

# PRITCHARD CHURCH MESSENGER

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From our earliest origins, people are storytellers. When we talk about the traffic on the way into the office, when we describe the guy who assembled our burrito, when we share adventures from our childhood: we do all these things through story. The reason we do that is because our brains seek narratives, they seek to understand the world and build models to make sense of the world. Story is the most accessible way to do that.

Each story shares components: stories need setting, they need characters, and they need action. Action is change and any good story is about change.

BUT human nature is to resist change, to seek comfort and to seek stability.

So we find ourselves between what we want and what we need: we want comfort, but we need change and growth. We want to be lazy, but we want to be in shape. We want to sit on the couch all day, but we want to have purpose in the world. Story is about change and change necessarily has conflict and friction.

Through this life, we pull back when we see conflict. We start to believe "conflict is bad, stability is good." But the reality is instead: conflict is nearly always our opportunity to grow. Conflict is our chance to change, to be more than we would have been otherwise..

For many of us, our invitation to change is wrapped in the conflict of the gospel story itself: the son of God came to the far country to save sinners (you and me). And the conflict is there within us: will we embrace that salvation or will we hold tight to our old life. Will we embrace change or will we insist on comfort? Will we move forward with courage, clear eyes, and galvanized hearts, willing to journey into the unknown, walking behind the one who was crucified in order to be born a whole new creation? If we would, then we will find ourselves in conflict, but the conflict leads to our joy.

This month and next we're going to be looking at the conflict between the old world and the new: the seven signs of new creation in the book of John. And we'll see how the values and teachings and miracles of Jesus come into conflict with the old world and with our old selves and call to us: come be made new. I hope you will find life and joy in this series!

*Chris Richardson*

Lead Pastor



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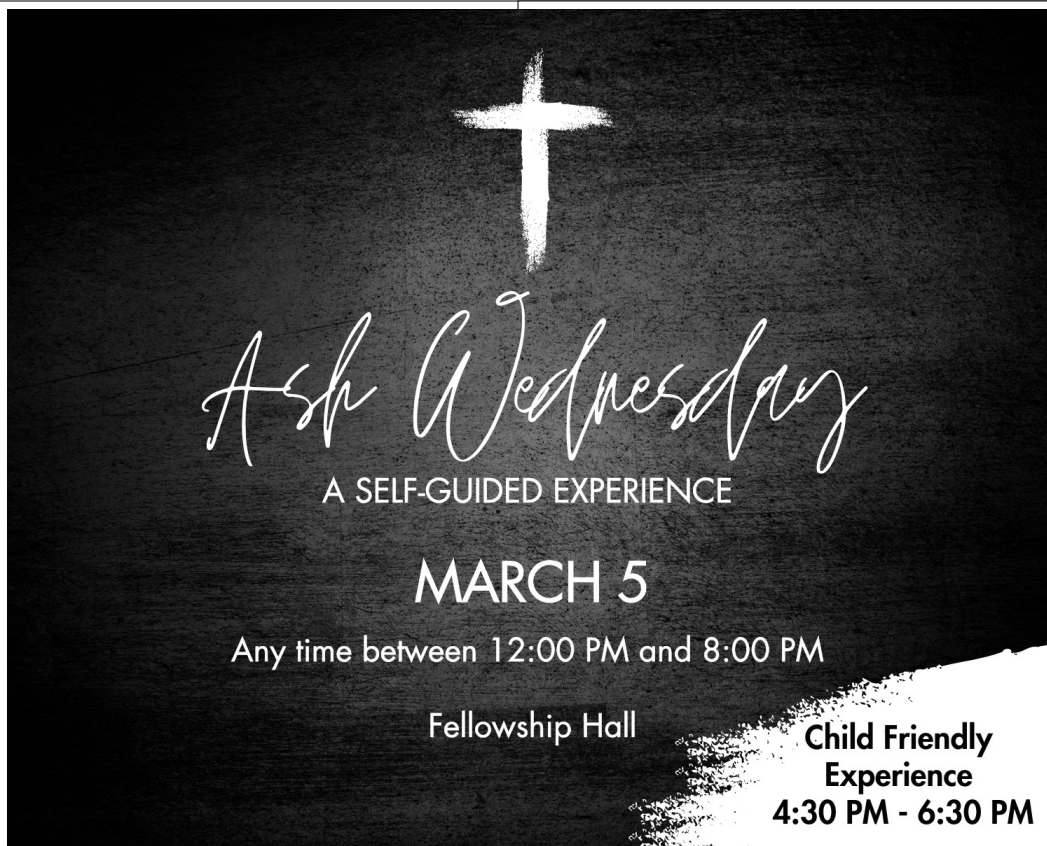
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**FREE**  
TICKETS



**FAMILY & PET  
FRIENDLY**

**COMMUNITY WIDE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
SIGN-UP VIA PRITCHARD CONNECT



## Pritchard Disaster Relief Response

The Pritchard Helping Hands team is working with Baptists on Mission to schedule a trip to Western North Carolina to help with the Hurricane Helene disaster relief. Many churches and individual volunteers have been helping and they are now in the rebuild stage. Carpenters, plumbers, and electricians as well as unskilled volunteers are needed to help. Volunteers are being housed in several different churches where mobile showers and meals are provided. We are planning to leave on Sunday afternoon, April 6, after worship and return Saturday, April 12. If you would like to help, please call the church office or contact Buck Boyd at [jboyd35@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jboyd35@carolina.rr.com) by Wednesday, March 19.

## Night for Life

Pritchard Church is hosting a table and inviting friends who would like to know more about this life-affirming work. We believe you'll be inspired to hear how our Pritchard family can continue to serve and share the gospel. Join us Thursday, March 6 at 5:45 PM at the Charlotte Convention Center Crown Ballroom (501 South College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202). Reservations can be made by calling Queen City Pregnancy Center's office (980-999-5191). If you'd like more information, please contact John Austin by emailing him at [maxton747@gmail.com](mailto:maxton747@gmail.com)



Join us in welcoming

*John Miller*



John joined our team on February 2 as Pritchard's Youth and Groups Pastor. He was born and raised in central Florida between an orange grove and a cow pasture. He's lived in Minneapolis, MN; Seattle, WA; and Boston, MA. He's a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies.

His favorite snack is movie theater popcorn with tons of butter! There are too many of his favorite foods to list, but he loves

some good Korean BBQ! He enjoys listening to music artists John Mayer, Jimmy Buffett and Frank Sinatra.

If you haven't met John yet, be sure to introduce yourself. We are so excited to have him on board!





Pritchard wishes to express our love and sympathy to Steve and Debbie Price in the passing of her mother; Adam Price and Laura Hall in the passing of their grandmother; and Caroline Hall in the passing of her great grandmother; Cordelia Bennett.



**MARCH 9**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE 4:45 PM - 6:00 PM**

**SIGN-UP IN PRITCHARD CONNECT**



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Child Development Center: 704-343-2944

**[www.pritchardchurch.com](http://www.pritchardchurch.com)**



**Annual Gathering 2025**

**SERVING TOGETHER**

*...through love serve one another.*

**March 27-28**

Pritchard Church, Charlotte

register @ [cbfnc.org](http://cbfnc.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**SIGN-UP IN PRITCHARD CONNECT**



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

## **A Summary of the Pritchard Church Monthly Financial Report: JANUARY 2025**

2025 Annual Budget: \$1,541,438

Weekly Needs to Meet Budget: \$29,643

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$76,018	\$76,018
<b>Expenses</b>	\$151,066	\$151,066
<b>Net Income</b>	\$-75,048	\$-75,048

**NOTE:** There are two main contributors to the deficit in January. 1) Our payroll is biweekly, and January had three payrolls instead of the typical two. 2) The church's quarterly insurance premium was paid in January.

*A full copy of the Pritchard Church Financial Report can be requested by emailing  
Rusty Thomaston at [rthomaston@ritchardchurch.com](mailto:rthomaston@ritchardchurch.com)*

# March

**Saturday, March 1**

More Than Conquerors (CANCELLED)

**Sunday, March 2**

9:00 AM—Children and Youth Programming

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

**Monday, March 3****Tuesday, March 4**

10:30 AM—Women on Mission

2:00 PM—Afternoon Bible Study Group (Spence home)

**Wednesday, March 5**

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

10:00 AM-4:00 PM—Thrift Store open

12:00-8:00 PM—Ash Wednesday: A Self-Guided Experience

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30-9:00 PM—Pickleball

**Thursday, March 6**

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

10:15 AM—Sunago Singers

5:45 PM—Night for Life (Convention Center)

**Friday, March 7****Saturday, March 8**

5:00-7:00 PM—More Than Conquerors

**Sunday, March 9**

9:00 AM—Children and Youth Programming

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

5:00-7:00 PM— All On the Table

**Monday, March 10**

6:30 PM— Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, March 11**

10:00 AM—See 'n Sew

**Wednesday, March 12**

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

11:00 AM-1:00 PM—Sweet Spirits

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30-9:00 PM—Pickleball

**Thursday, March 13**

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

10:15 AM—Sunago Singers

**Friday, March 14**

Women's Mini Weekend Retreat at the Lake Lodge

**Saturday, March 15**

5:00-7:00 PM—More Than Conquerors

**Sunday, March 16**

9:00 AM—Children and Youth Programming

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

**Monday, March 17....ST. PATRICK'S DAY****Tuesday, March 18****Wednesday, March 19**

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

6:30-9:00 PM—Pickleball

**Thursday, March 20**

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

10:15 AM—Sunago Singers

**Friday, March 21****Saturday, March 22**

8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Youth Basketball Games

More Than Conquerors (CANCELLED)

**Sunday, March 23**

9:00 AM—Children and Youth Programming

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

**Monday, March 24****Tuesday, March 25**

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

**Wednesday, March 26**

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

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

6:30-8:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:30-9:00 PM—Pickleball

**Thursday, March 27**

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

10:15 AM—Sunago Singers

**Friday, March 28****Saturday, March 29**

5:00-7:00 PM—More Than Conquerors

**Sunday, March 30**

9:00 AM—Children and Youth Programming

9:00 AM—H.I.S. Class 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Social

9:15 AM—Connect Groups

10:30 AM—Worship Celebration

**Monday, March 31**