



Wednesday, July 1

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
10:00am-4:00pm - Thrift Store open

Thursday, July 2

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

Friday, July 3

CAMPUS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF JULY 4

Saturday, July 4...INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, July 5

9:00am - Children and Youth Programming
9:00am - Connect Groups
10:30am - Worship

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 9

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

Sunday, July 12

9:00am - Children and Youth Programming
9:00am - Connect Groups
10:30am - Worship
12:00pm - Women's Ministry Lunch at Pinky's

Monday, July 13

Youth CLT Missions Week

9:00am-12:00pm - Vacation Bible School
12:00-4:30pm - Extended Camp

6:30pm - Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

9:00am-12:00pm - Vacation Bible School
12:00-4:30pm - Extended Camp

Wednesday, July 15

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
9:00am-12:00pm - Vacation Bible School
10:00am-4:00pm - Thrift Store open
12:00-4:30pm - Extended Camp

Thursday, July 16

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)
9:00am-12:00pm - Vacation Bible School
12:00-4:30pm - Extended Camp

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19

9:00am - Children and Youth Programming
9:00am - Connect Groups
10:30am - Worship
11:45am - Personnel Meeting
1:30pm - Ridgecrest Chaperone Meeting
6:00pm - Ridgecrest Camper Meeting

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

6:30pm - Missions Meeting

Wednesday, July 22

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
5:30pm - Cultivate

Thursday, July 23

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

Friday, July 24

Youth Overnighter at the Lake Lodge

Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

9:00am - Children and Youth Programming
9:00am - Connect Groups
10:30am - Worship

Monday, July 27

Tuesday, July 28

9:00am-12:00pm - Volunteers to Crisis Assistance

Wednesday, July 29

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Tryon House)
6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 30

6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast (Jonathan's in Matthews)

Friday, July 31

Note of Thanks

PMBC Family,

Words cannot express the appreciation you showed in the passing of our brother, James "Bill" Phillips. The love you shared for over 60 years with Bill is a memory this Phillips family will always remember. We are forever grateful for all the calls, cards, flowers and most important – hospital visits as he transitioned to be with God and his loved ones. We will continue to keep our heads to the sky because we will one day be with him again.

Love in Christ, Diane and the Phillips Family



GENEROSITY IS MORE THAN
A MOMENT OF GIVING,
IT'S A WAY OF LIVING.

- ✓ Time to serve
- ✓ Gifts to share
- ✓ Resources to steward
- ✓ Moments to bless others

EVERY DAY, GOD PLACES
OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR HANDS.

*Everything comes from you, and we have
given you only what comes from your hand.
1 Chronicles 29:14*

WHAT ARE YOU DOING
WITH WHAT
GOD HAS GIVEN YOU?

PRITCHARD CHURCH MESSENGER

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Every few years, I re-read a book I first read, but did not comprehend, in seminary: "Transforming Mission" by David Bosch. This book has become one of the main touchstones in my own personal theology and practice. One of the major ideas put forth, which I believe I've said several times is: it's not really true to say the church has a mission, but more true to say - the mission of God has a church.

The mission is our reason to exist and to carry on. However, over the years and decades and even centuries, the mission can get confused and muddled: why does the church exist? If we lose our mission, our identity gets murky. If our identity gets murky, our values start to get muddled, and if our values become muddled then our practices of them will lose any semblance of cohesion and power.

So, it goes.

In our summer activity of Cultivate, we are having a conversation where we are kind of interacting with the "Christmas Carol" ideas of: Ghost of Pritchard Past, Ghost of Pritchard Future, and Ghost of Pritchard Present.

In June, we discussed the past. What do we remember and miss? What was good? What was hard that we might have forgotten?

In July, we are encouraging everyone to think of two, and only two, possible futures for Pritchard. You can fill in the blanks on what the difference is in those futures, at least for now, but ask yourself "if there was a fork in the road, what options would Pritchard have? What could we look like?"

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In the front of your mind while you are thinking about that, I want to encourage you to mull over: why does Pritchard even exist at all? Not in the sense of: "in the late 1800s some like-minded Christians formed a community." No, instead "what purpose does and did Pritchard serve in God's work in Charlotte and the world?"

What if mission was the central defining question for our future together?

I hope you can join us as this is an essential part of trying to work through the plans God has for us.

Chris Richardson

Lead Pastor

SummerFest Registration

Join our aging adult ministry August 17-21 at Camp Caswell. You will take in the sights and sounds of creation, experience meaningful worship with new and old friends, and enjoy fresh food prepared just for you. In addition, many breakout activities are scheduled to help you learn and grow, perhaps in new ways! Register on Church Center today! Please note, no refunds available.

Camp Ridgecrest

• If you plan to visit the campers and have a meal (lunch or dinner) at Ridgecrest, please make your reservation ASAP. The cost is \$10/person per meal, payable upon arrival, with cash being the preferred method. Call the office to let us know you are coming or reach out to Melissa Wisor.

• Consider donating cucumbers and tomatoes! Our campers would benefit from your garden goodies or those purchased from the grocery store. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 2. Thank you in advance!

• Campers leave for Ridgecrest on Monday morning, August 3 and will return by noon on Friday, August 7. If you would like to mail a card to a camper, please send it to the camper's name in care of Camp Ridgecrest, PO Box 279, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

A Summary of the Pritchard Church Monthly Generosity Report

MAY 2026

A copy of the full report is available on request.

	MAY	YEAR-TO-DATE
Budget Needs	\$128,413	\$642,065
Generosity (Tithes & Offerings)	\$125,231	\$436,486
Other Income	\$ 28,440	\$140,666
Total Revenue	\$153,671	\$577,152
Expenses	\$120,628	\$624,868
Net Income	\$ 33,043	-\$ 47,716

A few weeks ago, I was listening to Pastor Rick's Daily Hope, Rick Warren's podcast. In his sermon, he said that there are two ways to be generous with our finances. He said we can be generous and give by "reason" or by "revelation."

When we give by "reason," our giving is not by faith. We simply look at our checking account and "reason" that we will be okay if we give "X" amount of money. God does not bless giving by "reason." When we give by "revelation," however, we ask God to "reveal" to us how much we should give. God blesses giving by "revelation."

Here is an important distinction: giving by "revelation" will always require faith because often, the amount God will "reveal" will be more than what we will "reason."

When we practice "revelation" giving, we will give like the churches in Macedonia (2 Cor. 8:1-3), of which the church in Philippi was a part, and we will give more than "reason" would tell us we can. And when that happens, we will be blessed, the ministry will be financed, and God will be pleased (Philippians 4:18-19).

How can your generosity be described? Do you give by "reason" or by "revelation"?

*NOTE: 2027 Budget requests are due no later than August 19. The budget request form is available on Church Center under the "Forms" tab and in many of the group's resource tabs. If you are having trouble finding the form, please contact me.

Saved to Serve,
Rusty Thomaston



Chuck Foresyth	7/1	Mary Bridges	7/21
Ginger Thompson	7/1	Missy Hennessey	7/21
Judy Kelly	7/3	Mitzi Mayhew	7/22
Emma Wisor	7/4	Kim Knell	7/23
Mike Parker	7/6	Nancy Hollingsworth	7/24
Ron Sigmon	7/7	Don McGaha	7/25
Peggy Spence	7/13	Kim Martin	7/26
Gail Victory	7/14	Susan Cowan	7/26
Andy Fortenbery	7/18	Dennis Clark	7/30
Faye Canupp	7/18	Cole Mumpasi	7/31
Sheila Williams	7/18	Cynthia Brown	7/31
Joanie Holland	7/19		

Women's Fellowship Lunch

Worship together. Lunch together. Community together. Invite a friend to church and then grab lunch with us at Pinky's Westside Grill on Sunday, July 12! Register on Church Center today!

Thrift Store News

Our Thrift Store will not be accepting donations during the summer months. Thank you for your continued support and generosity throughout the year! We'll let you know when we are ready to accept donations again. In the meantime, we encourage you to support Crisis Assistance Ministry by taking your summer donations there. Don't forget to stop by and shop with us July 1 and July 15 between 10:00am and 4:00pm. NOTE: The Thrift Store is closed in August and will reopen in September.

Weekly Reminder...If you are part of the Hospitality Team, Worship Team (AV, choir, singers, musicians, etc.), or Kids Ministry Team and receive serving requests through Planning Center Services, please make it a weekly habit to review and respond (accept or decline) by Wednesday each week. Timely responses help ministry leaders plan effectively and provide adequate time to arrange substitutes if you are unable to serve. Thank you for helping our ministries run smoothly and ensuring every area is well supported.

We Express Our Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to:

- Ken and Cindy Edahl in the passing of his mother, Virginia Edahl.
- The family and friends in the passing of Eddy McCoy.
- Toni Littlejohn in the passing of her husband; Todd and Nichole Grady in the passing of her stepfather; Grace Sykes and Anna Grady in the passing of their grandfather, Stan Littlejohn.
- Watt and Debbie Smith in the passing of his mother; Paula Enwall and Talley Smith in the passing of their grandmother.

Personnel Committee Update

Re: Admin Restructuring
Katrina Gore is no longer serving at Pritchard. Her last day was June 12. We appreciate her years of service and pray for the best in her future endeavors. In light of this change, the Personnel Committee has made the decision to close the office on Fridays. The new office hours, starting July 1, will be 8:45am–4:45pm, Monday–Thursday.

Provide a Meal for Our Youth

The youth will assist with VBS July 13-16 and spend their evenings participating in local missions' opportunities, as well as one evening of total fun! Each night, they will return to our campus to sleep. We are asking our members to help provide meals throughout the week. Options include Chick-fil-A sandwiches, nuggets with mac and cheese, sub sandwiches and chips, pizza, pasta and salad, or another simple meal. Final number of students and leaders will be communicated well in advance. Sign-up on Church Center for a specific meal and let us know what you plan to bring. Items (milk, yogurt, cereal) and other breakfast essentials can be dropped off Sunday, July 12.