, bravery, dedication and commitment during their race to the finish line. Team building activities, crafts, Bible study and a snack all centered around the summer Olympics! Lunch is not provided. Full day campers will need to bring their own bag lunch. HALF DAY CAMP (9 AM-12 PM). COST: Free. CONTACT: Melissa Wisor. FULL DAY CAMP (9 AM-4 PM). COST: \$100. CONTACT: Adam Calderone.

Farewell Summer: August 12-15 for 7-11 year olds. COST: \$150. Come celebrate the end of summer with our final summer camp of the year. Sports, team building exercises, projects, and special prizes! 9 AM-4 PM. Drop-off starting at 8:30 AM, pickup no later than 4:30 PM. Campers required to bring a bag lunch. CONTACT: Adam Calderone.

Scholarships are available for all camps. Please reach out to Melissa Wisor or Adam Calderone for more information.



Melissa Wisor

Minister to Children and Their Families

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March and April are two of my favorite months of the year. Flowers are starting to bloom, bunnies are starting to hop around and sweet baby birds are singing every morning. Spring brings a newness and freshness that is always welcome. Something new that is happening is our Mystery Readers for the Pritchard CDC. Individuals, 13 years and older, can sign-up to read for 15 minutes to four different classrooms, on the first Thursday of every month, within the CDC. I'm calling it Mystery Readers because of the excitement it creates for the children, sort of a surprise for them, plus most of them don't know our church members by name. I hope you join me in signing-up to read! This is a great and easy way for us to be more present in the CDC. Email me mwisor@pritchardchurch.com or sign-up via the link in E-Connect.

We are incredibly grateful for the individuals who serve during Worship Care each Sunday morning, but sometimes we have influx of kids and need to call in backup. That is a great problem, but safety is a top priority. I am building a small team of individuals who I can call on, very last minute. If that's something you could help with, please email me!

Lastly, registration for our summer camps opened at the beginning of February and there has been a ton of excitement! VBS is going to look a little different as Adam and I have linked arms and decided to offer an extended camp session for those children needing full day childcare. "Go For The Gold" VBS will be 9 AM-12 PM with an Extended Camp Session from 12 PM-4 PM. We can only take 30 children for the Extended Camp Session and we're just about there!

We need your help! There are tons of camps, with different needs, so please email either one of us so we can plug you in! acalderone@pritchardchurch.com or mwisor@pritchardchurch.com

- **March 3** – Sunday Family Fellowship
- **March 16** – Dads and Kids Bowling
- **March 23** – Spring Fling
- **March 24** – Palm Sunday (Kids Choir)
- **April 6** – Parents Night Out
- **April 27** – Ladies Tea (open to all ladies!)



Rev. Brack Ballard

Minister to Youth
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Pritchard Youth voted for a hockey game! Gear up for an exciting match as we head to the Charlotte Checkers game Saturday, March 9! More details and sign-up information will be coming your way soon, so stay tuned!

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](https://www.instagram.com/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.



Kim Govan

Child Development Center Director

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It is so nice to see the sun shining this week! Please take a moment to check your child's cubby to make sure that we have seasonally appropriate clothes that fit. We will get those kiddos outside in the sun and fresh air as often as possible.

We are steadily preparing for all the new little brothers and sisters that will be joining the infant rooms in the next few months. We can't wait to love on all of them!

We have programmed and given the new tablets to the teachers. They are getting more comfortable using the parent communication app and we feel as if we will be able to invite parents to join the first week of March! We think you are really going to love it.

We had our teacher workday on February 19 to get in some required training and really focus on our classroom environments. Nothing but the best for these wonderful Pritchard kids.

Events in the near future include: Dr. Seuss week (March 4-8) and our Easter Egg Hunt (on the afternoon of March 28....parents are welcome to come).

We will send out more details as we get closer. Have a wonderful month.

welcome



We're excited to announce our newest staff member

Rusty Thomaston

Rusty will serve as our Executive Pastor beginning in March. He has a desire to help others grow in their relationship with God as they serve Him using their personalities, gifts, abilities and design. He received his Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Music from William Carey University in Hattiesburg, MS. Rusty, and his wife, Amy, have been married 33 years and they have two grown daughters, Bethany and Reagan, who are both married with families.

Join us in giving Rusty a warm Pritchard welcome!

JOIN THE FUN!
REGISTER TODAY!

CAMP RIDGECREST

August 5 - 9

CAMPERS 4th GRADE - 12th GRADE

Activities include:

- DAILY BIBLE STUDY
- ENGAGING WORSHIP
- 3-MEALS A DAY
- CANTEEN FOR ALL
- SWIMMING
- HIKING
- FISHERY
- CRAFTING
- STEM PROJECTS
- OUTDOOR GAMES

BE THE LIGHT
JOHN 8:12

EARLY BIRD PRICING UNTIL APRIL 1: \$275
AFTER APRIL 1, PRICING INCREASES TO \$300

Volunteers needed!

Male and female volunteers, ages 18 and up, are needed to ensure campers have a great week at Camp Ridgecrest! Register via the link in E-Connect or email MWisor@pritchardchurch.com



Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, March 3

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Choir

Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 5

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, March 6

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30-9:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, March 7

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Youth Charlotte Checkers Game



Sunday, March 10....DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

9:15 AM—Pastor's Book Club

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Choir

Monday, March 11

6:30 PM—Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew

1:00-3:30 PM—Pickleball

7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, March 13

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

1:00-2:00 PM—Grief Share

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30-9:30 PM—Pickleball

Thursday, March 14

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

Pritchard Kids/Dads Bowling

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, March 17

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Choir

Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19

1:00-3:30 PM—Pickleball

7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, March 20

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, March 21

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

10:00 AM-12:00 PM—Spring Fling

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, March 24....PALM SUNDAY

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

11:45 AM—Youth Choir

12:30 PM—Littlejohn/Smith Wedding

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

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

1:00-3:30 PM—Pickleball

7:00 PM—ZOOM Bible Study/Prayer Time

Wednesday, March 27

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, March 28

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

10:00-11:15 AM—Sunago Singers

6:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

5:00 PM—Connect Group: More Than Conquerors

Sunday, March 31....EASTER

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

Note of Thanks

Dear Pritchard Family,

We all want to thank our sweet church family for all your love, support, and prayers during our time of grief and loss of our precious mother and grandmother, Marion. A special thank you to the girls who so lovingly prepared and served us a wonderful lunch before the service. What a blessing and time of great fellowship for us all. I'm so glad our extended family could experience the "Pritchard love!" Also, for the many lovely, heartfelt cards, phone calls, emails and memorials. It was such a blessing to be with those of you who were able to attend the service. We love you!

Marsha, Don, Mitzi, Selwyn, Sarah and families



John and Sandy Austin are hosting a table at "Night for Life." They are inviting Pritchard friends who would like to hear about the work at Queen City Pregnancy Resource

Center. Make plans to attend Tuesday, April 9 at the Charlotte Convention Center. Christian recording artist Mark Schultz will be sharing his story. "What these organizations are doing is saving lives," says Schultz. "And I'm one of those lives." Doors open for dinner at 5:50 PM. There is no financial obligation to attend. Sign up by calling the Church Office.

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to -

Bonnie Greenberg and family in the passing of her mother, Velma Wall.



Robyn Niell	3/1	Kristin Rogers	3/14
Evan Whitehead	3/1	Betty Kisiah	3/14
Rick Kisiah	3/1	Jennie Brecht	3/15
Toni Smith	3/2	Kim Jones	3/15
Larry Jessup	3/6	Vivian McCormick	3/15
Stephanie Graham	3/7	Maxine Drake	3/16
Jim Kobos	3/8	Dustin Boyd	3/16
Debbie Hough	3/9	Vickie Fosdick	3/16
Carrie Henderson	3/9	Cy Elder	3/20
Sherri Commander-Bottoms	3/10	Sharon Wilkinson	3/21
Donny Wisor	3/11	Randy Allen	3/23
Hope Riggins	3/11	Joyce Oakley	3/26
Elinor Hendrick	3/11	Robert Ladd	3/26
Frances Nettles	3/13	Kevin Elder	3/28
Naomi Reid	3/13	Eddy McCoy	3/30
Audrey Trull	3/14	Tara Rogers	3/31
		Charlene Washburn	3/31

Stewardship Update: January 2024 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	\$115,026	\$103,292	\$115,026	\$103,292
Expenses	\$100,465	\$115,255	\$100,465	\$115,255
Net Income	\$14,561	\$ -11,963	\$14,561	\$ -11,963

Year to date actual net income is \$14,561 compared to \$-11,963 for the budget, giving us a net difference of \$26,524 to the good.

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